



STUDENT ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS

STUDENT CLUB	FACULTY ADVISOR	DESCRIPTION
A.B.C. (Anti-Bullying Club)	Stacy Blocker	The purpose of this club is to spread more positivity throughout the school, and less judgment. This club can also be a safe place to talk, where no judgment will occur, everyone will be accepted. Goals will be to lessen the presence of bullying and judgment in our school, and lessen gossip and rumors about people. Everyone has something unique and great about them!
Academic Skill Building/Anti-Stress Club	Robert Gates	Student stress is a chronic epidemic. This club wishes to provide an outlet for students to come together and engage in stress relieving activities in a healthy environment. The ultimate goal is to reduce student stress and be more productive with academics. In the process of accomplishing these goals, academic support will also be available, and the opportunity for friendships to develop will exist.
Archery Club	Philippa Scott	The purpose of this club is for students to develop and expand their skills in a fun and inclusive setting. The club's objective is to focus on teaching students the basic fundamentals of archery as well as collaborating with other members. Goals will be set by each student and will be tailored to be something they want to achieve or work on by the end of the club. Shooting accuracy, consistency, aim, and safety will be highlighted. Tournaments or small competitions will be held so that students can engage in some friendly competition. Any person with an interest in archery is welcome to join!
Aviation Career Club	Donna Shea	This club has several goals. The Aviation Career Club wants to share mutual interests/information concerning careers in aviation such as pilots, mechanics, air traffic controllers, and more. This club will encourage the attendance at aviation events outside of the school and support each other in gaining more knowledge about career paths in aviation. The ACC will stimulate interest in aviation careers among the student body.
Badminton	Mike Verrastro	Please see club advisor for details.

