

NORTH SCHUYLKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Junior/Senior High School

Clubs - Extracurricular Activities - Societies - Competitions - Athletics

2023-2024



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CLUBS

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4H Club	7-12
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National Honor Society	11-12
Spelling Bee	7-8
Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	7-12
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ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS- GIRLS

Cheerleading (Football)	7-12
Cross Country	7-12
Volleyball	9-12
Golf	9-12
Soccer	9-12

FALL SPORTS- BOYS

Football	7-12
Cross Country	7-12
Soccer	9-12
Golf	9-12

WINTER SPORTS- GIRLS

Basketball	7-12
Cheerleading (Basketball/Wrestling)	7-12
Swimming and Diving	7-12
Bocce Ball	9-12
	9-12

WINTER SPORTS- BOYS

Wrestling	
Basketball	7-12
Swimming and Diving	7-12
Bocce Ball	9-12
	9-12

SPRING SPORTS -GIRLS

Softball	
Track and Field	7-12
	7-12

SPRING SPORTS - BOYS

Baseball	9-12
Track and Field	7-12

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4H

The 4-H Club is a group that meets to discuss leadership skills as well as to work with hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom.

Academic Team

Academic Team is an academic quiz bowl organization that uses academic and pop culture knowledge to compete (similar to “Jeopardy” style format). The setup is a team of four students per squad compete with one or two other squads of four to answer questions within a time limit. There is a junior varsity and a varsity team that competes in a season from September through March. The A - Team is a member of the Schuylkill Academic Quiz Bowl League that competes with other schools within the IU 29 region. The members of the IU 29 region also compete in a single county competition in which the winner goes to Harrisburg and compete against the winners of the other IU units from throughout the state inside the Capitol Building.

Art Club

The NS Art Club is a group of students interested in promoting arts on campus. Our members represent a variety of students, from those who are veteran art students to those who simply want to pursue the arts outside the classroom. Meetings will be held after school in the Art Department twice a month. Meetings will be the second and fourth Monday of every month.

Aavidum

Aavidum is not only a group but a movement that shatters the silence that surrounds depression, suicide, and other issues facing youth. We strive to create healthy communities where everyone feels accepted, appreciated, acknowledged, and cared for in schools. Aavidum empowers students to use their unique voices and talents to make a difference as well as recognize the gifts of their peers. Together, they create authentic cultures of care and advocacy within their schools. We are Aavidum. We create differently. We think differently. We do differently.

Creative Technology Club (C.T.C.)

Are you interested in modern technology and all aspects of computers? CTC club involves a variety of multimedia graphics; such as: animation, logo creation, programming, and web design. If you are a competitive person and enjoy these things, this club is just for you! So, what are you waiting for? Channel your inner computer whiz! This club centers around competing in the PA Media and Design Competition (mediadesigncompetition.org) each year. You will select a computer topic individually or in a group to compete against other schools (Middle school 7-8 grade, High school 9-12 grade). Each topic includes a technology project that you will complete and display at the competition. The first competition is regionally (IU29) which takes place in April (TBA). If you qualify, you will then compete at the state level which is held in Carlisle in May.

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Debate Team

Debate team is a group of students that prepare for a formal contest of argumentation between two teams or individuals. More broadly, and more importantly, debate is an essential tool for developing and maintaining democracy and open societies. Debate is, above all, a way for those who hold opposing views to discuss controversial issues without descending to insult, emotional appeals or personal bias. A key trademark of debate is that it rarely ends in agreement, but rather allows for a robust analysis of the question at hand. At the club level, debating teams, along with their coaches and other club members, prepare for tournaments and serve the broader school community.

Diversity Club

Students in Diversity Club work to promote diversity and the acceptance of others' differences. We also address topics such as bullying and racism, and students in the club conduct activities to combat these issues and spread awareness within the school district and community. Each year, members of Diversity Club attend the Schuylkill County Youth Conference in the fall at Penn State Schuylkill campus. The club also participates in a yearly "Stand Against Racism" event in the spring.

Envirothon

The NS Enviro-thon Club is a group that meets to discuss and explore our environment. Members will learn about aquatic ecology, forestry, soils, and land use, wildlife and current environmental issues in preparation for competition against other local schools.

Esports

Members of the esports team compete in various leagues and tournaments against other high schools. Some of the titles we've played are League of Legends, Rocket League, Overwatch 2, and Valorant. Other games can be added based on interest/availability.

Friends Forever

Friends forever is an organization with the goal of building lasting friendships and teaching each other lifelong skills in a safe supervised environment. Working on a peer to peer basis will ensure that everyone involved with the program will benefit.

Gaming Club

At Gaming Club meetings, held after school on Thursdays, students have a casual place to socialize while playing video games and/or board games. Last year's most popular game for the club to play was Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, but students are encouraged to bring their own games and try new things!

