

# Blankner K8 2023-2024

## Elementary Clubs



### Art Club

**3rd - 5th Grades**

Applications due by 9/29

Staff Sponsor: Ami Perez  
(Ami.Perez@ocps.net)

Art club promotes extra opportunities and enrichment in the arts, connects to the community through art, and provides a place for artists to collaborate.

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month  
8:00-8:30 in room 191



### Battle of the Books

**3rd-5th Grades**

Staff Sponsor: Amanda Stone  
(Amanda.Stone@ocps.net)

BOB is a trivia competition based on the grades 3-5 Sunshine State Books. Up to 25 students can start in October. In February, students will take a test to determine the competition team of five members and one alternate. District competition is in March.

3:15-4:00 pm in the Media Center.  
Starting date, will be announced soon.



### Blankner Creature Club

**5th - 8th Grades**  
**Application only**

Staff Sponsor: Sarah Miller  
(Sarah.Miller@ocps.net)

Creature Club members will care for animals of Blankner's Living Lab and facilitate the delivery of creatures to teachers before school.

This club meets daily in the mornings from 8:00-8:30 am.  
Members will be on a rotating schedule and will not meet every day.



### Blankner Garden

**4th - 8th Grades**

Staff Sponsor: Jen Maier  
(Jennifer.Maier@ocps.net)

Garden Club members will assist and maintain both indoor and outdoor garden areas.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-8:30 am



### Chess Club

**1st - 8th Grades**

Staff Sponsor: Silvia Schenk  
(Silvia.Schenk@ocps.net)

Both novice and advanced players are welcome! Students joining should have a basic knowledge of how to play. This club is intended to teach strategies and allow students to practice.

Mondays from 7:45-8:30am in the Collab Lab



### Chorus

**4th - 5th Grades**

Staff Sponsor: Allison Rosser  
(Allison.Rosser@ocps.net)

Chorus is a year-long club for students who like to perform, sing, and play instruments. For the beginning of the year, you will focus on the holiday musical. In the spring, you will have a spring singing/instrument performance.

Monday afternoons, 3:00-4:00pm  
First Meeting, August 28th.



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## Crochet Club

5th - 8th Grades



Staff Sponsor: Jenna Hines  
(Jenna.Hines@ocps.net)

A club for beginning, intermediate, and advanced crochet artists. We will share patterns and techniques with each other and create projects.

First and third Fridays of every month, 3:05-4:00pm  
Information Meeting on September 1st  
from 3:00-3:15



## Girls on the Run

3rd - 5th Grades



Staff Sponsors:  
Leslie Murphy (Leslie.Murphy@ocps.net),  
Kelly White (Kelly.White@ocps.net), and  
Melissa Tankovich (Melissa.Tankovich@ocps.net),

Girls in grades 3-5 will learn important life skills while increasing physical activity.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:15 pm



## The Music Club

2nd & 3rd Grades



Staff Sponsor: Brian Clem (Brian.Clem@ocps.net)



Monday - Returning Guitar  
Tuesday - 2nd Grade Violin  
Thursday - 3rd Grade Violin



## Patrols

5th Grade



Staff Sponsor: Debbie Anderson  
(Deborah.Anderson@ocps.net)

This is specifically for 5th graders who are passionate about the safety of our school. All members of the safety patrol squad lead by example and provide aid to our campus week day mornings.

Daily from 7:55-8:45 am

Patrols have already been chosen for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications open at the end of the school year.



## Smile Mile

1st - 5th Grades



Staff Sponsor: Linda Prusaczyk  
(Linda.Prusaczyk@ocps.net)

Students earn prizes for every 5 miles they run!

Rotation schedule. Daily from 8:00-8:30.



## Spanish Club



Kindergarten - 5th Grades

Staff Sponsor: Silvia Schenk  
(Silvia.Schenk@ocps.net)

MORE DETAILS  
IN JANUARY

## Student Government Association

5th-8th Grades

Staff Sponsor: Betty Layton (Betty.Layton@ocps.net)

Second Monday of every month

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# Blankner K8 2023-2024

## Middle School Clubs

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### Blankner Sketch Club

Staff Sponsor: Stephanie Villitois  
(Stephanie.Villiotis@ocps.net)



Sketch Club is a morning meetup for artists to practice sketching skills with a group of creative peers.

First and third Thursday mornings from 8:00-8:30 in room 183.



### Bulldog Pride (GSA)



Staff Sponsor: Ashley Whitman  
(Ashley.Whitman@ocps.net)

Blankner's Gay-Straight **ALL**iance. It is a safe space for LGBTQ+ students and allies to hang out, support one another, and create a more inclusive environment at school. This is a student-led club open to all middle school students who are interested.



Every other Tuesday from 8:00-8:30 am, starts 9/5 in room 312



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# Blankner K8 2023-2024 Middle School Clubs



## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Staff Sponsors:

Sarah Miller (Sarah.Miller@ocps.net)

Michele Anderson (Michele.Anderson@ocps.net)

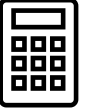
FCA welcomes ALL student athletes or non-athletes. The group is student led to help create relationships in a safe and fun environment.

Please join us for fun and fellowship

First Thursday of each month 3:05-4:15 pm  
in Portable 3



## Math Counts



Staff Sponsor: Debbie Batson  
(Deborah.Batson@ocps.net)

Parent Sponsor: Mr. Arup Guha  
(dmarino@ucf.edu)

For students who like math and competition.  
This is a national competition. The team will  
first compete at the chapter level

Mondays from 3:05-4:00 pm in room 309

## National Junior Honor Society

Staff Sponsors:

Michelle Puckett (Michelle.Puckett@ocps.net)

Ashley Whitman (Ashley.Whitman@ocps.net)

**Applications for new members open in the spring of 2024**

Second Tuesday of every month from 3:05-4:05 pm in room 312

## Student Government Association

Staff Sponsor: Betty Layton (Betty.Layton@ocps.net)

Second Monday of every month

# Blankner K8 2023-2024 Middle School Activities and Sports

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## Intermurals

Staff Sponsors:

Jordain James (Jordain.James@ocps.net)

Toby Waters (Toby.Waters@ocps.net)

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:00-8:30

Outdoor courts and fields



## Boys and Girls Basketball

Monday - Friday, 3:04-5:00 pm  
Blankner Gymnasium

Tryouts in January, TBA



## Boys and Girls Soccer

Monday - Friday, 3:04-5:00 pm  
Blankner Gymnasium

Tryouts August 15 - 17



## Boys and Girls Track

Monday - Friday, 3:04-5:00 pm  
Outdoor track

Tryouts in March, TBA



## Boys and Girls Volleyball

Monday - Friday, 3:04-5:00 pm  
Blankner Gymnasium

Tryouts in October, TBA