

## Overview of Programs Offered

### Athletics:

**Basketball – Boys and Girls 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.** The Girls season begins at the end of September with practices and games starting around the second week of October. The Boys season begins when school resumes in January with practices and games start around the second week in January. Practice days and times are determined once teams have been formed and coaches hired.

**Volleyball – Boys and Girls 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade.** Both Boys and Girls volleyball begins with practices starting around the middle of March. Practice days and times are determined once teams have been formed and coaches hired.

### Activities:

**FLL Club – 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - For roughly eight fast-paced weeks, teams work as a group to overcome obstacles and meet challenges. They learn from and interact with their peers as well as adult coaches and mentors. Teams work to find creative solutions to the problems presented to them in the Challenge. They then compete in optional local and regional tournaments where they celebrate their accomplishments with other FLL teams, family and friends. In FLL, children are immersed in real-world science and technology challenges. Teams design their own solution to a current scientific question or problem and build autonomous LEGO robots that perform a series of missions. Through their participation, children develop valuable life skills and discover exciting career possibilities while learning that they can make a positive contribution to society. Practice days and times are determined once teams have been formed and coaches hired.

**Chess Club – 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade –Meets once a week from the end of September thru March** right after school until 4:30. Students participate in matches against each other. We will participate in as many local chess meets as possible.

**Extra-Curricular Music - Erin Strings Program KG – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Full Year - Learn beginning violin, viola, and cello, in a group lesson atmosphere. The club will be included in concerts and other performance opportunities. Students need to have their own instrument. The size of the instrument needs to match the size of the child. The group will meet once per week after school until 4:30 or 5:00. Specific times and dates will be announced once enrollment is finalized.

**Student Council – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – The student council helps share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers and school administration. They help raise funds for school-wide activities, including social events, community projects such as food drives, fundraisers. The student council organizes the school dances. Many members learn skills that were an extension of their formal education.

**Forensics 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Begins with informational meetings in December and runs until Mid-March. Forensics is an academic organization designed to give students the opportunity to have fun while developing and improving their speaking abilities. Students can participate in a variety of categories that emphasize the use of the spoken word to convince, explain, or entertain. Students can work alone, with a partner, or as part of a group. Depending on the category, the material can be serious or humorous and can be memorized, read from a script, or delivered using notes. Some of the categories allow the students to prepare original material, while others use prose, poetry or a speech written by others.

Students practice at school and home. At school, practice sessions usually occur during lunch recess, or before or after school. Each student has an assigned coach and must meet with their coach to practice at least once a week. Competitions occur at other schools (i.e. Silver Lake, Silverbrook, St. Francis Cabrini, Slinger etc).