

# T. A. Howard Middle School Extra-Curricular Activities

2014-2015 School Year



## A+ Academics

A+ Academics is the middle school's answer to the high school's UIL Competition. A+ Academics includes 19 different events for grades 2-8. These events span from Calculator Skills to Impromptu Speaking. They are designed to complement and expand upon what students learn in the classroom, both through learning specific subject knowledge, and through learning skills that are valuable in many disciplines. UIL Club Meeting times will be determined by the event coach and will be based upon student schedules.

### Sponsor:

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## Cheerleading

The purpose of cheerleading is to: promote and uphold school spirit; to develop a sense of good sportsmanship among students; to improve the student morale; to build better relationships between competing schools; and, to establish the high personal ideals and good character expected of a middle school cheerleader in the MISD. All practices are mandatory. A practice calendar will be distributed for each month. Calendars are subject to change. Practice times are the actual practice time, not when you should arrive or be picked up. You should plan to arrive 15 minutes before the start time and allow 10-15 minutes after the ending time for pick up to allow time for any squad discussions as well as time for cheerleaders to gather their things and/or change clothes.

### Sponsor:

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## Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Fellowship of Christian Athletes at T.A. Howard started in the spring of 2005 and has been growing ever since. We are an organization focused on learning about Jesus Christ and serving others around us. FCA participates in different events around the community. In the past we have had a Christmas toy drive, a live concert benefiting world missions, and volunteered at Mission Arlington. Regular meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 8am in room 136 beginning in November.

### Sponsor:

Coach Eric Elrod - email: [EricElrod@misdmail.org](mailto:EricElrod@misdmail.org)

## Howard Harlequins

The Harlequins are an extracurricular club that supports the Theatre Arts program at Howard. The club elects officers, hosts a talent show each year, raises money to support the theatre class plays, and produces several show and skits throughout the year for various events.. This club meets every Wednesday at 8:00 or 4:15 in Portable 11.

### Sponsor:

Ms. Lacey Carnley - email: [LaceyCarnley@misdmail.org](mailto:LaceyCarnley@misdmail.org)

## Literary Knights

Literary Knights has the purpose of promoting literacy and a life-long love of reading among students, teachers, and administrators at T.A. Howard Middle School. This community of readers is bound by common interests and a passion for reading. They have regular meetings, Book parties, and Field Trips. They celebrate authors and their achievements and provide opportunities to meet authors and get autographed literature. Literary Knights meets once a month on Wednesday mornings at 8am in the Library. Check the Literary Knights page for more information:

<http://bit.ly/1rUQv50>

### Sponsors:

Mrs. Amy Toombs - email: [AmyToombs@misdmail.org](mailto:AmyToombs@misdmail.org)

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#### National Jr. Honor Society (NJHS)

NJHS is a service organization of 8th grade students with an overall average of 93 and above, good citizenship, and teacher recommendation. Students are inducted at the end of their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. The purpose of the organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, develop character, and encourage citizenship. NJHS tutors students after school, participates in service projects, and attends a team and character building workshop throughout the year. Meetings are held before school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:45-8:15 in room C-2. NJHS members are required to earn 12 service hours per semester.

#### Sponsors

Mrs. Shyrlene Shelton - email: [ShyrleneShelton@misdmail.org](mailto:ShyrleneShelton@misdmail.org)

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#### Robotics Club

The Robotics Program introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and, through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society. Meetings are after school, Monday and Thursday, from 4:30 to 5:30. Students are welcome to come on the other days with prior approval and a ride to pick them up.

#### Sponsor:

Mrs. Edith McAllister-Lawson - email: [edithlawson@misdmail.org](mailto:edithlawson@misdmail.org)

#### Student Council

Student Council is a great club to be involved in. As a group, we do many fun and helpful activities around our campus and community. Examples of school activities we organize are dances, TA Howard King and Queen, and other school socials. We help the community by raising money for different types of organizations, collecting canned food, and volunteering at Mission Arlington. Becoming a member of Student Council is a great way to give back to our school and community.

#### Sponsor:

Ms. Cathy Nelms - email: [CathyNelms@misdmail.org](mailto:CathyNelms@misdmail.org)

#### Whiz Quiz

Whiz Quiz is the middle school's answer to the high school's Academic Decathlon. Our team is formed in the fall, usually by the middle of October. The students are adept in answering timed questions on various subjects such as literature, science, sports, mathematics, and current events. We compete against the other middle schools in the district as well as Crowley, Kennedale, and Alvarado schools. Our season begins the middle of January and lasts for approximately 7 weeks. Meetings will be held weekly at 4:15-5:00 in the library.

#### Sponsors:

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