

This year's program brochure is on-line!!  
Check out the "Virtual Backpack" at [www.northandoverpublicschools.com/nams](http://www.northandoverpublicschools.com/nams)  
Copies of the brochure are also available in the main office.

## NAMS After Hours

Fall 2009

An after school enrichment program  
open to all middle school students

### What?

After Hours offers a variety of programs and activities to participate in after school. The courses are designed to give middle school students a chance to try something new, share an interest with others, or just to have a place to hang out after school in a safe, open environment.

### When?

The Fall Cycle will start Thursday, October 22 and continue through Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Programs are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:05 to 3:05. *All participants must make arrangements to get home at 3:05.*

### How do I sign up?

For the first time, the After Hours brochure will be available on-line. Visit the "Virtual Backpack" at <http://www.northandoverpublicschools.com/nams> for a complete brochure with all of the descriptions of the different courses. Students should look through the packet of course descriptions to see what interests them. Students can participate in up to three courses (one each day). Once a student has decided, they should bring a signed parent permission slip (on back or on-line) to lunch with them on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** or **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please be aware that students without parent permission will not be allowed to sign up. It also may be helpful to note second choices in case the first choice course has been filled. Activities are filled on a first come, first serve basis with equal opportunity given to all three grades.

*If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Steve Wrigley,  
After Hours Director, in S207 after school anytime.*

# After Hours Program Listing

Check out what these courses are all about in the "Virtual Backpack"  
at [www.northandoverpublicschools.com](http://www.northandoverpublicschools.com)

## MONDAYS

Starting October 26<sup>th</sup>

Board Games	Mrs. Amor
Computer Game Design I (grade 6)	Mr. Loomis
Gymnastics	Mrs. Taris
Open Gym	Mrs. Noonan
Photography Club	Mrs. Van Doren
Quilling	Mrs. Barron
School Store	Mrs. Sharp
(meets 10/26 and 11/2, then once a month all year)	
Snack and Study	Mrs. Poor

## TUESDAYS

Starting October 27<sup>th</sup>

Chess	Mr. Connell
Creative Writing: Short Stories and Poetry	Mrs. Bernard-Lautieri
Harry Potter Movies	Mrs. Lynch
Line Dancing	Mrs. Abernathy/Miss Bishop
Open Gym	Mr. Gosselin
Party Games	Ms. Harrigan
Snack and Study	Mrs. Martin
Wii Sports League	Ms. Mungovan
Yoga	Mrs. Wolfson

## THURSDAYS

Starting October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Chess	Mr. Connell
Computer Game Design II (grade 7 and 8)	Mr. Loomis
Don't Look Twice, Cards and Dice	Mr. Poirier
Level 1 Algebra Study Group	Mrs. Irving
Sci-Fi Movie Club	Mrs. Martin
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dodgeball	Mr. D. Wrigley
Snack & Study	Mrs. Amor

## Program Descriptions

### Board Games

**MONDAYS**

Searching for a fun way to relax with friends; new and old? Get together and challenge them to those classic board games. Compete at the games that have withstood the test of time; like Chess, Checkers, Life, Monopoly, Clue, etc. Students are welcome to bring their own school-appropriate games that can be stored at school for the duration of the program.

### Chess

**TUESDAYS or THURSDAYS**

Come to learn the greatest board game of all time! Nations have fought wars over the game of chess—find out why. Become a member as we play to crown the next NAMS chess master. Kings and Queens are welcome. (Popcorn included!)

### Computer Game Design I

**MONDAYS**

Grade 6 only. Don't just play computer games, make them! Learn the basics of what it takes to create a real computer game from the ground up. You will design characters, rules, actions, and even levels. Limited to 10 students due to computer availability.

### Computer Game Design II

**THURSDAYS**

Grade 7 and 8 only. A new follow-up program to the popular introductory course. Improve on the skills and ideas that you have started to bring your games to the next level. First-timers who aren't in sixth grade are also welcome to give game designing a try. Limited to 10 students due to computer availability.

## Creative Writing: Short Stories and Poetry

**TUESDAYS**

This program will offer budding authors a chance to write, edit, and revise short stories and poetry - and look for potential markets to have them published! Poets will choose from over 50 types of poems to create, and short story writers will look at the best ways to get started with an idea and bring it to completion.

## Don't Look Twice, Cards and Dice **THURSDAYS**

Do you enjoy games? Word games, visual perception games, dice games, games of chance and games of strategy are all a part of this program. You will play in FARKLE tournaments, challenge others at the visual perception game SET, create words for points in Quiddler, and work your way up the championship ladder!

