



WISH Middle Specialty Programs

WISH Middle offers scholars a variety of extracurricular activities to enrich student's academic environment, academics and social emotional well-being. We encourage all students to participate in at least one of these activities throughout the school year. *** Students seeking additional gifted and extension opportunities.*

WISH Sports / Evolution Sports

WISH Charter is a member of the FIYA League - an interscholastic competitive sports league that focuses on elementary - middle schools in the private school, parochial school or charter school arena.

EVOLUTION SPORTS, headed up by Coach Casey Wilson, oversees all of our sports teams, recruiting students and coaches, and ensuring our teams perform to their highest ability, and where ALL eligible WISH Scholars have the opportunity to play for their school.

Leadership Opportunities

Student Leadership

This organization is WISH Middle's student body voice and government. Elections for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer are held every fall. All students interested in participating as a member are welcomed to join and participate in weekly meetings during lunch and monthly after school workshops to discuss campus events, spirit weeks, dances, socials, and campus culture.

Student Ambassadors

Our WISH Student Ambassadors assist with our Campus Tours and other public events throughout the year. Potential Ambassadors must participate in an orientation that will take place after school shortly after the start of the year. Ambassadors will also be required to maintain a minimal GPA of 2.5 and also not have received more than 2 "U" (unsatisfactory) Citizenship marks on **any** semester report card.

WEB (Where Everyone Belongs)

The WISH WEB program assists with the transition from elementary school to middle school by connecting incoming 6th graders with 8th graders. These WEB Leaders are great role models for younger students and who have been successful at our middle school. WEB Leaders' communication skills, leadership potential, responsibility, and personality have helped them succeed in the middle school environment, and the lessons they have learned are shared to help others succeed.

Honor Roll

Students who achieve academic excellence are honored each semester at an Awards Assembly. We are extremely proud of our scholars who work hard and strive to be on honor roll throughout their middle school experience. Gold Honor Roll 4.0 Silver Honor Roll 3.51-3.99 Bronze Honor Roll 3.0-3.5

****Model United Nations (MUN)**

WISH partners with the Westchester YMCA to implement this highly engaging program. MUN allows students to learn more about current affairs, politics, economics and diplomacy through weekly meetings with other partnering schools. This is also an opportunity for students to collaborate with one another across California at a conference that includes public speaking, debating international issues, and participating in committee meetings. Students interested in joining Youth and Government in high school are highly recommended to participate in this program in middle school to prepare.

Lunch Clubs

****National History Day Club**

This club meets once a week to discuss current events and prepare historical projects to present at the National History Day event.

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends (CoF) is a social and language skills program of inclusion that provides valuable social support to students with disabilities. It is based on the establishment of friendships between students with and without disabilities as both interact meaningfully in the natural environment through lunch meetups, phone calls, and after school hours activities (on and off campus). Students develop an appreciation for one another as human beings desiring connection and friendship and work to make our campuses models of social justice and inclusivity.

Safe Space Club

This club meets on Tuesdays to provide a space for students to talk about any success/challenges they are facing, in a safe space with no judgement led by our school counselor, Ms. Trisha, and peers.

Environmental Club

Become stewards of the Earth! Learn and discuss environmental issues that affect our world and specifically our school.

Anime Club

Anime club meets every Tuesday where students learn about Japanese culture by watching Ghibli Studio films created by the famous Miyazaki Hayao. These films are held closely to the heart of the Japanese people similar to how Disney movies are for Americans. Each one of Miyazaki's films are known to be hand drawn, which he believes deeply adds to the life of the animation that is produced. Movies shown during Anime club are presented true to this vision and thus are viewed using the original Japanese language voice acting with English subtitle translations.

****P.A.T.H.S.**

Preparing for Academic Transition to High School, or P.A.T.H.S., is a two semester club looking at the skills to be successful in high school. First semester we tackle skills for high school academic success, such as time management, study skills and goal setting. Second semester's focus is preparing students for what to expect when they transition to high school, such as A-G requirements, high school graduation requirements, high school credits, what different standardized tests to take, such as the PSAT, SAT, ACT, SAT II, AP Exams, and what type of educational options exist after high school, for example junior colleges, state colleges, universities, private colleges, vocational schools, and trade schools.

****MathCounts Competition Club**

This club begins as a preparatory club for the school-wide contest to be selected for our WISH Middle MathCounts Team. Once this school-wide competition occurs and the MathCounts team forms, the group begins preparing for the State MathCounts competition in which they travel to challenge other middle school students.

