



Fox Chapel Area High School

# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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## **Ambassadors for Children's Hospital Club**

Lead Student: Annabel Siddons      Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Cooper

Purpose: The goal of this club is to raise money for Children's Hospital while simultaneously raising awareness for pediatric cancer.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Armed Services Club**

Lead Student: Daniel Thomas      Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Thomas

Purpose: The Armed Services Club is dedicated to promoting leadership theory and development, critical thinking, performance triad, citizenship, and spreading awareness of military matters.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Art Club**

Lead Student: Marley Pistella      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Marangoni

Purpose: This club is a community where people of all levels and skills can get together and be creative!

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Asian Cultural Club**

Lead Student: Justine Eng      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Modlin

Purpose: This club aims to:

- Discuss issues related to AAPI culture, both affecting the community and within it.
- Welcome a wide variety of people regardless of ethnicity, and foster an environment that promotes diversity.
- Create art expressing the authentic AAPI experience, through performance, painting, dancing, and writing. To this end, explore collaboration with other clubs to do this.
- Explore volunteer opportunities to contribute back to the community.
- Create an environment in which AAPI and non-AAPI people alike can freely debate, discuss, and exchange ideas.
- Educate on potential business opportunities connecting Asia at large and America.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Best Buddies Club**

Lead Student: Ashton Schutzman and Annie Yonas

Faculty Sponsors: Dr. Dojonovic/Mrs. Hopper

Purpose: Fox Chapel Best Buddies is a club for ALL High School students with and without disabilities who want to increase friendship opportunities for ALL students. We are dedicated to ensuring that ALL students in our schools are included in not just the general education classrooms but social activities. We are dedicated to fostering friendships outside of the classroom setting.

Meeting Information: QRT.

## **Black Student Union**

Lead Student: Gabrielle Uku

Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Finley

Purpose: A student organization that represents the interests of and coordinates events for Black students in the Fox Chapel Community at FCAHS.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Book Club**

Lead Student: Ellie Peterson

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ward

Purpose: Book Club is a place for students to meet and discuss that month's chosen book. A great club for those who love to read and talk about what the book meant to them.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Busking Club**

Lead Student: Siddharth Yende

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Barle

Purpose: Bring together students to perform at events such as Fox Fest and the Homecoming Carnival

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Chess Club**

Lead Student: Janise Kim

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Shiner

Purpose: The chess club provides students the opportunity to engage and interact with other chess enthusiasts as well as participate in chess-related activities and events in our community.

Meeting Information: QRT

### **Community Outreach--Student Government Committee**

Lead Student: Riley McIntyre      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Machen

Purpose: Community Outreach is a volunteer-oriented club focused on giving back to the surrounding communities.

Meeting Information: QRT

### **Current Events Club**

Lead Student: Davina Chang      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Colvin

Purpose: To create a safe space for students to explore and discuss current events

Meeting Information: QRT

### **D.E.S.I. (Designated Ethnic Society of India)**

Lead Student: Siddharth Yende      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Polesiak

Purpose: To spread an understanding of Indian culture theory dance and music, allowing people to explore a different culture.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council**

Lead Student: Kaitlyn Legge      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Green

Purpose: To construct an environment within the high school that is inclusive and collaborative to all races, sexualities, genders, ethnicities, cultures, and religions by educating the student body and faculty through discussion and activities in order to create a more just and inclusive school environment in which everyone feels accepted and heard.

Meeting Information: QRT-first Tuesday of every month

### **Drama Club**

Lead Student: Kaylee Dunham      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Dixon

Purpose: To plan and perform a student-run production in the spring semester

Meeting Information: QRT and afterschool for rehearsal

## **Environmental Club**

Lead Student: Lawrence Liu

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Schubert

Purpose: The Environmental Club aims to reduce the carbon footprint of the school, while also providing students with educational and volunteering opportunities within our surrounding opportunities.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **FC Baking Club**

Lead Student: Annalese Bartolacci

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Antonikas

Purpose: To provide a place where students can bake cookies and cakes together.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Fearless Bible Club**

Lead Student: Danielle Horne

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Matonak

Purpose: Our goal as a club is to share with people the true and authentic freedom that comes from following Christ, while building each other up in our faith and relationships with one another and having fun.

