

Enrichment
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Cocurricular
Program

WHITEBY



WHITBY'S MISSION

Whitby inspires a passion for learning and empowers each child to take responsibility as an open-minded, principled citizen in a global community.

LEARNER PROFILE

Whitby students aspire to be:

- inquirers
- knowledgeable thinkers
- communicators
- principled
- open-minded
- caring
- risk-takers
- balanced
- reflective

COCURRICULAR PROGRAM

Our mission-focused cocurricular program provides choice-based offerings which complement the curricular programming along the educational continuum, preparing each child for the world ahead and developing life-long learners. Our activities are aimed at providing enriching experiences, building on individual interests, and supporting families who want an extension to the academic day. Activities for students in Grades 5–8 are a required part of the school program, while programs for younger students are optional.

- We build community with programs that enhance connections between students of different ages and mentors from within and outside our school community.
- We challenge and celebrate students' diverse interests.
- We build perspective, extending learning beyond traditional academic boundaries.
- We continue to develop the ideals of the IB Learner Profile.
- We strive for continuous improvement in every aspect of our program.

Whitby encourages students to join and participate in a variety of school activities where children can learn from both Whitby teachers and highly skilled and experienced external instructors. Through our cocurricular programs, students explore new interests or develop existing ones while expanding their circle of friends.



COCURRICULAR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

AGE	PROGRAM	DAYS & HOURS
Primary 2–Grade 4	Enrichment <i>Fee-based Enrichment</i>	M–Th 3:00 pm–3:50 pm
		F (1) 12:30 pm–2:00 pm
		F (2) 2:10 pm–3:40 pm
Grades 1–8	Athletics <i>Intramural Sports (Gr 1–4)</i> <i>MSFAA Athletics (Gr 5–8)</i>	Schedule varies by season
Grades 3–8	Performing Arts <i>Theatre & Music</i>	Schedule varies by season
Grades 5–8	Clubs & Electives	M – F 3:00 pm–3:50 pm

The goal of the cocurricular program is consistent with the academic day, inspiring a passion for learning and meeting the spectrum of whole child development cognitively, socially, emotionally and physically.



ENRICHMENT



Enrichment classes bring specialized instructors right to our Whitby campus, inviting young students to expand skills and explore new interests.

Primary 2–Grade 4 Enrichment (fee-based) **M–Th 3:00 pm–3:50 pm**
F (1) 12:30 pm*–2:00 pm
F (2) 2:10 pm – 3:40 pm

Students are escorted from their regular classrooms to their Enrichment classes.

*On Fridays, lunch is taken from 12:00 pm–12:25 pm. Enrichment sessions follow.

With an average 1:9 ratio, instruction for young students in the Enrichment classes furthers development and growth in a social context.

Our programs vary by semester, and families can choose to participate and pay by semester. Typical selections include science and nature activities, sports and creative movement, drawing, robotics, digital animation and film-making. Many young golfers have enjoyed their first putts on the Whitby “green”. Budding cartoonists publish their first works here, and chess champions are discovered! Our offerings continue to expand as Whitby endeavors to offer cutting-edge courses with superior instruction.

Whitby Highlights

Whitby’s chess team, with young members ranging in age from 6–10, compete both as individuals and as a team according to both grade level and performance rating. During the 2015–16 season, the team was delighted to win many trophies. Additionally, Whitby boasts an internationally ranked top ten chess player! While winning is celebrated, chess masters focus on building skills and teaching good sportsmanship with personal integrity.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Below is a listing of some of the Enrichment classes that have been offered in recent years. Whitby continually seeks to expand offerings and bring new and exciting programs to our students.

Sample of Program Offerings	Instructors & Teaching Groups
Chess Instruction	Grand Masters / Chess Club of Fairfield County
Chinese	Zhen Goldowsky (Whitby Faculty)
Creative Movement, World Dance & Hip-Hop	Magic Dance, LLC
Drawing and Architecture	Phil Torina (established local architect)
Design Technology	Maclnspires
Golf	John Czarnecki (Greenwich High Head Golf Coach)
Hands-on Creative Activities	Little Scholars, LLC
Individual Music Lessons	Instructor varies by instrument
Kung Fu and Self-Defense	Matt Lapidus
Learn to Knit / Learn to Crochet	Mary Peck
LEGO Engineering and Play	Play-Well Teknologies / Bricks 4 Kidz
Mother Tongue Language <i>(German, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Portuguese)</i>	Whitby Parents and Faculty (Native Speakers)
Science and Nature Activities	Stamford Museum and Nature Center
Study Support	Whitby Faculty
Tennis	Fairfield County Tennis, LLC
Visual Arts	Future Picassos
World Sports, Soccer & Sports Movement	Jack Booth (Fairfield U Soccer)
Yoga	Kaia Yoga



“Whitby’s enrichment classes have allowed me to accommodate all of my children’s interests each afternoon without driving all around town. And I’m happy knowing they have great instructors!”

—WHITBY PARENT

ATHLETICS



Whitby's robust athletics program blends athletic skill building with teamwork and positive coaching to yield a powerful experience for each and every player.

