

MAKE A CONNECTION—MAKE A
DIFFERENCE—GET INVOLVED

Demonstrate P*R*I*D*E through Club Involvement:

Principled: By getting involved and participating in school clubs, you gain more exposure to the elements that will set you up for academic and school success.

Respectful: By stretching outside of your comfort zone (if that is what it takes) to get involved in a club that interests you and for which you have a passion, you are respecting yourself and will develop a newfound respect for new friends and adults at Laredo.

Inclusive: By making new friends in and out of the classroom you learn to be inclusive. Being inclusive grows your circle of friends and support systems. Friendships are an important asset in middle school to ensure you have a diverse support network.

Determined: There are priceless opportunities you will have being part of a club. You can be part of a planning committee, take part in school activities, develop your leadership skills, speak in front of groups, create and organize school events, participate in community events. Whatever it is you

get involved in will teach you determination and grit: skills important for high school and beyond.

Empathetic: By working close with a group of others to achieve a goal you will learn empathy. Empathy is, at its simplest, awareness of the feelings and emotions of other people. It is a key element of emotional intelligence, the link between self and others, because it is how we as individuals understand what others are experiencing as if we were feeling it ourselves.

Responsibility: As a middle school student, you will recognize and demonstrate responsible actions, words, choices, friendships, and successes.

Organized clubs and activities give students the opportunity to be well-rounded individuals, to explore areas that cannot be explored during the school day, and to learn more about working in group situations.

Activities meet from 3:50p.m. to 4:40p.m. on designated days. Activity buses operate Monday through Friday. The buses depart Laredo at 4:50p.m.

Club List and Meeting Times

Brotherhood

Brooke Tepe (720)886-5276

Brotherhood is an affinity group whose charge is to continue to build exceptional leadership skills, enhance academic achievement and create positive relationships among young African American men

as they prepare for high school. They participate in various events, address academics and discuss social issues.

Drama Club

Bob Black (720)886-5140

Students are involved in the social, technical and performance aspects of theater. They have two productions each year: a fall play, and a spring musical.

Lion Jazz Band

Sara Geiger (720)886-5117

In this group, open to 7th and 8th grade band members, students will build on previous skills learned in band by rehearsing and performing jazz music including styles such as swing, funk, latin and rock. This is a volunteer group and will practice on **Wednesdays after school**. Students in this class have passed an audition and understand their commitment to participate in every scheduled performance and rehearsal. Interested students can see Ms. Geiger for more information.

Lion Percussion Ensemble

Sara Geiger (720)886-5117

This volunteer group will begin **after the Winter Break** as an opportunity for percussion students to grow their skills and experience a different group dynamic. We will meet on **Tuesdays after school** and the group is open to all 6th/7th/8th grade percussionists. Students in this group will work on percussion fundamentals as well as expanding their musical knowledge using literature specific to percussionists. Because each student will have their own part, it is essential that students who wish to be a part of this group make the commitment to be at every performance and rehearsal. Percussionists from all classes are encouraged to join. Any non-percussionist band student may join with approval from Ms. Geiger.

Math League/Math Counts

Brad Woodworth (720)886-5168

Every week from September to December, math lovers meet to practice problem solving and deductive thinking to extend math curriculum taught in the classroom. Once a month, teams travel to other middle schools and compete against same grade peers. From December to March, students prepare to take part in the National Math Counts Competition.

National Junior Honor Society

Leah Bernie and Ginny Bludeau (720)886-5111

This organization rewards excellence and promotes service and leadership through various projects throughout the school year. Eighth grade students who meet academic criteria are invited to apply for membership in the fall of each school year.

Sisterhood

Alison Garvey (720)886-5226

Sisterhood is an affinity group that addresses the needs, perspectives and culture of young African American women. They work collectively with staff, students, parents and community leaders to support the development of leadership skills, academic success and positive social relationships.

Student Council

Erin Hatfield and Lisa Young (720)886-5110

Student Council encourages leadership, responsibility, organization and civic consciousness. Skills taught include organizing activities, public speaking and student advocacy. Activities include student body elections, dances and service projects. Student council is comprised of an executive committee and student representatives at each grade level.

TSA

Myka Raymond (720)886-5112

Laredo's chapter of the Technology Student Association is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) specializing in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). The team meets every Monday from October through February, and students work toward preparing for the state conference where they can compete in 45 different events, held over 3 days at the end of February.

WEB Leaders

Myka Raymond and Ben Summers (720)886-5112

WEB which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th Graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout their first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains 8th Graders to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the 6th Graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate 6th grade success. WEB Leaders also help volunteer at other school related functions throughout the year including Back-to-School Night, Sneak Peak, our 6th Grade Picnic, and PRIDE Night.

Yearbook

Rob Castanzo (720)886-5151

Students will learn to use E-Design and Photoshop to create the Lionstale, Laredo Middle School's yearbook. Students are responsible for the content (pictures, captions, and all text), layout and organization of the yearbook. In addition to exposure to photography, investigative journalism, and graphic design, many leadership opportunities exist within the yearbook staff. Consistent attendance will also be critical as students are responsible for meeting publishing deadlines.