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After School Orchestra	Mrs. Winschel	Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass students. Open to all experienced string instrument students (all grades). This performing group meets on Wednesdays until 3:15 pm. The repertoire is rigorous and includes both classical and pop. The group performs for both school and community activities throughout the year and culminates at Lake Compounce in early June.
Art Club	Mrs. Edwards	The Art Club exists for several purposes. It serves to enrich the school environment with artwork aligned with Trumbull's 6-8 art curriculum. Through the years art club members have painted murals on hallway walls, on canvas for backdrops, and have painted on ceiling tiles in classrooms. The Hillcrest Art Club collaborates with the Trumbull community when our artistic talents are called upon. For example, in 2015, the Hillcrest Art Club designed and painted several wooden signs for its annual Holiday Open House Tour. This year, Hillcrest art club members will create large wooden assemblages and paintings to be displayed in Hillcrest showcases and bulletin boards. Art club will meet on Wednesdays and run for 10 weeks. Start date to be announced.
ASL Club (American Sign Language)	Ms Fitzpatrick	The American Sign Language (ASL) Club gives students an opportunity to learn ASL letters, numbers and vocabulary. Students will learn about ASL in pop culture and the history of ASL in America. The club will culminate in an interpreted song to be shown during homeroom. Club runs on Mondays beginning November 20th.

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Chess Club	Mrs. Monaco	Learn the ins and outs of this exciting game with The Chess Club of Fairfield County. Open to all students in grades 6-8. There will be 10 sessions in the fall. All skill levels are welcome. The club is limited to twenty students. Registration/information sheets are available in the School Counseling Office. The Chess Club will meet in the Media Center on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30-3:15 PM, beginning on September 28. Chess sets will be provided.
Choraleers	Mrs. Winters	The Hillcrest Choraleers is an extension of the choral program at Hillcrest. Performances occur both in school and extend to experiences in the community, as well. It is an auditioned group comprised of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, and offers a smaller ensemble experience in choral music literature. Rehearsals are held after school on Thursdays, until 3:15 pm (as we approach performance dates, rehearsals will extend to 3:45 pm). Audition packets can be found in the Chorus room.
Crafters	Mrs. Carattini Mrs. Hayes	A hands-on club where we will learn how to make and sell necklaces, bracelets, earrings and anklets. This club will take place in the spring. Space is limited, first come first serve. Wednesdays 3/7-5/2.
Dancing Connections	Ms. Peterson	Dancing connections is a club to enjoy favorite dances and learn new dances. Class is limited to 7 students. Sign up in the Cafeteria. Wednesdays - Sept 27th to Nov 29th

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Dog Lover's Club	Mrs. Callahan	Open to 6th Graders Only. This club is limited to 30 students for the fall season. It is dedicated to dogs and dog lovers and we will host special guest dogs. We will meet Mondays after school until 3:20 in A3 to celebrate man's best friend!
Drawing Club	Mrs. Edwards	Drawing Club is for the serious artist who shows potential in his/her drawing skills and would like the opportunity to further those skills. Students will complete artworks in graphite, charcoal and pastels. Drawing Club will meet on Wednesday and run for 10 weeks.
Ecology Club	Ms. Cunningham	Help Hillcrest go green by taking action in different environmental projects. Past projects have included recycling, planting trees, and installing a water bottle filler. This is a student led group, so bring your ideas and your enthusiasm. This yearlong club is open to all Hillcrest students.
Football Club	Mrs. Heffernan Mrs. Ryan	Open to all students in grades 6, 7 and 8 who are fans of football. Each week, members will share thoughts regarding the games played in the previous week along with discussing current issues in the NFL. Each week, members will also make their picks for the weekend games. This club meets from October thru Super Bowl Sunday on Thursdays in the Computer Lab. Start date is October 19th.
Game Club	Mrs. Saunders Mrs. Carattini	Game club is a great way to learn new games, improve your skill in games you already know, and meet new friends. Meets on Mondays, 10/2-12/11
Garden Club	Ms. Winschel	The Garden Club meets all year on Mondays and is opened to all students. Students will get their hands dirty taking care of the courtyard and plants in the greenhouse. They will also run a plant sale. Club is on Mondays starting 9/25.

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Interact Club	Mrs. Cebulski Mrs. Belmont	Interact is a service club affiliated with the Rotary Club International. Our students participate in activities on the local, national and international level. Previously, we have sponsored coat, food, and book drives, as well as aiding those whose homes were destroyed by fire or disasters. We have also raised money for military veterans, cancer research, and the poor. We are looking for enthusiastic students to join Interact Club and be part of this wonderful service organization. Students have lots of fun, make new friends and experience the joy of doing something that is meaningful and helpful to others. Interact meets after school on Mondays in Room A-2. Our first meeting is Sept. 25. Come, bring a friend and your ideas. We hope to see many new faces this year!
Jazz Ensemble	Mr. Whitmoyer	Jazz Ensemble is for 6th, 7th, AND 8th grade students interested in performing Jazz, Latin, and Pop style Music. Instrumentation is limited to Saxes, Brass, and Rhythm section. I am looking for students to play guitar, piano and bass. Jazz Ensemble meets each Monday until 3:20 PM. Our 1st rehearsal will be held Monday 9/18.
Just Dance & Sing	Mrs. Carattini Mrs. Martins	Come dance and sing! We will provide Just Dance videos from You Tube to follow. Bring a friend, make a friend. Space is limited to 25. Look for the sign on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria. Club will take place in the winter.