Grades 1–8

Athletics

Schedule varies by season

Intramural Sports (Gr 1–4)

MSFAA Athletics (Gr 5–8)

Students are transported to away games by Whitby faculty in Whitby buses. Parents are welcome and regularly come out to cheer at both home and away games.

Athletics at Whitby provide an enriching and balanced education along with opportunities for social development and decision-making. Team building bolsters leadership and cooperation. Whitby supports students new to sports as well as the serious athlete and helps both to pursue their personal goals in these activities.

A longstanding member of the Middle School Fairchester Athletic Association (MSFAA), Whitby teams compete in three seasons of sports with local schools. Our coaches are faculty members who come to know students well on and off the field. Besides bringing experience in their specific sports, the coaches emphasize the important school values of being principled and open-minded.

Whitby Highlights

Whitby's sports teams have proven to be very competitive, boasting undefeated seasons in Middle School soccer and basketball.

Whitby's Athletic Director, Kurt Putnam, is also the Director of Coaching for Greenwich Soccer and the Varsity Boys Head Soccer Coach at Greenwich High School, where his team was ranked 7th in the national high school rankings (NSCAA). Coach Czarnecki, a Whitby coach for basketball and golf, formerly coached Greenwich High School Basketball.

Currently, several Whitby students are competing at the national level in equestrian, dance and crew. These students find Whitby's approach to education allows them to pursue athletic and academic goals with equal fervor.

WHITBY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Whitby's athletic program consists of the following sports. All students participate, and teams celebrate both skilled and developing players. Stronger players have opportunities to excel and lead while modeling skills for newer players. Whitby's environment of camaraderie often results in a win, both on the field and in the classroom.

Season	Sport	Gender/Team	Grade
Fall	Soccer*	Coed	1-4
Fall	MSFAA Soccer	Boys & Girls	5-6
Fall	MSFAA Soccer	Boys & Girls	7-8
Fall	MSFAA Cross-Country	Coed	5-8
Winter	Basketball	Coed	1-4
Winter	MSFAA Basketball	Boys & Girls	5-6
Winter	MSFAA Basketball	Boys & Girls	7-8
Spring	Softball	Coed	1-4
Spring	MSFAA Baseball	Boys	5-6
Spring	MSFAA Baseball	Boys	7-8
Spring	MSFAA Softball	Girls	5-6
Spring	MSFAA Softball	Girls	7-8
Spring	MSFAA Tennis	Coed	7-8
Spring	MSFAA Cross Country	Coed	5-8

In addition, a variety of intramural sports are offered.

* Soccer games for Grades 1-4 are primarily intramural, and there is a limited local league for Grades 3 and 4.

“My daughter never before showed an interest in sports. But playing on the Whitby soccer team this season really expanded her horizons. She has so much more confidence and can't wait for the next season to start.”

—WHITBY PARENT

“Whitby was the one school that understood our son's commitment to his athletic pursuit was a serious undertaking. They worked with us to develop a program that allowed him to pursue excellence in both academics and athletics.”

—WHITBY PARENT



PERFORMING ARTS



Whitby's performances are community events where teachers, siblings, parents, grandparents and fellow students encourage, empower and inspire each other.

Grades 3–8

Performing Arts
Theatre and Music

Schedule varies by season

Instrumental instructional lessons are required for participation in instrumental ensembles and may be pursued at Whitby (fee-based) or privately.

Whitby's curriculum includes studies of the performing arts, and our cocurricular program extends the learning that takes place in the classroom. Whether pursuing theatre or music, students and faculty alike demonstrate growth through risk-taking as they explore new means of expression.

Our two annual musicals provide opportunities for actors, musicians and artists to work together. Students who pursue individual instruments or chorus have both instructional and performance opportunities three times a year. Performance projects include a high level of community involvement and service.

Our performing arts faculty has advanced degrees in interdisciplinary teaching and methodology.

Whitby Highlights

Whitby's choral and production ensembles have been featured on local radio shows and have performed at local events.

In addition, professional actors, theatrical designers, and musicians visit Whitby to share their talents with the students.

The theatre program is led by Allyn Ratus, herself a professional actress who is being published in ISTA (International Schools Theater Association, to which Whitby is a full member).

WHITBY PERFORMING ARTS ENSEMBLES & INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS

Whitby's Performing Arts program encourages participation by all students, as the study of music integrates art and math and public performance to provide positive developmental experiences for all. Whitby faculty maintains an encouraging atmosphere for newcomers and encourages skilled musicians to achieve their next level of competency.

Theatre (Grades 5–8)

Whitby Theatre produces a fall musical and a spring play. Past productions include *Oliver!* and *Romeo and Juliet*. The Theatre program is designed to transport students to different places and times, build self-confidence and tear down inhibitions, channel their personal experiences into communication, enhance their articulation, and improve their memory skills. Productions are carefully chosen to align with concepts being studied across the curriculum and form a strong connected collaboration with music and art.