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NS News and Media Club

The NS News and Media Club is an extension of the Broadcast Journalism class and is also open to any 9th-12th grade students interested in Journalism. This extracurricular activity is where students can meet to share ideas, create new visions, learn new techniques/equipment, and improve journalistic skills for the Live Newscast. Keeping in mind that students may want to pursue a future in Journalism, this club helps to teach and promote a wide range of journalistic concepts, practice interviewing skills, and hone writing skills with the sole purpose of serving the NS community. We meet on Wednesday from 2:35-3:10 in Room 815.

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Pep Club

Pep Club is a student run organization that's chief purpose is to create and support school spirit throughout the school year. Pep Club proposes and coordinates such events as pep rallies, special spirit days, and locker decorating. All members play a critical role in deciding what exactly goes on over the course of the year. Participants in Pep Club tend to be very creative, good in arts, crafts, painting, and/or computers/graphics, and have a great overall interest in making the school year fun for everyone (however, if you aren't quite the creative type, Pep Club always needs responsible students to help in many other important facets of the club too)! Pep Club is inclusive of all activities in the school - not just athletics - from the Debate Team to the School Play to the Band and Chorus. Officers are selected annually by student vote. If you have any questions about Pep Club and if it's the right fit for you, please see any of the club members! GO SPARTANS!!! Typically Grades 11-12.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.)

S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is a peer-to-peer education, prevention and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide. SADD membership is open to 11th and 12th grade students.

Ski Club

The Ski Club is a recreational snow sports club. Students are transported to local to local Ski Resorts where they can participate in ski/snowboarding lessons, and/or ski/snowboard at their own risk. Students are required to participate in fundraising events.

Spanish Club

Students meet to further their interest in the Spanish Language and culture. Throughout the year they participate in various activities such as Spanish Bingo, scavenger hunts, creating 'ofrendas' for the Day of the Dead, activities dealing with Foreign Language week, and more.

Spartan Fire & Rescue

Students participate in fundraising activities to provide smoke alarms to district students. Members also participate in a Junior Firefighter's Competition and travel to the Harrisburg

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Farm Show Fire Expo. The group is designed to help the community and grow interest in serving local companies.

Students With a Testament (SWAT)

S.W.A.T. is a pilot organization/club consisting of students in grades 7-12 with an interest in any faith-based religion who gather and communicate for the betterment of the world. Students often take part in organizing and forming activities involving packaging and sending care packages around the world to third world countries in need. The largest project we do is the Christmas Shoe Boxes. This project sends a shoe box packed with items for children all around the world. Students also demonstrate integrity and honesty in educational and personal decisions reflecting their religious beliefs.

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Teens Against Tobacco (T.A.T.)

T.A.T. (Teens Against Tobacco) is a program supported by Clinical Outcomes Group Inc., the Schuylkill County Tobacco-Free Coalition and BUSTED! Teens kickin' nicotine. T.A.T. helps young people ages 14-17 teach elementary and middle school students about the dangers of tobacco and how to avoid it. Junior High and High School students learn how to educate younger students about tobacco use issues they may face while growing up. T.A.T. membership is open to 7th through 12th grade students.

ThinkBIG

ThinkBIG is a student organization that relies on volunteers to create in-school and community fundraisers to benefit families of pediatric cancer patients throughout central Pennsylvania. In three years, North Schuylkill's ThinkBIG campaigns have raised over \$35,000. ThinkBIG is open to high school students starting as early as freshman year. The group has initiated an overnight 12-hour dance marathon, an annual Toy Bingo event and the first ever North Schuylkill Kindergarten Prom. In addition to fundraisers, students also volunteer at Janet Weis wrapping Christmas gifts for families of pediatric patients.

Trap Shooting Club

This is a new club that has been developed within the North Schuylkill School District. Members of the trap shooting club practice at the Fountain Springs Gun Club, only a few minutes down the road from the high school. The club emphasizes the positive influence shooting sports can have on an individual's life by promoting the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, teamwork and ethical behavior. The student athletes can learn and demonstrate their skills of shotgun shooting in a game of movement, action, and split-second timing requiring accuracy and skill while shooting at targets.

Yearbook

Yearbook Club meets every Monday during the activity period to produce the school yearbook, which offers a complete record of an entire school year. The year begins by planning the coverage for the school year and designing a unifying theme for the book. Students then examine magazine journalism for layout and design techniques, writing, editing, headlining,

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and picture captioning styles. Students work independently with photographers to learn proofing strategies. They practice gathering and analyzing information, interviewing, note taking, and photography as well as learn strategies of planning, marketing (ad sales) and distribution of the completed yearbook in early May. At times, deadlines require that staff members work after school and some weekends. Students will learn good work habits and are responsible for all phases of yearbook publication.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ACHIEVE After School Program

Schuylkill ACHIEVE is a Federal Funded after school program for students in grades 7 and 8. The program meets Monday-Thursday from 2:45 PM to 5:45 PM. Students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of STEM and STEAM activities throughout the daily sessions. Students also paint, create crafts, play games, and learn life skills. Some programs offered are: 80s Program, Dovetail and COGI (Drug and Alcohol) Academic help is provided throughout the session, if needed. We have monthly Family Fun Nights.

