This digital brochure includes many of the clubs, activities, sports, music, etc. that students may join starting in 6th grade at William Annin. Advisors have provided information about each activity. If you have any questions, please contact the specific advisor email(s).
**Peer Leaders Program**
**Advisors:** Cara Miscia, Courtney Slack, and Samantha Kadin
**Meeting times/dates:** 2-3 times per month on Tuesdays after school
**Meeting times/Place:** 2:30-3:25 (WAMS Media Center)
**Contact Emails:** cmiscia@bernardsboe.com, courtneyslack@bernardsboe.com, skadin@bernardsboe.com

**Description:** The Peer Leader program is run by Ms. Cara Miscia, Ms. Courtney Slack, and Ms. Samantha Kadin. Meetings are held 2-3 times per month after school on Tuesdays. The club meets from 2:30-3:25 in the WAMS Media Center. The Peer Leader program is a service organization that gives students the opportunity to assist others in our school and local community. It is perfect for students who are interested in demonstrating the Viking Values, promoting positive behavior in school, and being involved in community service related projects at William Annin and in Basking Ridge. At our meetings, we typically work on team building skills, leadership skills, and character development while we plan and promote various events. Throughout the year, we host the 6th grade Family Carnival, collect gifts for Toys of Kindness around the holidays, assist with the 5th grade parent night, write teacher appreciation letters, and more. This program has the potential to be challenging, personally satisfying, and exciting!

**STUDENT COUNCIL**
**Name of Club/Activity:** William Annin Student Council
**Advisor(s):** Becky Bollaro and Lindsay Capone
**Meeting dates:** 1-2 times per month on Wednesdays
**Meeting times/place:** Wednesdays in room 401 from 2:25-3:30
**Contact Email(s):** rbollaro@bernardsboe.com or lcapone@bernardsboe.com

**Description:** Student Council is the student governing body at William Annin. This club is great for students interested in leadership positions and who want to make a difference in their school and their wider community. Some of our events include a Thanksgiving dinner food drive, Autism Awareness events, the WAMS Slams Charity event for Bryan’s Dream Foundation, and a hair donation event to support people with hair loss.

**Eco-Schools**
**Name of Club/Activity:** Eco-Schools Club
**Advisor(s):** Evona Panycia
**Meeting dates:** various times after-school throughout the school year for one hour (seasonal meetings which occur more in the fall and spring)
**Meeting times/place:** Mondays in Room 307 and in the school garden courtyard areas
**Contact Email(s):** epanycia@bernardsboe.com

**Description:** Eco-Schools is an internationally acclaimed program that provides a framework to help educators integrate sustainable principles throughout their school and curriculum. The Eco-Schools program strives to model environmentally sound practices, provide support for “greening” the curriculum and enhance science and academic achievement. Additionally, it serves to develop a greater sense of environmental stewardship among youth. Our green program is just sprouting and we are seeking participation of families, students and WAMS staff to join us as we journey down several of the Eco-School pathways. For more information and to preview WAMS accomplishments, visit our webpage at https://goo.gl/PDKqyY (caps sensitive)
Homework Club
Advisor(s): Christine White and Pia Capone
Meeting dates: Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Also the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
Meeting times/place: 2:30 - 3:25 in room 400B or 409
Contact Email(s): christinewhite@bernardsboe.com pcapone@bernardsboe.com
Description: Homework Club offers students in grades 6, 7 or 8 a quiet place to complete their homework before heading home or to practice. You do not need to sign up in advance. As long as each student has a way home at 3:25 they are welcome to come as often as they would like.

Camp Jump Start
Advisor(s): Jennifer Marney (Director)
Dates: July 5-27th (Mondays- Thursdays)
Meeting times/place: WAMS 9:00-12:30
Contact Email(s): campjumpstart@bernardsboe.com
Description: Incoming 6th graders get an opportunity to get comfortable with WAMS, meet new friends and have fun during the month of July at Camp Jump Start. Students will learn how to use locks and lockers, change classes, and learn their way around the building before they start school in September. Two field trips are scheduled (iPlay America and Get Air - both in Freehold, NJ), as well in house programs and team building activities. WAMS staff members teach courses in math, english, study skills and technology, as well art, italian and team building. Cost is $650 per student. Registration is from March 6th to May 5th.

6th Grade Chorus
Teacher: Mrs Teri Weniger
TWeniger@bernardsboe.com
Description: 6th Grade Chorus is a class that meets no more that once a week during the school day as well as Thursdays after school. Students learn a variety of musical styles and perform during both the winter and spring concerts. Students in 6th Grade Chorus also have the opportunity to audition for Annin’s select choir.

