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CLUB & CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

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ACADEMIC TEAM

- Advisors:** Mrs. Glus
Meetings: 1/week
Prerequisite: Students must take a battery of tests during early sessions of the club and place high in rank on these tests.
Club Activity: Students on the team represent South Plainfield High School in a “Jeopardy” type forum - usually held at various locations around the state. As well as some that are NAQT style tournaments that could qualify them for national standings. Students host a tournament to fund their activities in which they participate in every aspect of the preparation including the writing of questions.

ALGONQUIN SQUARE BOOK CLUB

- Advisors:** Mrs. Parisi and Ms. Nydam
Meetings: The last Friday of every month.
Prerequisite: None.
Club Activity: This group meets several times a year to discuss selected works of literature. Each month, the students choose a genre of books such as fantasy, science fiction, realistic fiction, biography, informational, etc. Students read a book of their choice, within the chosen genre, and attend the next meeting to discuss their books. At the end of the year, students will receive a master list of all the books that have been read and discussed at the meetings.

Chamber choir (Ensemble for male and female voices)

- Advisor:** Dr. Kregler
Meetings: Wednesday 2:30-4:30, Chorus Room
Prerequisite: Students must audition with the choral director and be in the school day Choral program.
Club Activity: Ensemble performs at community and school events and in concert.

Computer Club

- Advisor:** Dr. Wiener
Meetings: 2/month
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: Students will have the opportunity to learn about computer hardware and software. Students will be able to learn various programming languages, including those not covered in the Computer Science curriculum. Members of the club choose and work on programming projects together.

DEBATE CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. Spolarich
Meetings:	2/month
Prerequisite:	None.
Club Activity:	The Debate Club is designed to foster oral communication activities and to enhance research and reasoning skills through participation in different types of debates. The students will learn about various types of debate formats, focusing on the Lincoln-Douglas style. The students will also participate in intramural debates and debate competitions.

DECA

Advisor:	Kayla Bryant-Khanutin/Kelly Butrico/Jennifer O'Brien
Meetings:	Thursdays
Prerequisite:	Completed or Enrolled in a Business/Marketing Course
Club Activity:	DECA, or the Distributive Education Club of America, is an association of marketing students preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready. Throughout the year, members participate at DECA's Regional, State, and International Career Development Conferences, requiring them to create business plans, complete local and state community service projects, role play real-life situations, and most importantly, design and execute a unique recruitment campaign to celebrate National DECA Month in November. An international organization with a membership of over 200,000, DECA exists in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Spain, and China.

DRAMA CLUB

Advisor:	Mrs. Briskin
Meetings:	Seasonal – Daily beginning in January
Prerequisite:	None.
Club Activity:	This club welcomes all students interested in theater and dramatic arts. Members improve their craft by participating in theater games, improvisations, and performing dramatic scenes and monologues. Students may participate in competitions.

ENVIORNMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB

Advisor:	Mrs. Benton
Meetings:	Every other Tuesday in Cafeteria
Prerequisite:	A desire to make the world a better place
Club Activity:	This club has a goal of improving the environment one student at a time. In partnership with Sustainable Schools of New Jersey, students work to obtain grants to improve the climate of SPSHS. Students will form a green team that will enhance the environment through education and days of service to the community.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Sosna
Meetings:	Monthly/Friday afternoons from September through June
Prerequisite:	None.
Club Activity:	This club welcomes all students. Members grow interest in the language and culture of France and the Francophone world through student collaboration and participation in various activities such as fundraising for needy Francophone organizations, watching French films and music videos, going to French restaurants, celebrating French holidays, and much more!

French HONOR SOCIETY (Société Honoraire de Français)

Advisor:	Madame Sosna
Meetings:	Once a month (As needed)
Prerequisite:	Students in 11 th , or 12 th grade, must be enrolled in French 3 or higher, have a 3.3 average in French and a 3.0 overall GPA over a 3 semester period, as per French Honor Society (FHS) guidelines. Students, who are eligible, will be recognized by advisor for membership.
Club Activity:	French Honor Society members provide weekly tutoring each Tuesday at 2:30PM as per teacher's request and work in conjunction with the French Club on various community service projects. FHS provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding ability in the study of French language through selection for membership, the placement of a special seal on the graduate's diploma, the wearing of a white cord at graduation, and the right to wear the official emblem/pin of the honor society. The chapter provides a vehicle for focusing activities around French language and literature and also for encouraging member participation in the annual writing contest as well as application for the annual travel grants. In addition, there is the opportunity for students to experience leadership in serving as officers, directing the initiation ceremony, and/or leading other chapter events.