Meeting Information: Both QRT and Afterschool

## **Film Club**

Lead Student: Shea Davison

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Aires

Purpose: The purpose of Film Club is to not only spread the joy in appreciating film, but it is also about making real world connections and realizations through it. We want to create a relaxing environment where our classmates can come and have an opportunity to take some time to admire accredited films. Following the short movie, we plan to have discussion questions based on the bigger picture and purpose of what watching that specific short film was. Overall, our main purpose is to spread knowledge and awareness to our classmates about the value in films and what they have to teach. Also, we want to give people an ability to relax and enjoy their school day while also learning valuable lessons.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

### **Fitness Club**

Lead Student: William Cooper      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Welty

Purpose: Fitness Club provides students the opportunity to express their interests in sports, weightlifting, and nutrition with students who share similar passions.

Meeting Information: QRT and After school

### **Fox Chapel History Club**

Lead Student: Arvind Seshan      Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Norberg

Purpose: The purpose of this club is to promote student interest in history. We will watch historical movies, play history trivia games, and go on history-related field trips. We will also participate in history and quiz bowls. The club will also be a place where students can receive assistance if they need it for any history class through peer-tutoring and support.

Meeting Information: QRT

### **Fox Tales Quarterly**

Lead Student: Kaylee Uribe      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Gibson

Purpose: to feature newsworthy happenings in our school and our community

Meeting Information: QRT

### **French Club**

Lead Student: Isabella Barbour      Faculty Sponsor: Mme. Montgomery

Purpose: To learn more about the French culture.

Meeting Information: QRT

### **Future Business Leaders of America**

Lead Student: Sydney Kennedy      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Congalton

Purpose: FBLA helps high school students prepare for careers in business through academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs

Meeting Information: QRT

## **German Club**

Lead Student: Laura Klamut

Faculty Sponsor: Fra. Koller

Purpose: To initiate and foster an interest in the German language and culture.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Global Outreach Club**

Lead Student: Kaitlyn Legge

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Rios

Purpose: To allow students to have an opportunity to help the global community through a book drive for Africa as well as other smaller projects and charitable activities.

Meeting Information: Both

## **GSA**

Lead Student: Hannah Poole

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Modlin + Mr. Devlin

Purpose: To create a safe space for queer teens and their allies

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Hacking and Computing Club**

Lead Student: Arvind Seshan

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Schubert

Purpose: The purpose of the club is to promote student interest in computer science. We participate in coding competitions, run coding class for middle/elementary schools, and provide support for the annual FCHacks competition.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Hiking Club**

Lead Student: Matthew Fiedler

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Battista

Purpose: To provide an excellent way for students to destress, get exercise, and explore the outdoors

Meeting Information: Planning during QRT and hikes after school

## **HomeLost Project**

Lead Student: Annie Yonas

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Tsambis

Purpose: To raise awareness of homelessness and bring the community together to make quilts

Meeting Information: QRT

## **HOSA - Future Health Professionals**

Lead Student: Claire Hamilton

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Miller

Purpose: HOSA is a club for students who are interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. Members have the opportunity to compete in a variety of health-related events at the state and international level.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Jewish Student Union**

Lead Student: Jessica Balk

Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Susser

Purpose: The purpose of the Jewish Student Union is to connect with the Jewish community in our school district and raise awareness of anti-semitism. We will aim to educate our community on Jewish culture, heritage, and religion.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Latin Club**

Lead Student: Kaitlyn Legge

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Matusiak

Purpose: Tutoring, Roman theme games, learning about the culture, and more!

