

Hermitage School District Student Activities

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Art Club – Mrs. Beth Anne Black (Grades 8-12)

This club is for males and females interested in the Arts - dance, music, or visual. The projects and objectives vary from year to year. The students usually take a trip in the spring to an art or performing arts type of arena. A field trip will be taken if funds are available.

Art Club – Mrs. Beth Knauff (Grades 6 and 7)

Introductory Art Club is designed for those students interested in visual art and performing arts. The purpose of the Art Club is to encourage students with an interest in the arts to become more aware of the arts in ours and surrounding communities, promote arts in the community, be involved in the arts outside of school, and participate in art related activities. Artwork may or may not be produced, and is given back to the community or sold for club revenue. Art Club can be utilized as a service club dedicated to providing what art services it can for the community. Students participate in a fundraiser and two to three field trips are planned to expose and educate members of the available art resources we have in the valley and surrounding areas.

Art Club – Mr. Adam Darby (Grade 3)

Artman Art Club is a club that has been crafted in order to give third graders a chance to create school murals while stepping into a club experience. Students have an opportunity to learn the responsibilities that come with a club as well as the pride of seeing their creations line the school walls. We are excited to help develop our students' interest in Art as we explore the ways that art already touches our lives on a daily basis.

Band – Jazz – Mr. Steve Garay (Grades 9-12)

Jazz Band meets on a weekly basis during the months of November through May. Regular attendance at rehearsals and performances is required. Study concentration is on jazz and swing music. There is a limited instrumentation.

Band – Marching and Concert – Mr. Steve Garay (Grades 9-12)

Band is the continuing study of a particular brass, woodwind or percussion instrument through performing in a large ensemble and in smaller ensembles when available. During two weeks in August, Band meets Monday through Friday to prepare for the upcoming football season. Concentration is on marching band music. During school, Band meets three times per week and takes an in-depth approach to musicianship by performing standard concert literature. Performance in all concerts and shows is a course requirement. There are after school requirements that are part of the course. Private instruction on your instrument is suggested.

Band – Pep – Mr. Steve Garay (Grades 9-12)



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Pep Band will meet and perform at no more than 15 school events throughout the year. Outside school performances may be added. Regular attendance at rehearsals and performances is required.

Break Fast Club – Mrs. Christine Gilfoyle and Mrs. Mary Kay Allaman (Grades 6 and 7)

This is a club for students interested in ultra-engaging learning games. These games teach teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking, and trouble shooting by presenting participants with challenges that ignite their natural drive to problem-solve. Participants are placed into a timed situation in which they must solve puzzles, find clues, and work together in order to successfully unlock.

Chemistry Club – Mr. Tim Peterson, Miss Jennifer Ferguson (Grades 9-12)

The Hickory High School Chemistry Club is an organization made up of high school students who grade level ranges from freshmen to senior, and chemistry backgrounds including students not yet starting chemistry to those who are currently taking their second year of chemistry. Special attention will be placed on current events in chemistry.

Chess Club – Mr. Tim Peterson (Grades 8-12)

Chess Club exists so that students can practice and refine chess strategies and to expand the knowledge of the game of chess. We meet every month to practice and conduct a tournament in May. Anyone from novice to expert may attend to improve their ability.

Choir – Chamber Singers – Mrs. Brandy Rockage (Grades 11 and 12)

Chamber Singers is a select ensemble which concentrates on a varied program of quality choral literature. This group performs extensively and concentrates on performance techniques. Commitment to excellence and total dependability are prerequisites for membership. Open to 11th and 12th grade students through audition and meets daily at 7:00am.

Choir – Concert – Mrs. Brandy Rockage (Grades 10, 11 and 12)

Concert Choir is a selected choral performing ensemble in which strong emphasis is placed upon vocal production, mastery of quality choral literature, and excellence in performance. Choir is open to 11th and 12th grade students through limited audition.

Choir – Treble and Mixed Chorus – Mrs. Brandy Rockage (Grade 10, 11, and 12)

Treble and Mixed Chorus are performing groups in which emphasis is placed upon learning, practicing, and mastering vocal and choral fundamentals in addition to performance



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preparation. This group also concentrates on four part choral literature and vocal-musical fundamentals. This group is open to all 10th-12th grade students.

Choir – Show – Mrs. Brandy Rockage (Grades 9-12)

Show Choir is a select ensemble which combines choral singing with dance movements. Members are selected by audition. This ensemble focuses on showmanship and performance creativity. Students in grades 9-12 may audition for Show Choir. Rehearsals for this ensemble are held weekly after school.