HEROES AND COOL KIDS

Advisors:	Mrs. Kriskowski Mrs. Vandermark
Meetings:	As announced 3 full day trips (training sessions) and 3 classroom visits (at Grant School)
Prerequisite:	Students must be recommended by their coaches or teachers
Club Activity:	Heroes and Cool Kids is a group of selected upperclassmen who participate in athletics, marching band, and other activities. They are trained by former professional athletes on moral lessons such as bullying, drug and alcohol use, and motivation. The group shares what they have learned with 6 th grades students within the South Plainfield School District.

IMPACT BIBLE CLUB

Advisors:	Mrs. Milano
Meetings:	2/month
Prerequisite:	None
Club Activity:	Impact Bible Club is a group of students who want to encourage and create opportunities for SPHS students to have a positive IMPACT on their school and community, standing on the Bible as a foundation. Activities include group discussions on current topics of interest and what the Bible has to say about values and life choices. The club also seeks to participate in service projects and volunteer activities that will benefit others, such as tutoring for younger aged students in South Plainfield.

JERSEYAN HISTORY CLUB

Advisors:	Mrs. Fuschetto
Meetings:	1/Month (Thursday 7:30AM or 2:30PM)
Prerequisite:	Membership dues, participation in at least four fundraisers per year, three activities, and attendance at all meetings.
Club Activity:	Members of the Jerseyan Club explore historical and cultural interests. Day trips to places of historical interest are taken twice a year and a three day, two night trip is taken in the spring. The club also sponsors, plans and coordinates Cultural Heritage Day and Cultural Heritage Fusion Night. One of the largest clubs in the high school, the Jerseyan Club welcomes all interested students. Students can join the club during June or no later than Sept. 30 th .

JOURNALISM CLUB

Advisor:	Mrs. Vigneri
Meetings:	1 period/day; 5 times/week
Prerequisite:	None
Club Activity:	The Journalism Club is a 5 credit elective class that produces, edits, and distributes 4 issues of Tiger Times, the South Plainfield High School newspaper.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

Advisor:	Mr. Dore & Ms. Aiello
Meetings:	For all members: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the marching season. For Color Guard: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the marching season. Monday and Wednesday rehearsals take place from 5:30-8:30PM and Friday rehearsals take place from 2:45-5:00PM.
Prerequisite:	For Marching Band: No audition necessary. For Color Guard: Students must audition. For both groups: Willingness to participate in all rehearsals and performances.
Club Activity:	The Marching Band and Color Guard perform at football games, at various school and community functions, and in parades, concerts, and USSBA competitions throughout the school year. The Color Guard consists of the Flag, Dancer, and weapons (rifle and saber).

MATH TEAM

- Advisors:** Dr. Weiner
- Meetings:** 1-2/week leading up to competitions
- Prerequisite:** Students must have the recommendation of their math teacher.
- Club Activity:** The club is intended to provide challenges to students above and beyond those found in the classroom. To that end, we participate in eight monthly meets held by the Central Jersey Mathematics League.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SPMUN)

- Advisor:** Mr. Shah
- Meetings:** 1/week
- Prerequisite:** Interest in debate and current events
- Club Activity:** Students debate current events in the world today by representing the viewpoints of different countries. Topics range and include issues such as: the War on Terror, AIDS/HIV in Africa, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and the Sudanese Refugee Crisis. Students will research their topics and assigned countries to prepare themselves for conferences in which they will debate with students from other high schools. In the past, SPMUN students have traveled to Boston, Washington DC, New York City, and Rutgers University. Other activities include fundraisers, guest speakers on careers in international relations, and our trip to the United Nations.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- Advisors:** Mr. Flannery/Mr. Salvas
- Meetings:** 2/week
- Prerequisite:** Members must be selected by the Faculty Selection Council based upon scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students in the Class of 2015 and the Class of 2016 must have a minimum grade point average of 4.0 or above for grades 9 through 12 to be eligible as per National Honor Society Handbook.
- Club Activity:** The National Honor Society provides service and leadership to the school and community.

Odyssey of the Mind

- Advisors:** Mrs. Benton
- Meetings:** Thursdays
- Club Activity:** Odyssey of the mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their ingenuity, creativity, and “out of the box” thinking to solve problems that range from building mechanical device to presenting their own interpretation of literacy classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the regional, state, and World level. Hello Iowa!! Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and about 25 other countries from around the world participate in the program.