Meeting Information: Monthly in Room 204 (possibly during QRT or after school)

## **Minecraft Discussion Club**

Lead Student: Vanessa Strain

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Schubert

Purpose: Just to have fun! :)

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Mock Trial Club**



Lead Student: Anna Ferris

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Klein

Purpose: We aim to get students interested in the law by building and trying court cases as a team. We deep-dive into how to build a strong argument, be an engaging speaker, and understand this country's complex and fascinating legal system.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

### **Model UN**

Lead Student: Patrick Alexander

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Matusiak

Purpose: To introduce students to the realm of global diplomacy, to teach students research, communication, and consensus building skills

Meeting Information: Both

### **Mu Alpha Theta/Math Club**

Lead Student: Shri Thada

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Hollern

Purpose: This club is for people who really enjoy math. We attend different math competitions like Calculusolve, PAML, MCWP, and more.

Meeting Information: QRT

### **Mythology Club**

Lead Student: Gabriella Urso

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Matusiak

Purpose: The purpose of the club would be to spread mythology and have our fellow students understand and retell our ancestor's beliefs to the next generation so they also know the historical significance. Our goal is to share our love of learning mythology to our peers and hope they find a similar passion. We will debate, discuss, and present information about mythology.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

### **NAHS - National Art Honor Society**

Lead Student: Uma Muzumdar

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Marangoni

Purpose: To honors those interested in the arts.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **National Honor Society**

Lead Student: Janise Kim

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Gibson

Purpose: This club is by invitation only after sophomore year.

Meeting Information: Undecided

## **PDC- Political Discourse Club**

Lead Student: Oliver Smith

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Aires

Purpose: To provide equal opportunity for everyone to share opinions based on truth

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Philosophy Club**

Lead Student: Thomas Healy

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Bandurski

Purpose: To create a group where we embrace engaging in discourse regarding the biggest ethical, existential, and general questions we may ponder. In order to achieve this we work to make a comfortable setting for people to share. We also focus on real life applications of our thinking such as finding volunteering and group activities outside of meetings.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Ping Pong Club**

Lead Student: Arvind Seshan

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Welty

Purpose: The Ping Pong Club is a fun non-competitive environment for you to practice your ping pong skills and meet other students who share a love for the game. We welcome athletes of all levels. Beginners are also invited to come learn the sport.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Pottery Club**

Lead Student: Rory Sauereisen

Faculty Sponsor: Ms. M. Montgomery

Purpose: The purpose of this club is to promote ceramics and pottery design and construction.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Psychology Club**

Lead Student: Beata Turnquist      Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Modlin

Purpose: To normalize mental illness and be an outlet for students who do not feel comfortable discussing mental health at home. It will also teach helpful coping strategies and techniques.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Robotics Club**

Lead Student: Dino Iasella      Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Siniawski

Purpose: To build and develop a variety of robots, and compete primarily in the Bots IQ combat robotics competition.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Science Bowl Club**

Lead Student: Shri Thada      Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Patterson

Purpose: Science Bowl is a fast paced competition based on general science, geology, math, science, biology, physics, and chemistry. The club will prepare you for the competition.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Science Fair Club**

Lead Student: Zoe Lakkis      Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Patterson

Purpose: Science Fair Club members conduct scientific research projects in various fields, including Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Engineering. Members of the club will receive assistance preparing presentations for the PJAS, PRSEF/ISEF, and Regeneron STS science fairs.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Science Olympiad Club**

Lead Student: Daniel Kim      Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Patterson

Purpose: Promote interest in a variety of STEM topics through events and organized competitions.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Skate Club**

Lead Student: Evan Kotchey

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Battista

Purpose: The purpose of skate club is to relax and blow off steam by exercise in a fun and unique environment. Skate club is for people to roller skate or blade around the gym and enjoy the time with their other friends and schoolmates.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Ski Club**

Lead Student: Oliver Smith

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Smith

Purpose: The purpose of ski club is to arrange ski trips during the evening to Seven Springs.

