

## Gifted Resources for Middle School Parents

### National Association for Gifted Children

<http://www.nagc.org/>

### Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted

<http://www.sengifted.org/>

### Gifted Development Center, a resource center

<http://www.gifteddevelopment.com/>

### National Research Center on the Gifted and the Talented

<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/>

### MPCS Gifted Education Website

<http://www.mpark.net/Departments/GiftedEducation/tabid/13576/Default.aspx>

### GT World, an online community for gifted students and their families

<http://gtworld.org/>

### Helping Gifted Children and Their Families Prepare for College, a step-by-step guide and timeline to apply for college and financial aid

[http://www.schoolcounselor.org/rc\\_files/474/rm93201.pdf](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/rc_files/474/rm93201.pdf)

### Article about College Planning for Gifted and Talented Youth

[http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/college\\_planning.html](http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/college_planning.html)

## Extracurricular Activities at MPMS

**National Junior Honor Society (NJHS):** 7th and 8th grade students eligible for the NJHS will be notified in the spring and invited to submit an application for candidacy. Selection procedures can be found on the Clubs section of MPMS web site. Once inducted, students participate in club meetings and are expected to maintain service hours and meet other requirements. After school meetings are usually held once a week throughout the school year.

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**Odyssey of the Mind:** Students work together in teams to apply their creativity to solve problems from building mechanical devices to interpretive presentations. Solutions are presented at a regional competition (usually in March). Open to all MPMS students, space dependent upon parent coaches. Teams will be formed to work with parent coaches on their own schedule outside of school. Students are invited to submit an application in September/October.

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**MAA (Mathematical Association of America):** Open to all MPMS students interested in math. Students meet after school to prepare and compete in a regional tournament in the spring.

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**VEX Robotics:** Students work in teams to design and build VEX robots to accomplish defined missions. The teams carry out these missions in regional competitions (February/March), with the goal of advancing to state and international competitions. Meets once a week through spring. Space is limited but open to all MPMS & MPHS students - interested students must submit an application.

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