Bobcat Bowling Club (BBC)	L.B. Gray & Steve Freeman	The goal of this club is to provide multiple opportunities for any student interested in learning or developing their knowledge and skill of bowling. The BBC will focus on teaching the basic fundamentals of the game in a fun, supportive, non-competitive environment. Members will learn basic fundamentals by developing a working knowledge and understanding of the scoring, rules, etiquette and fashion of the game.
Bobcat Pride Organization (BPO)	Dan Sullivan	Please see club advisor for details.
Book Club	Donna Busa	The student book club features teen fiction selected by students. Meetings will be an opportunity to discuss the book and form new friendships. Meetings are held only once a month. For more information go to http://sites.apps.southwindsorschools.org/book-club/
Bettering the Lives of Children (BLC)	Lisa Barrett	The purpose of this club is to brighten the lives of children that have cancer or other life threatening illnesses. Some of the ways we will assist is by giving books and special toys. We will conduct fundraisers and other events to raise money to help find cures. Our main goal is to help the lives of these kids better while they are going through this difficult time.
Cancer Awareness Club	Lisa Barrett	This club was inspired by a SWHS student who suffered from leukemia. The purpose of the club is to raise awareness for various types of cancer through educational lessons, guest speakers, and fundraisers. Money from these fundraisers will go entirely to cancer research and families affected by cancer in South Windsor.
Connecticut's Correspondents	Mark D'Amato	This club will be about civic engagement. The premise is that a group of students who are passionate about government and/or politics will meet to discuss 2 or 3 issues (local, state, or federal) that are concerning. After coming to a general consensus we will attempt to organize to speak with elected officials.
Cooking Club	Emily Clifford & Sharon Galligan	Students will be able to explore an aspect of human culture which is not offered as a class. Members will be introduced to different cuisines from around the world. This club will also help students be prepared for living on their own.
CT Geographic Alliance	Mark D'Amato	See club advisor for information.
Debate Club	Stacy Blocker	The Debate Club's purpose is to discuss and debate different topics that we believe students will have an interest in. The goal of the club is to help build communication skills, teamwork skills, and overall social skills. It also educates us about different topics within our society.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)	Lisa Barrett	DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. With over a 60 year history, DECA has impacted the lives of more than ten million students, educators, school administrators and business professionals since it was founded in 1946. Their strong connection with our organization has resonated into a brand that people identify as a remarkable experience in the preparation of emerging leaders and entrepreneurs. DECA's programs and activities have constantly evolved as we use the latest technology and apply cutting edge educational research. Our core focus has remained consistent and is captured in our mission. You must be taking the full year Marketing class to be in DECA.
Environmental Club	Danel Eitel Sarah Davies	The Environmental Club is a student directed group that addresses a variety of ways that the South Windsor community can reduce its environmental impact. Activities and topics vary from year to year based on student interest. Previous projects include "Keep CT Kool Project", Earth-a-Palooza, recycling programs, organic and sustainable gardening, and community outreach.
Envirothon	Danel Eitel	The Envirothon is an annual competition for high school students where students compete in a variety of disciplines related to the environmental field. The competition promotes environmental awareness, knowledge, and active personal stewardship among Connecticut high school students through education and team competition.
Fantasy Basketball	Mike Webb	This club will help students improve upon their judgment and decision making skills. In the first meetings that include the draft, students will learn to become confident in ones choices. During the regular season, students will enhance their bartering skills when discussing possible trades with other students. In the end there will be a winner.
Fashion Club	Jessica Ziff	The purpose of Fashion Club is to give students a space to discuss and learn about all aspects of style and fashion as it applies to their lives and future goals. Depending on student interest and choice, projects may include creation of garments using recycled materials, learning basic sewing techniques, painting t-shirts, and putting on a community fashion show event. Students will have many opportunities for hands-on creativity.
FIRST Robotics	Savva Savvides Norm Smith	FIRST robotics is an international organization committed to teaching kids about science, technology, engineering and math. South Windsor High School's Bobcat Robotics team has been competing as a part of FIRST for 18 years. Each year, a game is announced and each team has six weeks to fully design and build a robot to compete.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Lisa Barrett	FBLA National Awards Program recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. Through state-based competition at the spring State Leadership Conferences, students compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. Top state winners then are eligible to compete for honors at the National Leadership Conference each summer. FBLA meets the first and third Thursdays of every month.
Gardening Club	Karolyn Andrews	This club will work in the courtyard planting flowers, pulling weeds, and keeping it looking nice. This club will focus on the environment, teach students about gardening, and hopefully will give teachers and incentive to have class outside. Club meetings will be held once or twice per month in the fall and the spring.
Gay Straight Alliance	Katrina Stodd-Knapp	The SWHS Gay-Straight Alliance provides an open forum for all students, regardless of gender orientation, to come together in a safe, non-judgmental space. Discussions and activities are geared toward promoting respect and inclusiveness in the high school environment. Students may choose to participate in activities such as National Coming Out Day, Day of Silence, and the annual True Colors Conference.
Improv Club		
Interact Club	Amanda Howard	Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Each year, Interact Club completes at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work, advancing international understanding and goodwill. Interact works with local service organizations to aid community events and plans school, local, and international service efforts.
Italian Club	Mia Zaccardelli	The purpose of this club is to educate students on Italian Culture and help them experience Italian tradition. We will be doing many activities like cooking Italian food and playing Italian sports such as bocce and soccer. In addition, there will also be cultural experiences of listening to Italian music and even learning to speak some Italian! The club will meet one Monday per month from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Japanese Culture Club	Reyes Mabasa	The Japanese Culture Club explores different facets of life in Japan through anime/manga, presentations, music, art, film, and so much more. See Mr. Mabasa for more information about meeting times.
Latin Club	Alan Beck	This club promotes Latin and ancient Roman culture. The club will also provide tutoring and engage in Latin activities. It will review how the culture is in our daily lives. All are welcome!
Literature Club	Kristin Larson	In this club we hope to share poems and short stories while learning new words and writing techniques. We hope to meet every Wednesday afternoon. During club hours we will engage in activities and contests. Book reviews and discussions will also take place. The hope is that this club will bring lovers of reading and writing together.
Math Team	Andrew Brindisi	Please see club advisor for details.
Mind's Eye Literary Magazine	Danielle Pieratti	Mind's Eye promotes writing/artwork in multiple genres: poetry, short story, song lyrics, photography, painting, illustration, & sculpture...just to name a few. The club collects, reads, discusses and chooses submissions for publication in a year-end book, which they create and then sell to students, staff, family and friends. Along the way the club hosts coffeehouses to fundraise and share music, artwork and/or poetry. Please see Mrs. Pieratti for more information.
M.O.B.A Club	Jamie Lang	Multiplayer Online Battle Arena Club puts students into a team building environment that would stimulate growth in communication skills. A M.O.B.A game consists of 2 teams with specific roles that benefit the team. The goal of the game is to destroy objectives and defeat opponents to progress to the other team's base, while working together to achieve the goal. This club would also give opportunities in scholarships for those not involved in competitive sports.
Mock Trial Club	Tim Zeuschner	Students prepare a case for litigation as witnesses and attorneys, developing and learning testimony and legal rules and arguments. Their Prosecution and Defense teams litigate in state courts against teams from other Connecticut State High Schools. The club meets after school most Mondays in September and October in preparation. Meetings continue in November and beyond, when then trials commence. Individual preparation is required, and members must commit to attend meetings and all trials.

