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Student Clubs, Groups & Activities Handbook



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NOTE TO THE STUDENTS

Co-curricular activities are considered a vital and integral component of the WHS. You are encouraged to join and become actively involved in one or more of these activities. They can be a means by which you could realize further personal growth and educational enrichment.

This handbook contains a description of the clubs and activities offered at WHS. Hopefully, you will use it as a reference to assist you in selecting those co-curricular areas you wish to join. An updated list of class sponsors and meeting dates/times may be found in the WHS Main Office or online at the Warhill Website



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CLASS OFFICERS

Each class elects officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian) in the spring of the previous year to represent them in the upcoming school year. Class officers should maintain a C average, be responsible and willing to represent their class in a variety of ways, including fund-raising activities. For more information, contact your class sponsor.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Freshman Class officers work hard as leaders of the class to motivate others in various fundraising activities and to promote a sense of class spirit at pep rallies, in recognition of student achievement, and at any class activity. The Freshman Class raises money for activities held during the junior and senior year (proms and class activities). While class officers are elected, the goal is to strive for total class involvement. Class officers meet as needed throughout the year based on upcoming activities.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Sophomore Class officers work hard as leaders of the class to motivate others in various fundraising activities and to promote a sense of class spirit at pep rallies, in recognition of student achievement, and at any class activity. Fundraising is necessary to have an adequate treasury for activities such as the Junior/Senior Prom, the Senior Gift, and other expenses associated with graduation. Leaders of the Sophomore Class are responsible for three major fundraising campaigns. These officers are responsible for the organization, publicity, and completing all tasks necessary to make the fundraiser successful. Sophomore Class officers are responsible for organizing and attending all class meetings.

JUNIOR CLASS

Junior Class officers work hard as leaders of the class to motivate others in various fundraising activities and to promote a sense of class spirit at pep rallies, in recognition of student achievement, and at any class activity. The Junior Class sponsors fundraisers and community service events. The fundraisers are to cover some of the costs of the Junior Prom, as well as sending funds towards Senior Class expenses. The Junior Prom will be held in May or June. Elected officers as well as interested class members are encouraged to participate in all activities.

SENIOR CLASS

Senior Class officers work hard as leaders of the class to motivate others in various fundraising activities and to promote a sense of class spirit at pep rallies, in recognition of student achievement, and at any class activity. Senior Class officers, under the direction of the advisor, are responsible for ensuring a successful senior year for their classmates. This includes being responsible for making decisions involving their classmates and acting as positive role models. A



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general objective of the class is to ensure a successful completion of the major projects of the Senior Class including the Senior Awards Assembly, the Senior Prom, Senior Breakfast and Graduation. Seniors are encouraged to become involved in decision-making directly related to senior activities either by running for office or by becoming members of committees, such as the Prom Committee.

STUDENT CLUBS

ANIME CLUB – Sponsor (Ms. Nash)

Anime is the Japanese abbreviated pronunciation of "animation." In English-speaking countries, the term most commonly refers to Japanese animated cartoons. While the earliest known Japanese animation dates to 1917, and many original Japanese cartoons were produced in the ensuing decades, the characteristic anime style developed in the 1960s—notably with the work of Osamu Tezuka—and became known outside Japan in the 1980s. Both hand-drawn and computer-animated anime exist. It is used in television series, films, video, video games, commercials, and internet-based releases, and represents most, if not all, genres of fiction. The Anime Club is a club that meets to discuss the culture of Japan and about Anime and Manga. They watch movies and have fun getting to know each other through a common interest. It is a great way for a student to learn about the different countries and make friends.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – Sponsor (TBD)

American Sign Language is the primary sign language used by people who are Deaf/hard of hearing in the United States and Canada, devised in part by Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet on the basis of sign language in France. Anyone who is interested in American Sign Language may join the ASL Club.

CHESS CLUB – Sponsor – Ms. Throckmorton

Also known as the game of kings, Chess is a game that challenges the mind. The club is open to those who know how to play to those who have never played.