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Karaoke Connections	Ms. Peterson	Karaoke connections is a club to sign your favorite songs karaoke style! Class is limited to 7 students. Sign up in the Cafeteria. Wednesdays - Jan 24th to March 7th
Knots Club	Mrs. Saunders	Students will have the chance to knit, crochet, or weave while relaxing with friends new and old. No experience necessary! Meets on Mondays, 12/18-3/19
Math Club	Mr. Tobitsch Mrs. Gunnsolley	Math Club is a great way to practice and reinforce key math skills after school with the assistance of teachers and Trumbull High School Honors Students. Please bring math materials that you would like to work on and students will be placed in small groups. This club will begin in November and end in April.
Math Counts	Mrs. Formanek	Do you like math? Come join Math counts! Math Counts is a national program that gives you the opportunity to engage in mathematics that is non-competitive, fun and different from "textbook math." There are opportunities to compete at the end of the year. We will be meeting once a week on Thursdays, starting the first week of October.
National Jr. Honor Society	Mrs. Kitchener	National Junior Honor Society is by invitation only in the spring of 7th or 8th grade. NJHS is responsible for the 7th Grade Fall Festival, Relay for Life, the Penny Wars, and supporting several school activities like the 6th Grade tours and serving as Back to School Night guides. Members are committed to lead and serve within the Hillcrest community. National Junior Honor Society start date 9/27/17 - Meeting dates vary.

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National History Club	Ms. Marcuccio	Are you a 7th or 8th grader who loves history? Do you want to showcase your love for history in an exciting way? Well, we want you to join us for Connecticut History Day! Connecticut History Day is a program for students that encourages exploration of local, state, national and world history on a competitive level. The theme this year is Conflict and Compromise in History. You can make websites, posters, movies, write an essay, even produce a performance. There is something for all students. If you are interested in learning more about history day, please attend the meeting on Thursday, September 28th in room B14, Mrs. Collin's room.
Peer Tutoring	Mrs. Dexter	The Hillcrest Peer Tutoring Program is a free service offered to the entire Hillcrest community, grades 6-8. A select group of 8th grade students work as tutors after school, helping students with homework, study and organization skills and other assignments in all academic areas. Any student who needs help is welcome to attend our club. It meets from October - June on Wednesdays after school until 3:15 in room A13.
Pottery Club	Mrs. Saunders	Students will get their hands dirty while creating beautiful and functional masterpieces out of clay. Come out and clay! Meets on Mondays, 3/26-6/4.

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School-Wide Homework Club	Ms. Bucci	Open to students in grades 6-8 by teacher and counselor recommendation/invitation only. Maximum of 10 students per week. This club is intended for students who need extra support in a structured setting for homework completion/project management/test preparation/organization. Will take place in Room C1A on Wednesdays afterschool 2:35-3:15 pm. Club will run from November 1st - May 9th.
Scrapbooking Connections	Ms. Peterson	Scrapbooking connections is a club to create and design your own scrapbook, bring your own photos. Class is limited to 7 students. Sign up in the Cafeteria. Wednesdays -April 4th to May 30
Sports Club	Mr. Seltenreich	The Hillcrest Sports Club provides students with an opportunity to participate in games and physical activities that promote social interaction in a non-competitive environment. The club is open to boys and girls in each grade and will begin in early December and run through at least April.
Statistical Math	Mrs. Gunnsolley	Statistical Math Club is open to students who would like to become statistical thinkers. Students will participate in the American Statistical Association's Poster Competition. Club will begin in January 2018.

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Stitches	Mrs. Maffei	STITCHES is an after school sewing club that will meet in April and May. As a group we complete a fun sewing project. Basic machine sewing skills are recommended.
Stock Market Club	Mr. Kennan	How would you invest \$100,000?? Team up with a friend, purchase stocks, bonds, etc. and compete against middle schoolers from all over the state. Prizes awarded to top finishers courtesy of the SIFMA foundation and www.thestockmarketgame.org . Two sessions this year - Fall session meets Mondays in B-13 with Señor Kennan and the spring 2018 session will meet on Thursdays to allow participation from those with conflicting schedules. See you there!
Young Authors	Mrs. Ryan	If you enjoy creative writing, this is the club for you! Members meet each Monday in the Media Center to write and share their work. Start date is Monday, October 23rd.