In The BGCGM Mix

November 2026

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER MANCHESTER

Hello BGCGM Families,

As we welcome November, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, community, and spending time together. At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Manchester, this month brings exciting opportunities for members to learn, grow, and create lasting memories through enriching programs, special events, and everyday moments at the Club.

We are thankful for the continued support of our families, volunteers, donors, and community partners who help make a positive impact in the lives of our young people each day. As we head into the holiday season, we look forward to celebrating our members' achievements and sharing all the exciting activities planned for the weeks ahead. Thank you for being an important part of our Club family!

Thank you,
BGCGM Programming Staff

Happy Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 17

Thanksgiving Family Dinner
All sites will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for families from 4:30-6pm! Sign-ups are at the Clubhouse and JSYEC's front desk, or with your Site Director.



November 23-24

Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets
We are fortunate to have wonderful community partners assist us in completing our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets, which include a turkey and many of the ingredients for side dishes.

BGCGM families are eligible to sign-up for a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket. An email will be sent to families when sign-ups are available. All baskets, regardless of the site your child attends, will be picked up at the Union Street Clubhouse.

IMPORTANT CLUB INFO & DATES

NO SCHOOL DAYS

Manchester School District is closed on **Tuesday, November 3**, for Election Day & **Wednesday, November 11**, for Veterans Day.

BGCGM is open for families at the Union Street Clubhouse and JSYEC. Please visit bgcgm.org/no-school-day for details on which location your child will attend, hours, registration, and fees. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are provided by BGCGM.

Thursday, November 5

HALL OF FAME
All BGCGM sites will close at 5pm & the Union Street Clubhouse Gym will be closed.

Friday, November 6

EARLY RELEASE DAY | GRADES K-4
We will pick up members at 11:10am and transport to the Union Street Clubhouse or JSYEC. Highland-Goffe's Falls members will be transported to Jewett Street elementary school for their joint Halloween Party.
All sites close at 6pm. *HGF members must be picked up at Jewett Street by 6pm.*

November 25-27

Thanksgiving Recess
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.

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CLUB & SITE HAPPENINGS

Every Day | 1st & 2nd periods
Fall Frenzy at JSYEC

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

Mondays | 4-4:45pm
Language Learners

Grades 2-3 members will explore Spanish through interactive games, hands-on activities, and fun challenges! Members will learn greetings, colors, numbers, and more as they prepare for a special Language Learners Fiesta at the end of December!

Days & Times Vary
Girls Scouts

Girl members can earn Girl Scout badges with a team of Girl Scount Troop Leaders.

- *Tuesdays at Union Street Clubhouse for grades K-1 from 4-5pm*
- *Wednesdays at Union Street Clubhouse for grades 2-5 from 4-5pm*
- *Thursdays at JSYEC for Grades K-4 from 4:15-5:15pm*

Meetings run through June 4.

Wednesdays | 3:30pm
Cooking Club at JSYEC

JSYEC members will learn basic cooking and measuring skills with Arvelys. On the menu is: creamy apple pie dip (11/4), and pumpkin pie in a cup (11/18)

Wednesday & *Thursday*
Boys Group & Girls Group

Members in Grades 2-3 can participate in these weekly groups, during 2nd period, to connect with each other through fun, member-driven activities.

Fridays | 3:15-4:45pm
Face-Off Fridays

Competitions this month for Grades 2-3 are: Tabletop Shuffleboard (11/6), Better Together Challenge (11/13) in celebration of World Kindness Day, and Skee-Ball Challenge (11/20).

Fridays | 1st & 2nd periods
Flag Football at JSYEC

JSYEC members will learn the rules of the game, and play demonstrating what they learned. Weather permitting on the field.

November 4 | 4-4:45pm
Cooking Club

Grades K-1 can learn to cook in Cooking Club in the Quiet Room! See Annie or Pavlina for more info.

November 5
National Donut Day at HGF

See Nikki for more info!

November 6
Highland & Jewett Halloween Party

Following early dismissal, members at Highland-Goffe's Falls will be transported to Jewett Street Elementary School for a joint Halloween Party. Costumes can be brought to school, and members can change after they are dismissed from school. All Highland members MUST be picked up at Jewett Street Elementary School (130 S Jewett Street). All members must be picked up by 6pm!

November 9 | 4-4:45pm
STEAM Day in the Blue Room

The STEAM Lab is coming to Grades K-1 Blue Room to create special medieval themed art projects.

November 18
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 in the Gym.

November 19
Dinner by the Statires Family

Volunteer and newly inducted Hall of Fame member, Karen Statires, and her family will make and serve dinner to Clubhouse members.

November 19 | 4-5:30pm
Movie Night

Grade K-1 members can enjoy the movie Shrek in the Blue Room. See Annie for more info.

November 20 | 4-4:45pm
Joust Day

Members will use bikes and pool noodles to "joust." See Annie for more info.

November 23 | 4-4:45pm
Book Buddies

Education Director Julia will read a book with Grades K-1 in the K-1 Quiet Room, followed by an activity. See Annie for more info.

All Month
Medieval Madness Contest

Members in grades K-1 will be split into two teams and compete against one another and the staff to earn points all month long. The team with the most points at the end of November will win a fun prize. See Annie for more info.

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TWEEN & TEEN EVENTS

Friday

B&G Audio

Tweens/Teens can hang out with McEdward in our on-site studio and learn how to make beats, edit, and record music! See Gil for more info.

November 13 | 6-9pm

3v3 Basketball Friendsgiving Late Night

Members can compete in a 3v3 basketball tournament for prizes, and staff will be making delicious treats!

November 20

Members Choice

Tween/Teen members will be able to vote on what field trip they would like to go on. See Gil for more info.



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Monday | 2nd period

Girls Gym

Girls in grades 2-12 are welcome to attend Girls Gym to participate in different sports, games, and activities. See Braden for more details.

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 3rd period

Planet Fitness Gym

Tweens/Teens, if you are interested in working out in the Planet Fitness gym, please see Braden for a permission slip. A permission slip must be signed by a parent/guardian before you can use the gym.

Wednesdays | 5:30-7:30pm

5v5 Basketball

Join Braden for 5v5 scrimmages. Basketball shoes are required. Members who are not being respectful will be asked to leave the program.

November 6

603 Creative Writing Club

603 Creative Writing Club members will be working together to write and complete short stories by the end of the month for NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). Members who finish their stories get prizes and punch card points! See Julia in the Learning Center for more info.

November 10 & 12 | 6-8pm

CYO Middle School Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts are for the Cadets division, which is for grades 7-8 boys. Players must be at least 10 years old but under 15 years old as of 12/31/26. Players in a younger grade can try out, as long as they meet the age requirements.

November 13 | 1st & 2nd periods

General Knowledge Kahoot!

Members can play Kahoot! and win prizes.

November 24

Turkey Bowl Flag Football

Join Braden on the field, weather permitting. See Braden for more info.

November 30

ECO Science Club

Dive into Eco Science for aquatic-themed fun! We'll do an interactive fish activity, learn more about undersea life, and make fish models. See Julia in the Learning Center for more info.