



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS

| STUDENT CLUB   | FACULTY ADVISOR           | DESCRIPTION  |
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| <b>Acts of Random Kindness (ARK Club)</b>                            | Amanda Howard             | The purpose of "ARK" is to spread positivity in any way possible as a way to create a stronger sense of community. We want to improve every day for everyone we can. We will write positive letters to staff members, send heartwarming clips to be played on the daily news, and we hope to do book and toy drive for local organizations.  |
| <b>Art Club</b>  | Bryant Zilinski           | The Art Club is a place that is a creative, friendly environment that can bring together people who create and appreciate art. Art has often been used to deal with physical and mental stress. This club will give students the opportunity to have a stress free space to go and explore different styles of art, research and learn about current and past artists, and engage with our community when artists are needed.  |
| <b>Black Student Alliance</b>  | Emily Clifford            | This club will learn about African culture in many ways. The club will explore culture through movies, food, and current events. Members will learn, give input, and celebrate accomplishments. Anyone is welcome.   |
| <b>Bobcat Bowling Club</b>   | 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.   |
| <b>BRIDGE (Building Relationships in Diverse Group Environments)</b> | Kristin Larson            | The purpose of this club is to raise awareness to both students and staff about insensitivity towards race, gender, sexuality, and more. We will spend time researching and notating what we hear in school and then discuss with Administration what we can do to decrease the insensitivity and increase awareness. The goals of this club are to give a safe place for people of all races and genders to express their opinions to help make the school a better, more diverse place. This club will do group diversity exercises. |
| <b>Broadcast News Club</b>   | Philip Rockey             | See club advisor for details.  |

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| <b>Competitive Gaming Club</b>                        | TBA                               | This club will work together to enhance gaming skills. We will game on computers as well as a console. This club will typically meet every other week. All are welcome!  |
| <b>Computer Science Club</b>                          | Jamie Lang                        | This club will serve as a way for students interested in computer science to engage in activities, discussions, and competitions.  |
| <b>Cooking Club</b>                                   | Emily Clifford & Liz Ruiz         | 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.  |
| <b>Debate Club</b>                                    | Amanda Flachsbart                 | 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.  |
| <b>Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)</b> | 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. <u><i>You must be taking Mrs. Barrett's full year Marketing class to be in DECA.</i></u> |
| <b>Drama Production and Musical Production</b>        | Terri White & Katrina Stodd Knapp | See club advisor for details.  |
| <b>Economics Club</b>                                 | Rich Mabey & Bill Richards        | The purpose of this club is to engage students in the subject of economics. The hope is that this will happen through online and onsite competitions. Discussions will cover related fields such as finance, banking, government, law, public policy, accounting, and management.  |
| <b>Environmental Club</b>                             | Sarah Davies & Danel Eitel        | 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.  |

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| <b>Envirothon</b>   | Danel Eitel & Sarah Davies                 | 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.   |
| <b>Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)</b> | Keri Booth                                 | See club advisor for details.   |
| <b>Fantasy Basketball</b>                                       | 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.   |
| <b>Fashion Club</b>   | 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.         |
| <b>FIRST Robotics</b>   | Savva Savvides, Norm Smith, & Dr. McCarthy | 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.   |
| <b>Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)</b>                | 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.             |
| <b>Future Healthcare Professionals</b>                          | Janet Belval                               | Please see the club advisor for details.  |
| <b>Future STEM Leaders of America</b>                           | Dana Powell                                | This club revolves around STEM and its many influences in modern society. We will introduce different careers in the STEM fields and how the fields impact different communities. This club will work hard to introduce and explain STEM related scholarships, opportunities, and pre-collegiate programs. Furthermore, with the help of our Advisor, we hope to run science experiments, mimic real life dilemmas, and explore volunteering opportunities. |