Model United Nations	Erin Simcik	Model U.N. is an academic club that allows students to hone research, writing, and public speaking skills. The club is open to all students and meets after school every other Wednesday from September to February. Trips include New York City to the United Nations building and country missions, and to a state-wide simulation for 35 high schools at the University of Hartford. Experienced members also have an opportunity to participate in an international competition at Harvard University.
Musical Production Spring Comedy	Katie Stodd Knapp Terri White	This year the musical production will be “Annie”. The musical takes place during the Fall semester. The musical will rehearse every day after school with performances in November. The spring comedy will be determined.
Outing Club	Karolyn Andrews Donna Lynch	The South Windsor Outing Club is a club that provides students the opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Some of the activities include hiking, skiing, snowboarding, zip-lining, biking, whitewater rafting, snowshoeing, and camping. The club is not limited to these activities and welcomes new suggestions and ideas for future trips. Through these activities we hope students will develop leadership skills and learn to appreciate the environment around them.
Paint for Positivity Club	Annie Rentz	The purpose of this club will be to spread positivity within the school. We will be stenciling positive messages approved by Administration around the school. Students or staff who are in difficult times or having a bad day may look at these quotes and feel like all hope is not lost. People who try to do well but feel like they fail may see these and decide to keep persevering. These carefully painted messages will also add a touch of color to the school walls!
Pokémon Club	Amanda Flachsbart	This club is centered on the Pokémon franchise. Anyone can enjoy this club. It features a friendly environment with plenty of things to do. Members with no knowledge of Pokémon games when enrolling in the club will be introduced to new strategies within the games and will be taught how to play those games. Trading is allowed and tournaments will be held every other week.

Relay For Life Club/SWHS Team	Lisette Frasier	The goal of this club is to bring together the SWHS community to participate in the annual South Windsor/Rockville Relay For Life as well as participate in fundraisers for the team. The team would be created from members of this club. The club would like to represent the SWHS community by attending the Relay For Life in a large group and by raising money for the American Cancer Society. This club would allow students to show their fight against cancer in a different way which involves friendship, bonding, and collaboration. This club will make fundraising fun!
SADD (<i>Students Against Destructive Decisions</i>)	Mike Bombara	A peer leadership club dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving, teen violence, and teen depression and suicide. SADD involves young people delivering education and prevention messages to their peers through school and communitywide activities.
Science Fiction/Fantasy Club	Sherry McCullough	The purpose of this club is to bring together people who enjoy Science Fiction and Fantasy genre and wish to deepen understanding and appreciation for the genre. We plan to show a film once a month during our meetings. This will allow us to enjoy Science Fiction/Fantasy while forming connections with others. We will discuss different viewpoints of the films.
Science Olympiad	Janet Belval	Science Olympiad is a high school team competition in which students compete in events pertaining to various scientific disciplines, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. The state competition is held at UCONN in April. Over 6,400 teams from 50 U.S. states compete each year.
South Asian Club	Alan Beck	To inform the community about this part of the world. Members will learn the language of Central Asia, taste cuisine, listen to songs, and get familiar with the latest fashions.
Strategy Club	Ben Hoffman	Students meet weekly to match wits by playing a variety of strategy games. Students have fun and compete with others who share their interest in board games, such as Chess, Settler's of Catan, Munchkin, and Bang! Others prefer to play role playing games like Dungeons and Dragons, and some members enjoy collectible card games, such as Magic the Gathering, Pokémon, and Yu-gi-oh. Our motto is "there's a game for everyone."
Student Council	Haley Ullinger	The Student Council is open to every student. A willingness to participate in Student Council sponsored events is all that's required. A few of the events planned for this year are: food and clothing drives, holiday party, pictures with Santa, Valentine's Day flower sale, and computer match. Meeting times are announced.