CODING CLUB – Sponsor – Mr. Pickard

Coding is what makes it possible for creating computer software, apps, and websites. Coding club offers students an opportunity to learn to code.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) – Sponsors – Mr. Dick and Ms. Nash

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a nonprofit education association made up of students preparing for business or business related fields. It is the largest business career student organization in the world. FBLA's mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Through



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region and state-based competitions at the Leadership Conferences, students can compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills.

FRENCH CLUB – Sponsor – Ms. Ingegneri

The French Club's/Le Cercle Français purpose is to provide students with a fun and casual atmosphere in which to heighten the awareness of French cultures and the French language through a series of educational, social, and travel events, and to provide tutorial assistance to students in need.

Membership is open to all Warhill High School students interested in France and Francophone culture, regardless of race, color, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion. Duties of members include active involvement in the club: attendance to the meetings, demonstrating enthusiasm for the club and sharing ideas for future events, and helping with organization and staging of club events.

GAY / STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA) – Sponsor – TBD

The Warhill Gay-Straight Alliance promotes tolerance and acceptance of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender community. They encourage respect among students and staff, and work to end bullying at school. They work to uphold these values and eliminate the ignorance within our school and community.

GUYS READ BOOK CLUB – Sponsor – Dr. Carroll

Interested in reading a great book with Dr. Carroll? Guys read book club is for you!

INTERACT CLUB – Sponsor – (TBD)

The Interact Club is a Rotary Club sponsored organization of young people whose purpose is to provide opportunity for students to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

To be eligible for membership, a student must possess good character and leadership potential. The Interact Club will plan at least two projects each year, one to serve the school or community and one to advance international understanding. Good service projects take lots of people and planning and persistence if they are going to succeed. An active member picks up practical experience, discovers new interests and at times, shares the "good feeling" that goes with serving others.



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KEY CLUB – Sponsor – Ms. Holthaus

The Key Club is a service organization for high school students who work to develop initiative, leadership and good citizenship skills in its members by organizing activities to benefit the community. The Key Club is sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club, which is composed of leading business and professional people of the community. The Key Club is the largest service organization of its kind with over 130,000 members in approximately 3,800 clubs around the world.

LACROSSE CLUB - Sponsor – (TBD)

Lacrosse Club is an organized non VHSL team. The team competes against other school in the area. The season is played in the spring.

MEDIA CENTER TEEN ADVISORY GROUP AND BOOK CLUB – Sponsor – Ms. Carter and Ms. Wine

MODEL United Nations (MUN) – Sponsor – Ms. Scully

Model United Nations (affectionately known as MUN) is a simulation of world politics wherein students take on the role of diplomats and assemble in committee to investigate, debate, and propose solutions to world issues. From massive General Assembly committees to the European Union to the cabinets of warring nations, MUN conferences offer delegates the opportunity to role play on a wide number of committees as the representative of many different countries and ministries. MUN helps students learn how to communicate, collaborate, and argue effectively, all essential life skills in any career field. Most importantly, however, MUN is FUN, and a great way to meet new friends.

OPERATION SMILE - Sponsor – Ms. Mcknight

Operation Smile is a club that organizes fundraising opportunities to provide those in need of facial surgical help an opportunity to receive it and smile as a result.

PEER PARTNERS – Sponsor – (TBD)

Peer Partners is a program in which members are selected by the faculty and staff for their contribution to the school and community. Partners work with all students regardless of ability to aid in successful social relationships with peers. Students who are selected mentor new students, those who struggle with friendships and the social scene of high school. For more information on how to obtain a Peer Partner, please see your counselor.

PEP CLUB – Sponsor – Ms. Mays

The motto of the Warhill Pep Club is "Causing an Uproar AND We Bleed Blue!!!!" The Pep Club work to promote school spirit and to recognize all the athletes in every sport! Members attend/support sporting events, make signs for each sport during its season, and make



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locker/wall decorations for all the athletes and PAINT FACES DURING LUNCHEES AND AT GAMES. Anyone can come, and you can join in the fall, winter, or spring!