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| <b>History Club</b>          | Theresa Battaglio             | Please see the club advisor for details.  |
| <b>Interact Club</b>         | Amanda Howard                 | Please see the club advisor for details.  |
| <b>Italian Club</b>          | 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.  |
| <b>Japanese Culture Club</b> | 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.   |
| <b>Jewish Culture Club</b>   | Amanda Caless                 | This club will meet the first Friday of every month at 2:10pm. Our goal is to create a place for all Jewish and non-Jewish students to come together and learn about Jewish culture and language, discuss issues that exist in the Jewish community, and play Jewish/Israeli games and media.   |
| <b>Korean Culture Club</b>   | Kim Steinbach                 | This club is about learning the culture of Korea. We learn about the Korean alphabet and basic conversations in Korean both speaking and writing. We regularly explore many details of this culture.  |
| <b>Latin Club</b>            |                               | 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!  |
| <b>Math Team</b>             | Andrew Brindisi               | Please see club advisor for details.  |
| <b>Mock Trial Club</b>       | John Garrish                  | 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. |
| <b>Model United Nations</b>  | Erin Simcik and Bill Richards | 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  |

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|   |  | at the University of Hartford. Experienced members also have an opportunity to participate in an international competition at Harvard University.  |
| <b>My Mind's Eye Literary Magazine</b>                      | Amanda Flachsbart                          | 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. |
| <b>Outing Club</b>  | Karolyn Andrews<br>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.    |
| <b>Photography Club</b>                                     | Savva Savvides                             | This club will help students with a love for photography enhance their photography abilities in a way that is fun and exciting. The goals and objectives of this group is to create a community of like-minded individuals of all experience levels who can work together and collaborate to improve their skills.   |
| <b>R.A.C.E. Committee</b>                                   | Tim Zeuschner                              | Respect and Change Everywhere. Please see club advisor for details.  |
| <b>SADD (<i>Students Against Destructive Decisions</i>)</b> | Liz Rafalowsky, Dan Peters, and Kathy Reed | 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.  |
| <b>Science Fiction/Fantasy Club</b>                         | Sherry McCullough                          | The purpose of this club is to bring together people who enjoy the Science Fiction and Fantasy genre. Members of this club will hopefully deepen their understanding and appreciation for the genre while forming connections with each other. We hope to show a film at least once a month as part of our meetings.   |
| <b>Science Olympiad</b>                                     | Josh Kraus and Elizabeth Snyder            | 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.   |

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| <b>Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)</b> | Katrina Stodd Knapp | The SWHS Sexuality and Gender 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.  |
| <b>Ski and Snowboard Club</b>               | Hannah Phillips     | See club advisor for details.  |
| <b>South Asian Club</b>                     |                     | 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.  |
| <b>Strategy Club</b>                        | 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."   |
| <b>Student Council</b>                      | 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.  |
| <b>SW For the Kids</b>                      | 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. |
| <b>SWHS Ambassadors</b>                     | Michele Brown-Quinn | Our purpose is to work with Counseling to help welcome new students into the school. We can coordinate tours and help them integrate into the South Windsor community. We will especially focus on students who start any time after the first week of school.   |
| <b>Table Tennis Club</b>                    | Mike Webb           | As mentioned in the name of the club, the purpose is to allow members to play table tennis after school recreationally/semi-competitively. This club can be used as a stress reliever after a hard school day. We want to have fun playing a sport that we love!   |
| <b>T.A.P. (Teens Against Poverty)</b>       | Mike Webb           | The primary purpose of this club is to unify students in our school to work to help decrease local struggle due to financial disadvantages. This club will connect with local  |

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|                                     |              | food banks and shelters to discuss times and/or events that members can volunteer at. We will also organize food drives and fundraisers for our community. Members are passionate about these ideas!   |
| <b>Travel Club</b>                  | Liz Ruiz     | Please see club advisor for details.   |
| <b>UNICEF Club</b>                  | TBD          | This is a youth led program for UNICEF UNITE that will make an impact on UNICEF's work worldwide by educating, advocating, and fundraising to support this cause. This club will write letters to elected officials, fundraise, and participate in projects.   |
| <b>Unified Theater</b>              | Terri White  | 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.   |
| <b>Video Game and Computer Club</b> | TBD          |  |
| <b>Weightlifting Club</b>           | David Hodge  | Please see club advisor for details.   |
| <b>Woodworking Club</b>             | 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. |
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