

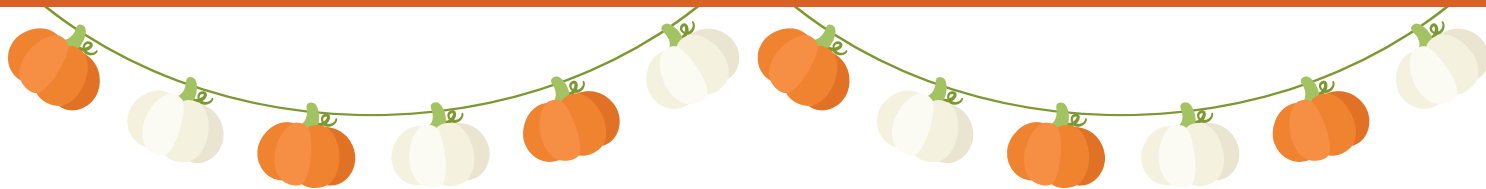
In The

BGCGM Mix

October 2026



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER MANCHESTER



Hello BGCGM Families,

The start of a new school year always brings excitement, fresh opportunities, and new faces. As we welcome families to the 2026-2027 school year, we're excited to share several positive changes that will help us better serve our members and create even more meaningful experiences.

One of the biggest updates this year is our **new age-group structure at the Union Street Clubhouse**: Grades K-1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-5, and Grades 6-12 (Tweens & Teens). These new groupings allow us to offer more age-appropriate activities, build stronger peer connections, and create opportunities that are tailored to each stage of development.

We've also strengthened our team by welcoming talented new staff members and promoting several outstanding employees from within our organization. Be sure to check out the last page of this newsletter to meet the new faces and see the staff changes taking place throughout the Club.

We are also proud to celebrate the opening of our newest facility, the **Jordan Singer Youth Enrichment Center (JSYEC)**, located within the Mark Stebbins Community Center on Manchester's West Side. JSYEC provides after-school programming for children in grades K-4, with transportation available from Gossler Park, Northwest, and Parker-Varney Elementary Schools. Additional program options are available for youth in grades 5-8. **To learn more, please contact JSYEC at 603-207-1128.**

Each month, we will share a family newsletter highlighting updates, activities, and important information from our programs. While this newsletter provides a snapshot of what's happening across the organization, not all activities and events are included, so please be sure to review the program-specific calendars that apply to your child.

Reminder: As colder weather approaches, members may continue to spend time outdoors. Please ensure your child comes prepared with appropriate seasonal clothing, including sweaters, jackets, and other weather-appropriate attire.

Are you following us on social media? Our social media channels are the best place to find photos and videos from Club programs, updates on delays and closures, announcements about school vacation and no-school-day programs, and registration information for upcoming opportunities.

Finally, please make sure your **MyProcure account** is up to date with your current email address. Important announcements, program updates, and family communications will be sent to the email address on file.

Thank you for being part of our Club family. We look forward to another incredible year of learning, growth, and fun!

Thank you,
BGCGM Programming Staff

IMPORTANT CLUB INFO & DATES

Friday, October 9

Professional Learning Day | No School

Union Street Clubhouse (grades K-12) & JSYEC (grades K-4) will be open 7am-6pm.

Registration is required for grades K-5!

Space is Limited! For more info and to register, visit bgcgm.org/no-school-day.

Monday, October 12

Indigenous People's Day | No School

All BGCGM Sites are CLOSED

Food Pantry

Available on Fridays from 4-6pm at the Clubhouse and Mark Stebbins Community Center for JSYEC families. Must have a current BGCGM member to enter the Food Pantry. Families may only visit ONE pantry weekly.

Fresh Mobile Market

The Fresh Mobile Market is available on Thursdays from 3-5pm, in the bus alley. The Fresh Mobile Market's last day is Thursday, October 15.

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CLUB & SITE HAPPENINGS

Mondays

Mad Science Mondays

Grades 2-3 will participate in Oobleck Lab, Floating Foil Board Experiments, and Halloween Potions. See Alex for more details.

Tuesdays & Thursday **Boys Group & Girls Group**

Members in Grades 2-3 can participate in these weekly groups that give members a chance to connect with their peers, participate in discussions, and essentially shape the direction of their group throughout the year.

Tuesdays

Fall Frenzy at JSYEC

JSYEC Grade 4 members can participate in fall-themed activities with Jeremy.

Wednesdays | 3:30pm

Cooking Club at JSYEC

JSYEC members will learn basic cooking and measuring skills with Arvelys.

Fridays

Face-Off Fridays

Grades 2-3 can participate in a weekly series of fun competitions and challenges. This month includes air hockey, puzzle rush, basketball, Connect 4, and more!

Fridays | 3:30pm

Gymnastics at JSYEC

JSYEC members can join Arvelys on the field to learn and practice light tumbling.

Fridays | 4:15pm

Flag Football at JSYEC

JSYEC members can join Mark and Brayden on the field to learn and play flag football.

October 7

Cooking Club

Grades K-1 can see Annie for more info.

JSYEC open for Grades 6-8

Beginning October 5, from 5:30-7pm, for \$10 annual membership fee! Dinner at 5:30, followed by basketball on the court or in the gym.

Transportation not provided.

October 14

Community Meeting

All sites will honor Club members of the month in the different areas. JSYEC, HGF, and Jewett will present their awards during their announcements. The Clubhouse will hold their meeting at 4pm. **We will be celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness, please be sure to wear pink, so we can take group photos at each site!**

October 16

Anti-bullying day at HGF

Activities to include how to prevent bullying and how to be kind. See Nikki for more info.

