



### Anson Middle School Intramurals and Academic Competition Started

Recently the Anson Middle School community initiated a set of intramurals consisting of physical and academic components. On alternative days students participate in either a volleyball tournament or an academic trivia challenge bowl. These two tournament style approaches encourage students to utilize their physical skills and knowledge base to earn points for correct answers. The intramurals will continue until mid to late January when intramural basketball will take the place of the game of volleyball.

Students participate in the Intramurals two separate and different ways. Intramurals have begun with students participating in teamwork, playing against a team of their peers. Each team is comprised of homerooms that have been randomly assigned and allotted a time and day to compete. The schedule has been selected randomly using an online drawing program that created the tier or bracket process. Each team will continue to play until it has been eliminated twice, leaving a 7th grade "winner" and an 8th grade "winner." These two teams will then proceed to the next level, the school-wide level competition. Volleyball matches are played on "A" days on Anson Middle's block schedule.

The second intramural game Anson Middle School started is the Brain Game Challenge. It was created to provide an alternative to participating in intramural volleyball. Students interested in participating in the Brain Game Challenge have previously been asked to sign up for it through their homerooms. All of the students were then randomly assigned to teams of six in both the seventh and eighth grade. The groups of students selected their own name prior to their first round of competition. During each match teams take turns being asked trivia-type questions pertaining to their academic studies. Questions are derived from core content areas in which students previously studies or are currently studying. Questions focus on such topics as US and North Carolina history, math, science, geography, etc. Competition is set up using a tournament bracket system and the students compete in the Brain Games on alternate days to the Volleyball intramurals.

The Anson Middle School community plans to continue the intramurals through the second and into the third quarter of the school academic year.

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