S.H.I.P. WELLNESS COUNCIL – Sponsor - Ms. Milks

The mission of a School Wellness Council is to improve the health and wellness of the students and staff and their families by promoting and supporting healthy eating and active lifestyle habits through planned programs, activities, and practice and policy changes. S.H.I.P. plans special events throughout the year.

SPOKEN WORD POETRY CLUB – Sponsor – Mr. Scanlon

The Spoken Word Poetry Club writes original poems and provides an opportunity to perform them.

STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION (SCA) –Sponsor – Ms. Mcknight

SCA officers are selected during annual elections. Officers of the SCA are required to maintain a 2.5 grade point average and should be positive role models for the student body. The Student Council has a highly active and functional role. Its purpose is not to govern the students, but to serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration. Additionally, the Council seeks to foster and strengthen school spirit and pride.

The Warhill High School Student Council is an organization that is comprised of student leaders who represent their fellow students and school. Throughout the year these Student Council members contribute positively back to their school and community in a variety of ways. Leadership skills and training are also a significant part of the Warhill High School Student Council. The WHS Student Council Association also has a separate council for students.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB – Sponsor – Mr. Scanlon

The Ultimate Frisbee Club is an organized non VHSL team. The team practices and competes with other school clubs in the area.

STUDENT GROUPS

FRENCH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor Ms. Ingegneri

The name of this honorary organization shall be the Société Honoraire de Français (SHF) of Warhill High School. This organization will be referred to commonly as the French National Honor Society. The aim of this organization is to stimulate interest in the study of French, to promote high standards of scholarship, to reward scholastic achievements, to create enthusiasm for and an understanding of francophone culture civilization, to promote and perpetuate international friendship, and to reward efforts toward furthering solidarity in the French-speaking world.



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INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY (ITS) – Sponsor Ms. Marshburn

International Thespian Society is a division of the Educational Theatre Association. ITS is the honorary theatre organization for students in high school and middle school. ITS offers everything from varied performance venues to college audition opportunities to formal awards and scholarships. Thespians receive the highest recognition due those who have demonstrated commitment and excellence in their school's theatre program – membership in the world's largest theatre honor society. 9th through 12th grade students qualify for membership through a point system. Each time a student participates in a WHS, community, church, or professional theatre production, they earn points based on the length of the production and the student's role or duty. Technicians, crew members, and actors all qualify for points. Troupe officers are assigned by the Theatre Director each year and meetings are held to foster and support a successful environment for the Warhill High Theatre Department.

MU ALPHA THETA – Sponsors – Ms. Steinhilber and Ms. Butchelli

This national mathematics organization is open to students who have completed at least Algebra II/Trig or Trig/Functions and received only A's and/or B's in any math class taken and maintained at least a 3.5 average for all math classes taken. Induction is held twice a year, and students must apply for membership.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS) - Sponsor – Ms. Stephenson

The purpose of the Warhill National Art Honor Society is to inspire and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in art, foster excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art and further creative abilities and talents of the Society's members, as well as the school's entire student art enrollment. NAHS works to aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in an art area, bring art to the attention of the school and community, increase an awareness of art in relation to other areas of the school curriculum, and further aesthetic awareness in all aspects of the school's total program.

Fundraising is necessary for projects done throughout the year. Many of these projects are meant to increase awareness of art in the school and inspire and encourage student artist.

As part of the Art Honor Society, students are required to complete at least 10 hours of community service projects and attend weekly meetings. Eligible students must have an "A" average in art, must have completed two art classes and be in at least their third art class. NAHS meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays.

NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsors – Ms. Akers, Ms. Maclauchlan, and Ms. Robinson

The National English Honor Society (NEHS) recognizes the academic accomplishments of high school students and promotes their continuing interest in English Language Arts. It provides a



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unique opportunity to engage students, teachers, and local schools in the valuable experience of discipline-related national honor society participation.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (N.H.S.) Sponsor – Ms. Deanna Mihaly

The National Honor Society's is a student organization that recognizes outstanding student achievement and encourages good citizenship through service to the community and development of good character.