Select Choir
Director: Mrs. Teri Weniger
tweniger@bernardsboe.com
Description: Boys and girls who are members of either the 6th, 7th or 8th grade chorus are encouraged to audition for Annin’s award winning select choir. Select choir meets after school primarily on Wednesdays but can also rehearsal Monday, Tuesday or Thursdays depending upon the monthly schedule. The choir performs at both the winter and spring concerts and also performs at a variety of other events when the opportunity arises. Our biggest event has been the Hershey Park festival where we have consistently placed first or second with excellent and superior ratings.
**WAMS Flute Ensemble**
**Advisor:** Danielle Plagge  
**Meeting Dates:** Mondays  
**Meeting times/place:** 2:30 - 3:25, Orchestra Room  
**Contact Email:** dplagge@bernardsboe.com  
**Description:** The WAMS Flute Ensemble provides an outlet for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade flute players to develop and expand their musical abilities through performing a wide variety of flute ensemble repertoire on the flute, piccolo, alto flute, and bass flute. Together we learn how to play extended techniques such as flutter-tonguing, jet whistles, multiphonics (two notes at the same time!), and pitch bending, along with all the traditional skills a flutist needs to play out in the real world. Performance opportunities include the WAMS Expo, music department concerts, morning mini-recitals, and other school events. The WAMS Flute Ensemble is a “Pay to Play” activity, and is dependent on enrollment numbers and board approval to proceed.

**Jazz Band**  
**Advisor(s):** Wyman Wong  
**Meeting dates:** Once a week on Mondays  
**Meeting times/place:** 2:25-3:25 Band Room  
**Contact Email(s):** wwong@bernardsboe.com  
**Description:** The jazz band is an after school ensemble that performs swing, blues, latin, funk, and rock music. The ensemble consists of a brass section (trumpets and trombones), saxophone section (alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones), and rhythm section (drum set, bass, piano, and guitar). Students are required to audition at the beginning of the school year. The jazz band performs at the winter and spring concerts, WAMS Expo, jazz festivals, combined concert with Ridge, and at Hershey Park.

**Wind Ensemble**  
**Advisor(s):** Wyman Wong  
**Meeting dates:** Once a week on Wednesdays  
**Meeting times/place:** 2:25-3:25 Band Room  
**Contact Email(s):** wwong@bernardsboe.com  
**Description:** The wind ensemble is an after school band that performs challenging band literature. The ensemble consists of the same instrumentation as the grade level bands. Students are required to audition at the beginning of the school year and must be a member of the grade level band in order to participate. This ensemble performs at the winter and spring concerts as well as the Hershey Park competition.
**WAMS Game Club**

*Advisor:* Steven Isaacs  
**Meeting times/dates:** Mondays and Thursdays- 2:30 - 3:25 pm  
**Meeting time / place:** 2:30 - 3:25 pm, Room 322 (Computer Lab)  
**Contact Email:** sisaacs@bernardsboe.com  
**Description:** The eSports industry has exploded in recent years. Organizations are having large scale minecraft competitions in movie theaters. Professional gaming competitions are filling large arenas. Students are beginning to earn scholarships for college for competitive gaming. Where are these pro gamers coming from? Where is this passion / skill being nurtured? Schools can provide a space and structure to bring eSports to students around the world! Varsity sports and WAMS AO are an integral part of the education ecosystem. However, we are overlooking an incredible opportunity to provide a community for students interested in gaming. Currently, there is a growing movement and working group focused on formalizing an international eSports Community. Members of this group will be able to compete within the club and in tournaments and leagues with other schools around the world. In addition, the club will be a casual non-digital and digital gaming group to provide opportunities to include all interested students regardless of particular level of skill. Competitive teams will form from within the club.

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**Fine Arts Club**

*Teacher:* Fiona Weiss  
**Meeting times/dates:** Weekly / Sept- Dec (Day TBD)  
**Meeting place:** 2:30 - 3:30, Art Room 211  
**Contact Email:** fweiss@bernardsboe.com  
**Description:** The Fine Arts Workshop is for artists who are interested in developing their skills in drawing and painting. Students will learn to use sighting devices and practice techniques used by Master artists. We will focus on drawing from observation using a variety of media including pencil, pen and watercolor. Each student will receive their own set of art materials and a sketchbook to keep. The WAMS Fine Arts Club is a “Pay to Play” activity, and is dependent on enrollment numbers and board approval to proceed.

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**Yearbook Club**

*Teacher:* Jill Ann Hamilton  
**Meeting times/dates:** Bi-monthly depending on deadlines  
**Meeting place:** 2:20- 3:00, Room 322/227  
**Contact Email:** Jhamilton@bernardsboe.com  
**Description:** The WAMS Yearbook Club creates and designs the school yearbook. The staff is in charge of layouts, suggesting changes and various designs. The staff also checks all pages for consistency, style and technical errors before they are submitted to editor/adviser for the final check we also brainstorm possibilities for every assignment, including a variety of photo shapes, action, angles and perspectives.
WAMS Media Makers
Advisor(s): Deb Goetjen, Erica Cranden
Meeting times/dates: 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month
Meeting place: Media Center/Learning Commons 2:25-3:25pm
Contact Email(s): dgoetjen@bernardboe.com, ecranden@bernardsboe.com
Description: WAMS Media Makers is a group for students in grades 6-8 who love stories in any format, whether books, ebooks, graphic novel, video or audio. Media Makers is a free, open to all club. We share our love of stories through many varied activities such as author visits, teacher/student book groups, and original writing. The writing subgroup in Media Makers writes, edits and publishes the WAMS Ink, an online literary magazine. Other activities include promoting reading and books at WAMS, organizing the Books for Kids book drive, creating book trailers, and our annual Library Olympics competition.