Music (Grades 3–8)

The following courses and ensembles are offered:

Beginner Band, Concert Band: Instrumental ensembles at two levels for new and experienced players of trumpet, baritone horn, French horn, trombone, clarinet, flute, saxophone, bass and electric guitar, glockenspiel, snare and additional percussion. Two performances per year.

Chorus: Choral ensembles at two levels. Two performances per year.

Individual Music Lessons: Private instruction in beginner band instruments plus piano/keyboard is available for a fee. Also available to Primary 2–Grade 8 through Enrichment.



“I never thought I’d be part of a rock band when I was only 11! Rock Band was so awesome, and everybody loved our performance at Cafe Night. We really rocked Whitby!”

—WHITBY STUDENT

“Theatre has made me so confident this year, which means so much to me. Ms. Rathus has uncovered my talent and my passion. Theatre with her as a director is more fun than recess, soccer, even playing and hanging out with friends.”

—WHITBY STUDENT



CLUBS & ELECTIVES



Upper School students choose from a variety of enrichment, performance and club experiences that broaden perspectives and appeal to individual interests.

Grades 5–8

Clubs & Electives

M – F 3:00 pm–3:50 pm

Upper School students participate in Electives twice per week, a pursuit which expands their experiences or builds on current interests. Taught by Whitby faculty and a required part of the program in Grades 5–8, the electives include Music and Theatre as well as a wide range of other activities. Some are offered on a semester-long basis, capitalizing on seasonal activities or extracurricular talents of the Whitby faculty. Others are year-long commitments and culminate in performances or presentations. In addition, Whitby participates in several organizations which are nationally recognized, including the MATHCOUNTS team and Montessori Model United Nations.

Whitby Highlights

At Whitby, math is always more about the process and the experience than the end results, but the end results have proven notable. Whitby has participated in the MATHCOUNTS State championships in recent years, qualifying through regional tournaments held in Fairfield County and placing several team members in the top 25 students in Connecticut.

CLUBS AND ELECTIVES

Below is a sampling of the electives which have been offered over the past several years. Student and faculty interests play a role in which options are pursued and how intensively. New ideas are always welcomed!

Featured Past Program Offerings

Art Installation

In collaboration with the Theatre department, students design and produce sets and props for theatre as well as art installations which are on exhibit during performance days.

First LEGO League and Open Lab Design

Students collectively solve design challenges using robotics with a prescribed theme, then present their solutions in competition.

Montessori Model United Nations

In preparation for a collaborative mock UN conference including students from all over the country and the world, students research topics pertaining to an assigned country. They then produce a position paper and a speech on the subject to be presented at the assembly.

MATHCOUNTS Team

Students learn about math, teamwork, perseverance and responsibility while preparing for and experiencing individual and team competitions in regional and state tournaments.

Outdoor Club

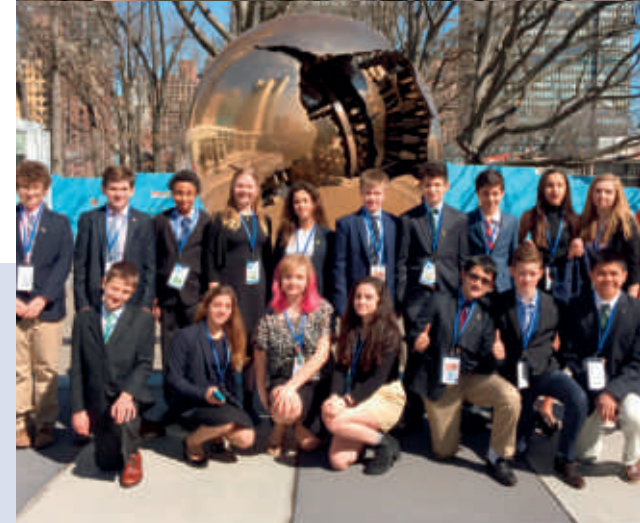
Opportunities for growth and finding new passions are all part of the trail taken by the Outdoor Club, whether hiking through local mountains, skiing a New England slope or exploring a coastal waterway.

Additional Past Program Offerings

Chess	Math Support Laboratory
Chinese	School Newspaper
Fantasy Football	Spanish
French	Student Council

“The sense of teamwork and collaboration the students showed throughout the MATH-COUNTS competition was truly remarkable, and they were rewarded by a great result. The team spirit was definitely engendered by Whitby’s approach to education.”

—WHITBY PARENT



WHITBY SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

- Founded in 1958
- 450 students from 18 months to Grade 8
- Diverse student body with 40 countries represented
- Recognized for our proven, exemplary academic program and highly trained, experienced staff
- Achieved high commendations in 2014 from the International Baccalaureate Organization
- Over 90% of Whitby graduates accepted at their first choice of high school
- State-of-the-art design tech and science labs
- Spanish taught beginning at 18 months
- Low student-faculty ratio
- Modern facilities on a beautiful 25-acre wooded campus
- Triple accredited: IB, AMS (early years), CAIS



Children's House
18 Months–6 yrs



Lower School
Grades 1–4



Upper School
Grades 5–8



WHITBY