Meeting Information: QRT/evening trips

## **Social Activism Club**

Lead Student: Anna Ferris

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ward

Purpose: We aim to get students involved in the most pressing social and humanitarian issues of the day, encourage acceptance within our community, and give voices to the marginalized.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Spanish Club**

Lead Student: Nathaniel Mueller

Faculty Sponsor: Sra. Barone

Purpose: To promote and spread Spanish and Latin-American culture.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Speech and Debate Club**

Lead Student: Patrick Alexander

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Matusiak

Purpose: To teach students communication skills, confidence when addressing an audience, and to give students opportunities to explore topics of literature, debate, and other fields of interest

Meeting Information: QRT and afterschool

## **STEM Club (formerly STEM Outreach Club)**

Lead Student: Janise Kim

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Gibson

Purpose: The STEM Club aims to organize and expand STEM-related initiatives and outreach opportunities throughout and beyond our school.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Strategy Club**

Lead Student: James Kisslinger

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Aires

Purpose: To provide a place for people interested in strategic, ttrpg, or other games to meet and play

Meeting Information: Tuesday Afterschool

## **Student Government**

Lead Student: Nabeela Islam

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Butkovic

Purpose: All members of the school community should have a meaningful voice in determining the policies of the school, in promoting a positive school climate and in shaping the future of the school. All students and staff regardless of gender, religion, color, socioeconomic status or creed should have the opportunity to be involved in the school's Student Government. The Student Government should be based on democratic principles. The Student Government will also promote leadership by training students in the principles of leadership. We the students and staff of Fox Chapel Area High School assembled in Congress do establish the Student Government.

Meeting Information: Monthly during extended QRT; committees meet during QRT as well

## **SWENext Club**

Lead Student: Shriya Krishnamurthy

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Gibson

Purpose: To empower students to pursue careers in STEM through competitions, outreach events, and mentorship.

Meeting Information: QRT or afterschool Monthly

## **Tapestry**

Lead Student: Carlie Barnett

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Green

Purpose: The purpose of our club is to inspire creativity throughout our school by producing an annual edition of the Tapestry literary arts magazine. Our club offers all students the opportunity to submit their work for consideration through an anonymous reviewing process. We aim to create an inclusive and comfortable environment for writers and artists by conducting this process and by hosting open mic events in which all are free to share their creative works. Additionally, we offer school-wide manuscript editing services for those who are seeking to improve their academic essays, Tapestry submissions, or any creative piece. As the club for our school's literary arts magazine, we aim to give writers and artists confidence in their work and provide every student with the chance to creatively express him or herself. By encouraging everyone to submit, we hope to create a magazine that is truly representative of the unique voices that Fox Chapel's student body has to offer.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **The Children of Steel Club**

Lead Student: Gloria Wen

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Capek

Purpose: The Children of Steel provides in-person free tutoring for grades K-5 at the FC elementary schools. The Children of Steel also encompasses outreach opportunities called Initiatives in which tutors can become involved within the community.

Meeting Information: tutor sessions are held once a week afterschool (45-60 min), and club meetings are held once a week on Google Meets

## **The Spikeball Club**

Lead Student: Colin Lazzara

Faculty Sponsor: Mr. Ingram

Purpose: The purpose of this club is to create a fun environment for those who want to play spikeball and also teach those who are looking to learn how to play. It is also a club where people can get a break from school and get a fun way of exercise in to relieve their minds.

Meeting Information: QRT

## **Techonology Student Association**

Lead Student: Tim Park

Faculty Sponsors: Mr. Palucis, Mr. Gass, and Mr. Papariello

Purpose: To promote technology education through competitions at the regional, state and national levels.

Meeting Information: Afterschool

## **Yearbook**

Lead Student: Sarah Giuffre

Faculty Sponsor: Mrs. Wickman

Purpose: Help document the activities, achievements, and memories from the 2021-2022 school year! Assist in the creation of the design and layout for each of the sections.

Meeting Information: QRT