The N.H.S. is an organization that honors students for exceptional leadership, scholarship, service, and character. In order to be nominated for membership, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater by the third marking period of their junior year. Members are selected by a committee of faculty members who take into account the students' leadership, character and service.

Students are required to participate in a group service project, to participate in the induction ceremony and to maintain high standards of leadership, service and character. In addition, students must complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service, participate in fundraisers and serve as peer tutors for the WHS community.

NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY (RHO KAPPA) – Sponsor – Ms. Scully

SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor – Ms. McCommas

For Spanish Honor Society eligibility, students must be in grade 10 or higher, be currently taking Spanish 4 or higher, have an A or a B in Spanish 1-4, and an overall GPA of 3.0. Students must complete initial paperwork and pay an initiation fee. The Spanish National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is in the spring of the school year. Students are expected to attend monthly meetings, participate in the community service activities, tutor (preferably Spanish students) for 10 hours, but any other honor society hours also count.

TRI-M PERFORMING ARTS HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsors – Mr. Kopczynski and Ms. Caine



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

BAND – This student activity is a curriculum based program – Students should speak with their counselors about registering for these courses

CHORUS – This student activity is a curriculum based program – Students should speak with their counselors about registering for these courses

COLOR GUARD – Students must try out for the Color Guard team. This Color Guard rehearses with the Warhill marching band and performs at all home football games and some marching band competitions.

DRAMA

Warhill High School presents at least two theater productions each school year. There is a fall play and a spring musical. For more information contact the Warhill Theatre Department at 757-565-4615, Ext. 11026.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL (IT'S ACADEMIC) (Varsity and Junior Varsity)

Also known as the Scholastic Bowl, student teams test their knowledge of Science, Math, History and Literature as Varsity and Junior Varsity teams compete against other high schools in the Bay Rivers District. The season runs from November through January and regular meetings are held to prepare for competition.

Qualifications:

Students must meet VHSL standards for competition and must be willing to devote after-school hours to research and practice

ORCHESTRA – This student activity is a curriculum based program – Students should speak with their counselors about registering for these courses

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

LITERARY MAGAZINE –Sponsor – Ms. Lauver

Literary Magazine is an afterschool activity that develops a magazine of art work and literature developed throughout the year from the student body. Students develop an overall theme for the magazine, collect submissions, and create a layout in design software for publication. Goals are to produce a magazine that the public will enjoy, showcase the many talents of our student body, and submit our publication to the Virginia High School League Literary Arts Magazine



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review. All Warhill students are eligible to participate. Literary Magazine meetings are held weekly on Thursdays.

NEWSPAPER – Sponsor – Mr. Bellows

The Lion's Den is a place where students plan, report, write, edit, and produce the school newspaper. This journalism course introduces students to the exciting world of the print media. In their study of journalism, students will learn the basic skills of accurately relaying information and of self-expression through print communication. Through this course, they will learn and practice journalistic skills used in reporting, writing, designing, and producing a publication. Students will have use of state-of-the art computer-aided publishing tools and other hands-on production tools such as Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and digital cameras.

The overall purpose, role and goal of *The Lion's Den* is to:

1. Inform and entertain their viewers through accurate and factual reports where information has been thoroughly gathered and information has been completely verified;
2. Serve as a hands-on learning tool for the present newspaper staff as they have the responsibility of providing information in a clear, meaningful and journalistic way;
3. Be accurate, fair, and impartial in its coverage of issues that affect the school community;
4. Cover the total school population as effectively and accurately as possible;
5. Strive to report all issues in a legal, objective, accurate and ethical manner, according to the Canons of Professional Journalism developed by the Society for Professional Journalists. The Canons of Professional Journalism include a code of ethics concerning accuracy, responsibility, integrity, conflict of interest, impartiality, and fair play, freedom of the press, independence, sensationalism, personal privacy, obstruction of justice, creditability and advertising.