REGIT (Yearbook)

Advisor: Mrs. Vigneri
Meetings: 1 period/week, 5 times per week
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: Regit is a 5 credit class dedicated to producing, advertising, and selling the annual South Plainfield High School yearbook.

ROBOTICS

Advisors: Mrs. Tenenbaum
Meetings: Various
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: The SPHS TIGER TECH Robotics Team was launched in the 2014-2015 season as an International FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition (FRC®) team. The Team's objective is to foster a love for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), as well as build upon authentic 21st Century skills for students to become technological leaders in our community and beyond. "The varsity Sport for the Mind™, FRC® combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules of the competition, limited resources, and time limits, teams of students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It's as close to "real-world engineering" as a student can get (www.usfirst.org)."

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Thomas
Meetings: 1/week
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: Social Justice is a chapter of a national organization dedicated to ending the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan. In addition, the Social Justice club seeks to raise awareness and donations to many other injustices locally, nationally, and internationally.

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY (Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica)

Advisor: Mrs. Vandermark
Meetings: **Once a month** (As needed)
Prerequisite: Students in 11th or 12th grade, must be enrolled in Spanish 3 or higher, have a 3.3 average in Spanish and a 3.0 overall GPA over a 3 semester period, as per Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica guidelines. Students, who are eligible, will be recognized by advisor for membership.
Club Activity: Spanish Honor Society members provide weekly tutoring each Tuesday at 2:30PM as per teacher's request. In recent years, SHS members have also provided tutoring to limited English speaking elementary students.

STAGE CREW

Advisor:	Mr. Dore
Meetings:	1/month, daily as spring musical approaches.
Prerequisite:	None.
Club Activity:	The Stage Crew helps with all school activities and events that are held in the auditorium throughout the school year. The members help clean, maintain, and organize all lighting, sound, and stage equipment. Stage Crew members work backstage on the Fall Drama Production and the Spring Musical.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION

Advisor:	Ms. Vandermark Mr. Encinas
Meetings:	2/month
Prerequisite:	Recommendation from a High School teacher or administrator
Club Activity:	The organization has a membership that is open to the entire student body, with the recommendation of a High School teacher or administrator. A bi-weekly meeting provides a forum to discuss social issues and develop interpersonal skills to mediate student conflicts. Students formulate an understanding of cultural diversity and sensitivity to enhance their community and school pride. There are many volunteer activities and community services, such as Special Olympics, Senior Citizen activities, fundraisers, Teacher Appreciation Week, Habitat for Humanity, etc. There is also a two-day leadership retreat.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Advisors:	Mr. Encinas
Meetings:	1/month
Prerequisite:	Students must be academically eligible and must be elected by peers.
Club Activity:	The many activities include sponsorship of dances, Senior Citizens' Day, the Homecoming Events/Activities, Student Council elections, the annual blood drive, Student Council Week, assemblies, Battle of the Classes, Gold Card Picnic, and community projects

TIGER'S TALE (South Plainfield High School's literary magazine)

Advisor:	Ms. Pecora
Meetings:	Mondays
Prerequisite:	None.
Club Activity:	The <i>Tiger's Tale</i> is the South Plainfield High School literary magazine, which is published annually by the <i>Tiger's Tale</i> staff. All students are encouraged to submit their creative efforts in the areas of art, poetry, and short stories. The <i>Tiger's Tale</i> staff will select the works to be included in the annual magazine from those submitted. All students interested in writing, editing, graphics, art, and desktop publishing are encouraged to join the <i>Tiger's Tale</i> staff.

WAKSMAN PROGRAM CLUB

- Advisor:** Mrs. Benton
- Meetings:** Every Friday after school
- Prerequisite:** Pre or co-requisite Honors or AP Biology
- Club Activity:** Students will perform authentic research in which students isolate and sequence the DNA of an organism that has not yet been sequenced. Students will analyze the sequences they “discover” to determine what protein the DNA codes for by comparing it to known proteins in sequenced organisms. Findings will be published on the NCBI for scientists around the world to access and use in their research. This club is run in cooperation with Rutgers University.

WINTER GUARD

- Advisors:** Amy Meerovich and Kelly Martini
- Meetings:** Practices run from the beginning of December
- Prerequisite:** Students **must** have marched the previous fall season with the Marching Band or Color Guard and audition.
- Club Activity:** The Winter Guard performs at competitions. The season runs from the middle of December until the last weekend in April.

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