Class of 2017 - Mr. Steve Garay and Mrs. Pat Cindric (Seniors)

The focus of the Senior Class Activities is to complete projects and information needed to complete graduation requirements. We also focus on preparing for the actual graduation ceremony to be held in June.

Class of 2018 – Mrs. Sue MacElroy (Juniors)

Four elected officers represent their peers in decisions concerning fund-raising, the junior-Senior Prom, and next year’s graduation.

Class of 2019– Mrs. Cheri Manners (Sophomores)

The Sophomore Class officers will have a few fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for the sophomore class. The sophomore class officers and Student Council members are responsible for creating the Prom Grand March design in the high school gymnasium and help distribute programs at the Graduation Ceremonies in June.

Class of 2020– Mr. David Gibb (Freshmen)

The Class of 2020 consists of all HHS students with less than 5.5 credits. The class becomes familiar with the increased responsibilities that go with becoming a high school student. They are exposed to different and more complex activities than exist at the middle school level. They are expected to develop a sense of responsibility and increase their maturity level.

Computer Club – Mrs. Jeannette Anderson (Grades 8-12)

The general purpose of Computer Club is to advance the study of Computer Science by providing a forum for students to exchange ideas and procedures. This club provides enrichment activities and projects involving computers and electronics. Students choose from various topics to pursue each year such as web design, programming, computer animation, computer graphics, phone app development, networking, or trouble shooting.



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Creative Cooking Club – Mrs. Melanie Haggard (Grades 9-12)

The Creative Cooking Club is an organization involving any 9th-12th grade students interested in Family and Consumer Science. The club has an emphasis placed on ethnic recipes and the knowledge and understanding of nutrition while promoting leadership skills. We will participate in monthly meetings and community projects. We complete at least one community service project per school year.

Creative Writing Club – Miss Katie Passerotti (Grades 9-12)

The Creative Writing Club focuses on allowing students to explore their creative sides and improve their skills through writing exercises and peer revision no matter what style of writing the student would like to participate in. This club offers a friendly environment for students to share and discuss their writing and ideas.

Drama Club – Mrs. Julie Morris (Grades 9-12)

The HHS Drama Club’s purpose is to educate and advance students in theatre arts. There are two productions performed per school year and one summer production with students also working for guest artists, music department concerts, etc.

Engineering Club – Mrs. Lindsay Ramage and Mrs. Jeannette Anderson (Grades 9-12)

Engineering Club’s purpose is to allow students the opportunity to problem solve, design and create projects using the engineering process. We participate in engineering competitions sponsored by regional organizations and companies.

English Festival Club – Mrs. Roseanne Hoffman (Grades 10 – 12)

The English Festival Society prepares students in grades 10-12 to attend and participate in the annual Youngstown State University English Festival. Using the 7 YSU-selected books, our club engages with the literature through monthly discussions and activities to help further understanding of the literary elements, themes, characters, and social impact of the books. The English Festival Society attends the YSU festival in April to participate in games and contests as well as meet authors and collaborate with hundreds of other students from around the state.

French Club – Mrs. Jill Brose (Grades 8-12)

French Club provides students the opportunity to enjoy and explore the French culture through movies, lectures, food, speakers, and volunteer activities. All students who are taking French or have taken French are welcome.

Future Business Leaders of America – Mrs. Jeanette Anderson (Grades 8-12)

The purpose of FBLA is to prepare members for careers in business and to assist them by becoming better employees and citizens. FBLA helps students develop leadership abilities, prepares them for entry into business-related occupations, and offers a setting where



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members compete at regional, state and national levels in business and technology curriculum. FBLA is a nationally recognized club in the United States.

Future Educators of America – Mrs. Melanie Haggard (Grades 10-12)

This organization has the function of fostering a better understanding of the profession of education. Members will be eligible to apply for National Future Educators of America scholarships. There will be opportunities for practice teaching twice per year. Students will complete an education related service project each year as a group. There will be a possibility for an educational field trip near the end of the year.

Game Club –Mrs. Melanie Haggard and Mr. Tim Peterson (Grades 8-12)

The Hickory High School Game Club’s purpose is to socialize with others’ of similar interests and further our knowledge of pen/paper adventure role-playing games, card games, and board games. This club offers a friendly, inclusive environment. All students, experienced gamers or not, are welcome.