YEARBOOK – Sponsor – Ms. Hale

The yearbook is produced through a course titled Mass Media, which allows students in grades 10-12 to “acquire and apply communication and technical skills in a real world setting through work on production of the school yearbook. Students will use and strengthen their creative and critical thinking skills as well as use their knowledge of grammar and writing skills to produce the yearbook. Students will work independently and as part of an organized production staff.”

It is STRONGLY recommended that Mass Media students take the course for an entire year to see the production of the yearbook through to the end. Students in Mass Media are expected to acquire advertisements for the yearbook by visiting businesses, and students may be required to fundraise during the course of the year. Students who take the class for two years may be eligible for editor positions during their second year in the course. Yearbook staff members may be asked to attend events after school for interviews and photographs.



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Have you ever had a great idea for a club and just did not know how to start one?

Here at Warhill High School, you can get one started by following these guidelines:

- ✓ Ask students if they might be interested in your club.
- ✓ Find a faculty sponsor for your club. Explain your idea to this teacher.
- ✓ Then do the paperwork included in this booklet (next two pages) and turn it in to the SCA.

It is that simple!





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Warhill SCA/Inter-Club Council

Club Origination Form

Directions: Complete the documentation required on this form. Return completed information to the SCA/Inter-Club Council sponsor along with the Club Constitution. Each spring the SCA Vice President will meet with club Vice Presidents for a yearly up-date. The formation of any club at Warhill High School requires additionally the approval of the administration of the school and school system.

Name of Club: _____

Faculty Sponsor of Club: _____

Philosophy of Club: _____

Goals of Club: _____

Proposed meeting dates for the year: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Dues (if applicable): \$ _____ per month/year (**circle one**)

Requirements for membership (for instance, Spanish Honor Society = taking a Spanish Class, attending X number of meetings, etc.):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Interest in this organization (at least 10 students and parental permission slips included):

Name	Grade	Name	Grade	Name	Grade
1.		5.		9.	
2.		6.		10.	
3.		7.		11.	
4.		8.		12.	

Comments:



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Warhill SCA/Inter-Club Council Club Parental Permission Slip

Name of Student: _____

Name of Club: _____

School Year: _____

Club Sponsor: _____

I give my permission for my son/daughter to be a member of above listed club. I understand the philosophy and goals of this club and the requirements expected for membership.

Parent Name (print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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"Sample" Club Constitution

Article I: Official name and purpose of the club or organization

- 1.1** The name of the organization will be the (name of club) of Warhill High School.
- 1.2** This organization will have its purpose, (identify specific purpose of club) as directly approved by the student council and indirectly by the school principal.

Article II: Membership requirements

All students enrolled in Warhill High School are eligible for membership.

Article III: Meetings

Meetings will be held (state day and time, such as Wednesday at lunch) unless a special meeting is called.

Article IV: Club Officers

- 1.1** Officers
The club shall consist of the following:
 - President
 - Vice-president
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

1.2 Duties

The club president will have the following duties:

- To preside over meetings of the club.
- To call special meetings of the club.
- To plan and prepare an agenda for the club meetings.

The club vice president will have the following duties:

- To serve as club president if the president becomes unable to fulfill his or her duties either temporarily or permanently.
- To support the club president.



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The club treasurer will have the following duties:

- To maintain complete and accurate record of all club receipts and disbursements.
- To oversee club fund-raising efforts.
- To supervise the preparation of the club budget.

The club secretary will have the following duties:

- To maintain accurate minutes of each meeting.
- To carry out all correspondence for the club.

The publicity chair will have the following duty:

- To publicize all club activities and fund raisers through the school bulletin boards, school announcements, and posters.

Article V: Elections

The club will hold the election of officers once a year. The voting will take place by secret ballot. Names of the officers will be recorded with the student council.