

## SATZ SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Activity/Club Title	Description	Advisor
Builders Club	The Builders Club is sponsored by Kiwanis International and offers service opportunities to middle school – aged students. The goal of this club is to develop leadership qualities by working together in school and community projects. Builders Club is suited for young people who want to take positive action to build a better world for themselves and others.	Mrs. Asaro Ms. Guzik
Bridges	The Bridges program provides Satz students with the opportunity to get involved with community service by donating a variety of different items (food, clothing, etc.) to the Mercy Center located in Asbury Park, NJ.	Social Studies teachers
Chess Club	The educational objective of the Satz Middle School Chess Club is to create a comfortable and enthusiastic learning environment for students interested in chess. This club provides students the opportunity to learn new chess tactics, play against the high school chess team, and potentially compete in tournaments. They will be provided with professional chess tournament sets, timers, and instructional “Chess Tactics for Kids” books during the club, will be taught various tactics, and will learn professional notation techniques. Creativity will be stressed with different types of in- club chess tournaments and a unique 3-Man Chess Set. Furthermore, strengths and weaknesses will be more closely analyzed with an online Chess Analysis program. Overall, students are encouraged to compete and play professionally against one another in an environment where they can fit in and enjoy themselves.	Ms. Tomiak
Chorus	Seventh and Eighth grade chorus promotes knowledge, interpretation and performance of a high quality repertoire, appropriately chosen for the ability level of this mixed ensemble. Chorus welcomes students who are interested in singing various styles of music, learning vocal techniques and the fundamentals of sight singing. The class is performance oriented. Seventh and eighth grade students also have the opportunity to participate in the Handbell Choir, the Melody Ringers. The Melody Ringers meet during Zero Period on alternating days. Students learn the basic techniques of handbell ringing, including proper handling of the bells, multiple ringing styles, and sight reading. No experience is necessary in order to be part of the ensemble. Students who are part of Melody Ringers are unable to be part of the Concert Band, as they meet on the same day, although they may sign up for Concert Chorus.	Ms. Nigro
Concert Band	Seventh and Eighth grade Concert Band is an instrumental performing group that emphasizes participation in school concerts, activities and community events. Instrumental instruction is provided to the students and all participants are expected to perform in various concerts and activities. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in a Jazz Band ensemble. Jazz Band offers the young musician a complete	Mr. Koryat

	big band experience including full brass, woodwind, and rhythm sections. The music selection ranges from standard swing charts to various forms of popular music. Difficult solo sections are introduced and students have the opportunity to solo over simple blues patterns or more difficult chord progressions.	
Continental Math League (C.M.L.)	The contest is for 7th and 8th grade honors students. The C.M.L. team will receive 5 certificates and 2 medals. National and Regional awards will be distributed to recognize individual and team achievements. A team will consist of the top 6 scorers for each test. Contest dates will be announced well in advance.	Mrs. Amitrani
Drama/Musical Productions	Provides opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to acquaint themselves with theater life. Producing at least one play and one musical a year, our students learn about various aspects of the theater ranging from costuming and props, to acting and singing, to staging and lighting. This is a wonderful way to meet other students and get involved in extracurricular activities. Check us out!	Ms. Connolly
Stage Crew	The Stage Crew plays an important role in all Satz School drama performances. They gather off-stage to make sure the show runs smoothly, from the lights and sound to the scenery and props. Join us to have some fun, show off your creativity, and learn all about the magic in the wings! Stage Crew is open to all seventh and eighth grade students.	Ms. Miller
Newspaper	The newspaper is published by the students of William R. Satz School. There are many opportunities for students to become involved. The staff includes reporters, poets, artists, word processors, as well as people who sell and distribute the paper. Each issue is filled with important school and sports news, games, poems, creative writing and, occasionally, the controversial editorial.	Mr. Ferraro
New Jersey Math League (N.J.M.L.)	Seventh grade math and Algebra 1. The 7th grade contest will be given on the first Tuesday in February. The Algebra 1 contest will be given on April 15th or later. Tests will be received by mail. A certificate of merit is award scoring student in that school. Awards are given to the two schools with the highest total score in the League, the two students with the highest total score in the League, and the highest scoring school in the county.	Mrs. Amitrani
Student Council	Student Council is an organization run by the students of William R. Satz School. All students in good standing may be members. A 75 percent attendance rate is necessary to remain a member. The Student Council addresses issues and problems involving the school community. It is an open forum where student concerns can be voiced openly. The Council also plans activities to increase school spirit and a sense of belonging among all students.	Mr. Ebinger
Technology Student Association (TSA)	The Technology Student Association (TSA) provides student members the opportunity to explore a wide variety of (science, technology, engineering, and math) STEM career interest areas. All TSA competitions—more than 60 middle and high school events combined—are correlated with national STEM standards and can be integrated into and enhance STEM curriculum.  Participation in TSA competitions allows TSA members to apply technology and engineering skills in challenging and innovative ways.	Mrs. McCafferty

	TSA events include CO2 dragster, flight, prepared speech, biotechnology, mechanical engineering, and so much more. Each year, Satz TSA competes at the state competition during the spring at The College of New Jersey.	
Academic Competitions: Humanities	<p>Academic Competitions: Humanities – Provides opportunities for 7th and 8th grade students to be involved in activities that enhance the learning that takes place in the classroom. Students do not sign up for the entire program but rather sign up for individual activities appropriate to their interests. Morning announcements and flyers keep students informed about the most current activities. All practice meetings take place during student lunch periods. Students are required to participate in at least one Project Plus activity in order to be considered an active member. Project Plus activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The National Geography Bee</li> <li>● The Battle of the Books</li> <li>● The Academic Bowl</li> <li>● Future City Engineers</li> <li>● The Scripts Howard National Spelling Bee</li> </ul>	Ms. Rafferty
Academic Competitions: Science Olympiad	<p>Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year. Each school-based team is allowed to bring 15 students who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set, but some school clubs have more than 75 members, allowing for an apprentice and mentoring system. Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school). Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal.</p>	Mrs. Flynn
Talent Show	<p>The William R. Satz Talent Show provides our students with an opportunity to showcase their individual talents on the stage of the High School auditorium. Previous shows have featured singing and musical solos, duets, and groups; dance routines of a wide variety, including ethnic dances with traditional dress; yo-yo stunts; and even magic acts. Who knows what new talent will appear? You don't have to be a star in your mind only - come perform in the Talent Show and share your skills with the world!</p>	Dr. Tetreault
Yearbook	<p>The Satz Yearbook is a pictorial review of activities, teams and highlights of LIFE at the Satz School. The Yearbook staff of approximately 20 students from both 7th and 8th grades is randomly chosen from those who have expressed an interest at the beginning of the school year. The staff works in small committees: Editing Publicity Photography Sales Surveys Art Meetings are held throughout the school year – culminating in the 8th grade Yearbook Signing Party and distribution of books to the 7th grade.</p>	Ms. Conroy

<b>Youth Alliance/Student Ambassadors</b>	<b>The William R. Satz Youth Alliance promotes a no-use message to students regarding drugs and alcohol. The Youth Alliance along with the Student Ambassadors provides drug/alcohol free activities, to demonstrate through these activities that fun does not need to involve drugs or alcohol, and to relay a “NO USE” message through examples. The Youth Alliance in conjunction with the Student Ambassadors is a service-based organization designed to promote engagement between our students and the community. Students participate in a wide range of activities and the group is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Meetings are held after school or during homeroom and are flexible to allow for student involvement in other school programs.</b>	<b>Mr. Bruce</b>
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