Green Team (Environmental Club) – Mrs. Nancy Bires (Grades 8-12)

The Green Team is an environmental service organization and outing club. The club is open to any student at Hickory High School in grades 8-12. Students are actively involved in environmental service projects on the school campus and in the community. The Green Team helps maintain the Hickory Hollow Nature Trail and takes care of the vegetable garden and butterfly garden in the courtyard at Hickory High School. Community service projects include Adopt-a-Shoreline at Shenango Lake and the Shenango River Watchers annual clean-up. Students participate in Earth Week events and lead activities on the nature trail for the elementary classes. Special outings such as cross country skiing, biking, and canoeing may be scheduled throughout the year based on student interest.

Green Team (Environmental Club)- Mrs. Nancy Bires (Grades 6 and 7)

The Green team is an environmental service club and is open to students in grades 6 & 7 at Delahunty Middle School. Students are actively involved in environmental service projects on the school campus including maintaining the Hickory Hollow Nature Trail, stream clean-up, caring for the butterfly garden, recycling and filling the bird feeders. Community service projects include Adopt-a-Shoreline at Shenango Lake and the Shenango River Watchers annual clean-up. The Green Team participates in Creek Connections with Allegheny College. The students collect samples from the stream and conduct chemical tests and do biological sampling to monitor the quality of the stream throughout the year. Results are reported to Allegheny College and included in the data base for the watershed. Students participate in the Creek Connections Youth Symposium at Allegheny College in the spring. They present their research and give a presentation for other participating schools. Green

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Team members assist with Earth Week events and lead activities for the elementary students on the nature trail. Students have the opportunity to go snowshoeing on a Saturday at Jennings Environmental Center in Slippery Rock.

History Club – Mr. David Gibb (Grades 9-12)

The History Club is established to further student knowledge, understanding, and respect for the past specifically at the regional level. The club will participate in community projects, conduct research, and go on field trips as a means of expanding their historical comprehension.

Hunting and Fishing Club – Mrs. Melanie Haggard and Mr. Tim Peterson (Grades 9-12)

This club is for both males and females. We go over game laws, conversation, and fishing and boating rules. Students make fishing lures, turkey calls and plant trees or stock trout. Students also make deer jerky. We take an annual trip to Cabella’s where students go on a guided tour and get a good perspective of animal size and the surroundings in their environments.

Key Club – Mrs. Ann Marie Pierce (Grades 8-12)

Key Club is the oldest (founded in May 1925) and largest service program for high school students. The fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others is what sets it apart from the rest. Our vision is to develop competent, capable, and caring leaders through volunteering.

Math Club – Mrs. Tricia Dye, Mrs. Christine Gilfoyle (Grades 8-12)

The Math Club provides students with the chance to enhance their math education. Through a variety of math problems and puzzles, students sharpen their leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and mathematical skills.

Model UN Club – Mrs. Pat Cindric (Grades 9-12)

The Model UN Club focuses on diplomacy, negotiation, and cooperation. Students will engage in a simulation of a United Nations Conference that will increase their understanding of today’s world issues.

National Honor Society – Mrs. Roseanne Hoffman (Grades 11-12)

Hickory High School’s National Honor Society is dedicated to creating enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulating a desire to render service, promoting leadership, and developing character in each student.

Newspaper – “Hickory Leaf” – Mrs. Susan MacElroy (Grades 9-12)

The *Hickory Leaf’s* main objective is to provide the Hickory student body with news, information, entertainment, and stories related to Hickory High School and its students. Members of the *Hickory Leaf* staff aim to write unbiased, up-to-date articles that would be of interest to HHS staff and students, and to provide all buyers with an accurate and

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entertaining momento. This organization also aims to provide its staff an opportunity to write, edit, and layout a professional document and give experience to students interested in the hobby or profession of writing and editing.

Orchestra – Mrs. Julie Morris (Grades 9-12)

A performing group open to all high school string players, wind, brass, and percussion players. Musicians are chosen by audition and or director’s discretion. Orchestra members concentrate on good musicianship and excellence in performance. Available string players meet daily while full orchestra meets twice weekly.

Orchestra – Chamber – Mrs. Julie Morris (Grades 9-12)

Chamber Orchestra is a select ensemble which focuses on a varied program of quality chamber ensemble literature. This group performs extensively throughout the year. Commitment to excellence and complete professionalism and dependability are prerequisites for membership. Open to students in grades 9-12 through audition only and meets once per week for approximately 1 ½ hours.