Band

The Band is a group of students who learn to perform on musical instruments. The music we play ranges from pop music to serious classical music. Band is a year-round commitment and is co-curricular. At North Schuylkill, we offer multiple ensembles for students to be a part of including: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, High School Jazz Band, Middle School Jazz Band, Marching Band, and Competitive Marching Band. The Band performs at NSHS athletic events, community events, professional sporting events, and in three or four concerts every year. As a competitive band, the NS Band is a member of both the National Judges Association Tournament of Bands (TOB) and the Cavalcade of Bands circuit.

Chorus

The NS chorus is made up of Junior and Senior High students who enjoy singing and developing their musical skills. Chorus is a year-round commitment. We perform standard choral repertoire as well as modern music. We perform as both a show choir and a standard choir in the community and at school.

Theatre Arts

Students who want to participate in the North Schuylkill Theatre Arts Program must be in grades 9 through 12. Audition sign-ups are held in December and auditions for roles in our annual production are held in January. Rehearsals run from January until the performance dates in April. Stage Crew sign-ups for students interested in working behind the scenes during final rehearsals and during performances are held in March.

Weightlifting

Students in grades 7-12 are permitted to stay after school (Monday-Thursday) to exercise in the Weight Room. Students will have the ability to use free weights, cable-weighted equipment, and cardio equipment. Safety is the number one priority while exercising in the

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Weight Room. The Weight Room Advisor will assist if needed and will stress safe and proper form while exercising. Any student that is not following appropriate procedures will not be allowed to continue to use the Weight Room after school. Students should sign-up to stay each day in the High School's Main Office. The weight room will be open from 2:35-3:10 for students in 7th and 8th grade. Junior high students must ride the Activity Bus and will be responsible for leaving the Weight Room in a timely fashion in order to get to the bus. Students in grades 9-12 are permitted to stay longer (no later than 4:00) if they have another form of transportation (Parent/Guardian Pick-up /or if the student drives to school on their own). Students are not permitted to stay on school grounds after the weight room is closed.

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Halloween Window Painting

Any student in grades 7-12 may participate in the Halloween Window Painting Contest. Each a specific theme is announced, and students interested in participating in the contest must draw and submit a picture according to the specified theme to the Art department. The art teachers judge and select pictures to be used in the Halloween Window Painting. Students then paint their pictures on store front windows in the surrounding school neighborhoods.

Mathcounts

Mathcounts is a math competition club available for students in grades 7-12. Seventh and Eighth grade students will attend the Mathcounts competition in February along with other competitions throughout the year. Ninth through twelfth grade students have a variety of competitions that they can participate in including the John Gold exam at Bucknell, Lehigh math contest, and many others.

National Honor Society

The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character. Members will be considered on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and service. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior class.

Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee invites students in grades 5-8 to prepare themselves for competition in Scripps' National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. After grade-level eliminations, grades 5-8 compete for the top five spots to compete against other county districts in the Pottsville Republican Spelling Bee.

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) - Junior High

This Junior High STEM Club is offered to 7th and 8th grade students. Upon receiving a challenge from the state, students work in groups to produce a structure made from K-Nex. They then have the opportunity to go to a local competition which includes all school districts in our IU. Engineering, Problem Solving, Working with Peers, Math, Presenting, etc...are major focus points for this club.

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Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) - Senior High

The High School STEM Club is open to any North Schuylkill student in grades 9 through 12. Our STEM club designs and fabricates projects to enter in regional STEM competitions. Our STEM team has been to the Governors STEM Competition and to the PennDOT Innovations Challenge. For each of these challenges our club has designed and developed projects that help improve the lives of people living in Pennsylvania communities. We are also working on developing a battlebot to enter in the “Rage in the Cage” competition in Bloomsburg, PA. There is also a Junior High STEM Club for grades 7 and 8.

Student Council

The North Schuylkill Junior/Senior High School Student Council is the representative organization for the student body at North Schuylkill Junior/Senior High School. Two representatives from each grade level are elected to Student Council by members of their class. Students who are interested in becoming members of Student Council must first submit a petition to have their names placed on the election ballot. Petition and election procedures are discussed with potential candidates during a Candidate’s Meeting held during the first week in September. Student Council is responsible for not only representing our student body, but also for events throughout the school year. Homecoming Spirit Week, the Annual Powder Puff Football Classic and Homecoming game ceremonies are just some of the events Student Council sponsors.