October 22

Birthday Cupcakes

Members with a September, October, or November birthday can receive a cupcake in the cafe.

October 21 | 1st period

Boys Group

Grades K-1 boys can gather in the Blue Room for a period of fun activities.

October 23 | 6-7pm

Family Candy Bar BINGO Night at JSYEC

Members can enjoy a fun evening with their families, playing different games of bingo for delicious prizes. Please see Ginny for more info.

October 23 | 2nd period

Book Buddies

Grades K-1 can join Julia, our Education Director, in the K-1 Quiet Room to read a story together and do an activity.

October 28 | 1st period

Girls Group

Grades K-1 girls can gather in the Quiet Room for a period of fun activities.

October 30

National Candy Corn Day

Grades 2-3 will celebrate National Candy Corn Day with a view of The Nightmare Before Christmas at 5:30pm. See Alex for more info.

October 30

"Wicked" Day at HGF

Please see Nikki for more info.

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TWEEN & TEEN EVENTS

Tuesdays & Thursday Boys Group & Girls Group

Teens (grades 8-12) can participate in these weekly activities. See the Teen staff for more info.

October 7

Torch Club & Keystone

Our Leadership Groups will begin meeting. Please see Rudi or Nathalie (Keystone) or Journey (Torch Club) for more info.

October 9

Beech Hill Farm

Grades 6-7 will be able to visit Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton. See Gil for more info.

October 16 | 6-10pm

Latin Heritage Celebration

Stay late and enjoy Latin food, games, and music! See Gil for more info.

***New Hours for Tweens/Teens*
Beginning, October 5,
we are open until 8pm
Monday – Friday!**

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Monday | 2nd period

Girls Gym

Grades 2-12 girl members are welcome to attend Girls Gym. See Braden for more details.

Tuesdays | 2:30-3:15pm

Art Club

See Kaitlyn for more info.

Tuesdays | 3:18-4pm

Digital Art Club

Grades 6-12 can join Kaitlyn in the STEAM Lab and learn about digital art.

Wednesdays | during age group period

Basketball Skills & Drills

Grades 2-12 are welcome to improve their basketball skills, including dribbling, passing, shooting, and 5v5 scrimmages. Basketball shoes are required. Members who are not being respectful will be asked to leave the program.

October 2 | 2nd period

603 Creative Writing Club

603 Creative Writing is an educational program for Club members in grades 2-12 where they can learn and experience what it means to be a writer and creative thinker. The club meets monthly on the first Friday. In October the club will be doing an intro and writing game. See Julia for more details.

October 9 | 4:45-5:30pm

Memorial HS Football Visit

Captains from Memorial High School's Football Team will be visiting the Gym to run football drills with members. See Braden for more info.

October 26

ECO Science: Pumpkin Painting

The ECO Science Club will paint pumpkins and talk about NH food and agriculture. See Julia or Rae for more info.

October 29

ECO Science: Massabesic Lake Walking Trails

The ECO Science Club will walk the trails of Massabesic Lake and talk about local drinking water preservation. See Julia for a permission slip.

October 29

D&D Trollide

D&D Club will celebrate the D&D Halloween with a special one-day adventure. See Kaitlyn for more info.

October 30 | during age group period

Halloween Dodgeball Tournament

Open to grades 2-12 to play. See Braden for more info.

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Halloween Spirit Week at the Union Street Clubhouse | October 27-31

MONDAY

Monster Mismatch

Wear your best mismatched outfit

Special Event:
Mismatch Fashion Show

TUESDAY

Halloween Colors

Wear your favorite Halloween colors

Special Event:
Making magic potions in STEAM

WEDNESDAY

Willy Wonka Day

Dress as a Willy Wonka character

Special Event:
Willy Wonka character-themed challenges

THURSDAY

Thrills & Chills

Wear your favorite Halloween pajamas

Special Event:
Beat the staff & Halloween feely boxes

FRIDAY

Halloween Party

Wear costumes
No weapons

Special Event:
K-5 Party: 3:15-6pm
6-12 Party: 6-10pm

Halloween Party Grades K-1

October 30

Members will enjoy a scavenger hunt and special crafts.
See Annie for more info.

Halloween Party JSYEC

October 30

See Ginny for more info.



NOVEMBER REMINDERS

November 3 - No School
Clubhouse & JSYEC open 7am-6pm.
Registration info coming soon.

November 5 - Hall of Fame
All BGC GM Sites Close at 5pm.

November 6 - Early Release Day (K-4)
All BGC GM Sites Close at 6pm.

November 11 - No School
Clubhouse & JSYEC open 7am-6pm.
Registration info coming soon.



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MEET OUR TEAM

Check out our awesome team! Below notes if staff are new, promoted, or returning to the same position as last year!

NEW STAFF

PROMOTED STAFF

RETURNING STAFF



MINA
Union Street Unit Director



AUSTIN
Program Director



JENNIE
Director of Program Quality
& Staff Development



ANNIE
Grades K-1 Director



ALEX
Grades 2-3 Director



ALLY
Grades 4-5 Asst. Director



GIL
Tween-Teen Director



RUDI
Director of Teen Engagement & Resources



LUCY
Family & Member Services Manager



KEITH
STEAM Director



KAITLYN
Art Director

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JULIA
Education Director



BRADEN
Athletic Director



CLINT
Performing Arts Director



PATRICK
Director of Culinary Services



GINNY
JSYEC Site Director



ELIZABETH
Jewett Site Director



NIKKI
Highland-Goffe's Falls
Site Director



KIM
Office Manager



MARITZA
Receptionist



CIARA
Receptionist



SUZANNE
Receptionist