Phoenix – Literary Magazine – Mrs. Sue MacElroy (Grades 9-12)

The Phoenix publishes student short stories, poems, and artwork at the end of every year.

Physics Club – Mrs. Jean Peachman (Grades 11 and 12)

The purpose of the Physics Club is to further our interest in physics, to consider careers in physics related fields, and to have fun with physics. Membership is open to any student presently taking physics or any student who has taken physics.

Robotics Club – Mrs. Jeannette Anderson (Grades 8-12)

The general purpose of the robotics club is to advance the study of engineering and computer science by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and procedures involving robotics. Members will have an opportunity to build teamwork, design, engineering, programming and communication skills through their involvement in robotics activities and competitions.

S. A. D. D.- Students Against Destructive Decisions– Mrs. Sue MacElroy (Grades 9-12)

SADD has performed for both the elementary and junior high students and attended the Student Outreach Conference with other Shenango Valley teens. Our focus has been drug and alcohol education and prevention.

Ski and Board Club – Mrs. Lindsay Ramage (Grades 8-12)

The Ski and Snowboard Club gives students an opportunity to ski and/or snowboard with fellow students in a safe, organized environment. In addition, it offers students the opportunity to develop and learn a recreational life-long activity.

Spanish Club – Mrs. Cheri Manners (Grades 9-12)

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The Hickory High School Spanish Club serves to enlighten students on the cultural aspects of Spanish – speaking countries. We do so by meeting once or twice a month to celebrate holidays, play Spanish games, take field trips or otherwise enjoy various aspects of Spanish-speaking cultures. Anyone who is currently taking, or who has previously completed at least one year of a Spanish course is invited to become a member. Our yearly dues are \$6.00.

Student Council – Mrs. Pat Cindric (Grades 9-12)

The mission of Hickory High School’s Student Council is to offer opportunities for council members to develop and apply leadership and life skills to their daily lives. This goal will be accomplished by disseminating information for building effective organizations, recognizing individual, and school achievements, supporting community service, and providing positive, enthusiastic forums for networking and sharing ideas.

Student Council –Mrs. Maria Rodenbaugh and Mrs. Tammy Thomas (Grades 8)

This club is for students who display leadership qualities in and out of the classroom. Selected students will meet at least once per month to plan activities for the 8th grade class, including fundraisers for end-of-year activities.

Student Council – Mrs. Michelle Lanshcak (Grades 6 and 7)

The DMS Student Council is designed to take existing leadership skills, in the students who are elected to represent their homerooms, and enhance them by actively engaging all members in school and community projects. Our members assist in helping with the school-wide book drive, sports day for IES, selecting fundraisers, and other events that occur in our school. Members are elected each year after giving a brief one minute speech amongst their peers and going through the voting process. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings which begin at 7:10am.

Students for Charity – Mrs. Laura Mount (Grades 8-12)

Students for Charity Club is committed to empower students with the realization that the needs that exist within their community are opportunities waiting for them to become involved. Our primary goal is to raise funds for charitable purposes. Membership is open to any HHS student. Meetings are held on a monthly or as needed basis.

Students for Charity – Mrs. Kim Ghirardi (Grades 6 and 7)

Students for Charity creates awareness of children’s needs in the greater community and provides students the opportunity to fill these needs. Every month students will participate in a charitable activity and discuss the role the charity plays in helping the lives of other children.

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Yearbook – “Hickory Nut” – Miss Jennifer Ferguson, Miss Michelle McMahon (Grades 8-12)

Hickory Nut yearbook staff designs and produces the yearbook. This is a totally on-line program using Online Design software. Our major goal is to document the events and history of Hickory High School.

Yearbook – “Buzzer” – Mrs. Suzanne Hart (Grades 6 and 7)

Hickory Nut yearbook staff designs and produces the yearbook. Students meet weekly in the library to discuss, design, and write copy for the yearbook. This is a totally on-line program using In-Design and Photoshop software. Our major goal is to document the events and history of Delahunty Middle School.

Youth Alive – Mr. Tim Peterson (Grades 8-12)

Fundamentally, YOUTH ALIVE is a “club” comprised of Christians but welcoming of all Hickory High School students. Our primary goals are to provide a variety of activities which could promote Christian fellowship, encourage spiritual growth, plus assist in the discovery and development of member’s gifts. In addition to a variety of almost weekly meetings and/or activities, we hope to provide service opportunities by sponsoring at least one group ministry-out reach per semester.