Debate Club
Advisor(s): Dr. Balija, Mr. Soto, and Mrs. Lynch
Meeting dates: 2-3 times/month
Meeting times/place: Mondays and some Wednesdays, 2:30-4 at WAMS (cafeteria and Rooms 100 and 104), and sometimes at Ridge High School
Contact Email(s): VBalija@bernardsboe.com, csoto@bernardsboe.com, jlynch@bernardsboe.com
Description: PLEASE NOTE that The WAMS Debate Club is open to 7th and 8th grade students ONLY. Meetings take place two times per month from 2:30 - 4:00 at WAMS. Additionally, students attend training sessions with the Ridge Forensics (Debate) Team one meeting per month. This club is a “Pay to Play” club and is dependent on enrollment numbers and board approval. The WAMS Debate club focuses on the Parliamentary style of debate. This style of debate involves teams which consist of three students each. Exceptional club members are stringently selected to participate in regional debate tournaments that occur several times a year. Tournaments are full-day Saturday events that take place throughout the state of NJ, with each team participating in 3-4 debates. Attendance at every club meeting is mandatory for all members. Absence for more than one meeting (other than medical excuses) will preclude that student from being considered for participation in tournaments. We look forward to working with you in 7th and 8th grade!

WAMS BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
Advisor(s): Teresa Staats
Meeting time/dates: 3 times a week, various days, beginning mid December through end of February
Meeting times/place: Practices run from 2:30 - 4:30, Games start at 4PM
Contact Email(s): tstaats@bernardsboe.com
Description: This is run through the WAMS athletic organization and is a “Pay to Play’ activity that it is dependent on enrollment numbers and board approval. We DO allow 6th graders to try-out and participate in our boys volleyball team. Middle school athletics are often an introduction to team sports, so participation and teaching of the skills and strategies of the sport of volleyball will be the focus. We also compete against other middle school programs.
William Annin Middle School Athletic Organization (WAMSAO)

Please access the link below for all information regarding WAMS AO Sports:
www.wamsao.com
Please be sure to read each description carefully!

American Military Heritage Club
Advisors: Becky Bollaro, Dan Georgetti, John McCarthy & Bill Michaelis
Meeting dates: once a month, the third Wednesday of the month
Meeting times/place: 2:30-3:30/room 118
Contact Email(s): rbollaro@bernardsboe.com
Description: The American Military Heritage Club will meet monthly to discuss important events in America’s Military history. Students will develop ways to connect with the local VA hospital, VFW, American Legion, and discuss ways to support active duty soldiers and Annin Military Alumni. All WAMS students grades 6-8 are welcome. The club is free.

Math Contests
Advisors: Mrs. Mary Henry
Meeting dates: 7 times per school year, from November through March
Meeting times/place: 2:30 - 3:10 PM in the cafeteria
Contact Email(s): mhenry@bernardsboe.com
Description: Here at William Annin we conduct 7 math contests each year: the Continental Math League Contest which is comprised of a series of 5 rounds held once a month from November through March; the AMC 8 which is a one-day contest held in mid November; and the New Jersey Math League Contest held once a year in late February. Registration is required and can be made on-line during the month of October. Look for the link in the WAMS Friday folder.

Club Unify
Advisors: Renee Bickar Pinel and Penny Iannella
Meeting dates: once or twice a month
Meeting times/place: 2:30-3:30 in room 300A
Contact Email(s): rbollaro@bernardsboe.com
Description: Getting to know and support one another can enrich the lives of all students and teach them valuable lessons about acceptance, inclusion, and respect. Club UNIFY is part of Project UNIFY, a Special Olympics education and sports-based program that promotes respect through sports. The purpose of the club is to make a difference in the lives of others and yourselves, to take a leadership role in setting a tone of acceptance and respect at WAMS, and to have fun while making new friends. Being a Club Unify member will also provide opportunities for students to form new friendships by participating in school and community activities. Our inclusive club will introduce students to other students with different abilities and discover how much we all have in common. All WAMS students grades 6-8 are welcome. The club is free.
Unified Sports
Advisor: Becky Bollaro
Meeting dates: Once a week
Meeting times/place: 9-12/RHS
Contact Email: rbollaro@bernardsboe.com
Description:
Unified Sports® joins people with and without disabilities on the same team. Dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, it was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding

Thousands of young people throughout the state of New Jersey have become powerful advocates for respect and acceptance by joining in on the Special Olympics worldwide movement to play and live Unified.

We want you to be part of our team that stands up against intolerance and promotes true inclusion both on the playing field and in our school communities.