SW for the Kids	Glenn Flanders	This goal of this club is to bring awareness to and increase participation in the JonaTHON program, which was created for UCONN's HuskyTHON. These programs raise funds and awareness for the CT Children's Medical Center. This club is looking to bring students together to support out local children's hospital, and to develop and strengthen leadership, planning, and organizational skills. This club will provide the opportunity to work as a team and for students to see the impact that their ideas and efforts have on a great cause.
Technovation	Jamie Lang	Technovation is a global competition that gets girls interested in coding. The challenge is to design and complete an app that helps solve a problem in our community. In the past, apps have combated water scarcity, bullying, drunk driving, and a lack of community service. The competition process lasts from January to April. Our goal is to make it to the finals.
Travel Club	Liz Ruiz	Please see club advisor for details.
Unified Arts		This club is much like unified sports in which children with special needs work with mentors doing art. Our goal for the club is to have a different leader every week in order to make the kids feel important while learning the skills of leadership. It gives unified kids the opportunity to make new friends.
Unified Theatre		Unified Theater is a club which puts a spotlight on each individual's unique ability to shine! Students, both regular and special education, collaborate on creating, producing and acting in a production which culminates the school year in June. All grades, all interest levels and all abilities are encouraged to join. Weekly meetings usually begin in March.
Unity Club	Michele Brown-Quinn	The goal of this club is to spread the knowledge of different cultures to our community at SWHS.
Vegan/Vegetarian Club	Beckie Correale	In this club members will learn about a plant based lifestyle, diet, and its benefits. The meetings/activities will include making vegan meals, watching informative documentaries, and partnering up with the environmental club. Anyone who is willing to go meat free may join the club. Our hope is that we will bring together like minded individuals in the SWHS community.

VEX Robotics	Norman Smith	The VEX Robotics Team 1777 meets after school to prepare for area competitions in the VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation. It is the ultimate STEM activity for middle school and high school students (ages 11-18). Each year, an engineering challenge is presented in the form of a game. Students, with guidance from their teachers and mentors, use the VEX Robotics Design System to build innovative robots designed to score the most points possible in qualification matches, elimination matches and Skills Challenges. In addition to having a great time and building amazing robots, through their participation in the VEX Robotics Competition and their work within their team, students will learn many academic and life skills.
Weightlifting Club	David Hodge	Please see club advisor for details.
Women in Technology	Jamie Lang	This club will celebrate historical and technological achievements of women by presenting specific accomplishments of women in STEM related fields. Our main focus will be advancements that women have made in the world. The goal is to increase participation of females in STEM and become more aware of important female figures. Each meeting we will present and discuss a different technological topic. All members will be encouraged to present their own topic of interest. This club is open to all students.
Woodworking Club	Ray McCarthy	This club is intended to provide a place for those who wish to learn the art of woodworking, practice it, or simply want a space to converse with others about their passion of it. Anyone who has an interest in woodworking regardless of skill or experience is welcome. The club will provide a scheduled and supervised time/location for those who enjoy woodworking but may not have sophisticated equipment at home.
Yoga Club	Roxanne Lane	The SWHS Yoga Club is a group that practices yoga once per week after school; however it is not compulsory that students attend every week. No yoga experience is required. We ask students to come with an open mind. Yoga is about participating to your own ability while gaining flexibility and relaxation. If you have any questions contact Ms. Lane in room 6.