## Gymnastics

**MONDAYS**

From handsprings to success. Advance your physical strength, flexibility, agility, coordination, balance and grace through gymnastics. The program is for beginners to advance. We will learn basic tumbling skills and those who are advanced can work on refining back handsprings, back semi's and layouts. Students should dress in sweatpants and t-shirts to participate.

## Harry Potter Movies

**TUESDAYS**

Everything Hogwarts has to offer. We will watch Harry, Ron, and Hermione's journey from innocent, unknowing, first-years through their challenges, adventures, and growing-up. Come and join "Dumbledore's Army" and watch out for He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named.

## **Level 1 Algebra Study Group**      **THURSDAYS**

Open to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Level 1 Students ONLY. Students will work together in a study group with their peers. They will review topics from class, work on homework, and/or study for tests and quizzes. The students will be able to use real, live, grade 8 Algebra teachers as a resource during the program.

## **Line Dancing**      **TUESDAYS**

Do you LOVE to dance, but just don't know the steps to all the dances they play at dances, weddings, or parties? No more worries! This is your chance to learn dances like the Bird Walk, Hoedown Throwdown, the Jerk, Thriller, Macarena, etc. are so easy to learn. You pick the dances you want to learn and we will teach them to you. You may even choreograph your own line dance that becomes the next NAMS dance craze!

## **Open Gym**      **MONDAYS or TUESDAYS**

Come on down to the gym after school to play in different pick-up games each week. This is a great way to get rid of some built-up energy after a long day at school.

## **Party Games**      **TUESDAYS**

Calling all creative, outgoing, fun-loving middle schoolers. We are looking for a group of people that wants to have a few laughs while they compete in some of those crazy games that make you THINK. We will play games like Pictionary, Taboo, Charades, and Scattegories. Sounds like.....fun!

## Photography Club

**MONDAYS**

Are you interested in taking pictures and discussing your work with other photographers? If so, please join us on Mondays, as part of the Photography Club. We will spend time each week taking pictures and critiquing each other's work. The Photo Club session will end with a school display of your best work. Bring a camera and photos (if you have any) to the first meeting. Camera and ability to print photos required. No experience necessary. Limit: 10.

## Quilling

**MONDAYS**

Quilling or paper filigree is the art of creating designs with strips of paper that have been rolled, shaped, and arranged to form interesting patterns. Quilling is one of the easiest crafts to learn because nearly all quilling is done with just a few variations of basics rolls and scrolls. Come learn this new craft technique and create great decorations just in time for the holidays.

## School Store

**MONDAYS (10/26 and 11/2) PLUS**

Interested in learning about sales? Then the school store is for you! We will meet for the first two Mondays and then once a month on Mondays throughout the school year to plan and manage the school store. Members of the school store After Hours group will participate in selling items during school lunches. Learn how to make a profit, manage an inventory, and be successful with sales.

## Sci-Fi Movie Club

**THURSDAYS**

If a Star Wars movie marathon sends you into hyper speed, then this is the place for you. Join this club to enjoy a snack as we watch the classics. We are open to appropriate suggestions of which movies to screen. May the force be with you!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dodgeball

**THURSDAYS**

Anyone from Symmes House is eligible to come and get in the game that has become a big hit once again. Different varieties of the game will be played with the focus on participation and fun.

## Snack and Study

**ALL DAYS**

Here's your chance to get your homework done before you go home, get a bite to eat, or just get ahead on other work. Maybe you can get help from a teacher or study for the big test. Sign up with your friends and make homework fun!

## Wii Sports League

**TUESDAYS**

We all know the new video game system, Wii. The game is designed to get you up off the couch and active as you compete in the different games. In this program, we will give the different sports games, such as tennis, golf, and bowling, a try. Both rookies and experts are invited to test their skills.

## Yoga

**TUESDAYS**

Stressed? Learn some relaxation strategies and increase your flexibility. Many parents do yoga at home, this class is designed for you to give it a try.

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## Parent Permission Slip

Please Write Neatly

Students will not be allowed to sign up for programs without this form.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my middle school student to participate in the Fall cycle of After Hours at North Andover Middle School. I understand that all school rules apply and I will be called to pick up my child if they act inappropriately or disobey the school's established code of conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

*Please Note: Safety is a priority. Participants are expected to remain with the program they are involved in at all times. Furthermore, please make arrangements for students to get home at the end of the program. To avoid confusion, clearly decide on a pick up location for your son or daughter to meet you at 3:05.*