

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
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CLUB/CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

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ACADEMIC TEAM

- Advisors:** Mrs. Glus
- Meetings:** As announced.
- 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 standing. Students host a tournament to fund their activities in which they participate in every aspect of the preparation including the writing of questions.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY CLUB

- Advisor:** Mr. Skillman
- Meetings:** As announced, Room 333
- Prerequisite:** Open to all interested in learning and serving the community. There are no regular dues. Students may be required to contribute or raise money to cover any optional trips arranged.
- Club Activity:** Students will present and discuss topics related to African-American history and culture. It is expected that club members will participate in one or more community service projects during the year.

ALGONQUIN SQUARE BOOK CLUB

- Advisors:** Ms. Flannery and Mrs. Massey
- Meetings:** As announced.
- Prerequisite:** None.
- Club Activity:** This group meets several times per year to discuss selected works of literature. Each member takes a turn as discussion leader to guide the group in interpreting themes, symbolism, and literary history, with guidance from advisors. Past selections have included *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *Running with Scissors* by Augusten Burroughs, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, and *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer. Trips are organized on occasion. Come join us if you like reading and lively discussion. On meeting days, members are encouraged to bring refreshments to share.

ANNOUNCERS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. D'Urso
Meetings: As necessary.
Prerequisite: Open to seniors.
Club Activity: These students make the morning announcements and lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. Must be articulate and comfortable in appearing on Channel One. Try outs are done in June of junior year.

ART CLUB

Advisor: TBA
Meetings: Thursday 2:30-4:30PM, room 113
Prerequisite: Open to anyone with an interest in the arts.
Club Activity: Students will discuss art related topics, bring information about school activities that art club members may have interest in, and work on small art projects proposed by group members and organized by the advisor.

ASIAN CULTURE CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Crosby
Meetings: Friday 2:30 - 3:30 PM, room 550
Prerequisite: South Plainfield High School student
Club Activities: Members will explore various aspects of Asian culture, including holidays, history, clothing, foods, traditional folk tales, and entertainment. Activities have included a Chinese New Year celebration with traditional foods; a Japanese tea ceremony; lessons in using the diabolo (Japanese yo-yo controlled with sticks); and a lesson in the art of calligraphy. Members will read and discuss mangas (Asian comics) and discuss, and possibly view, selected animes (Asian videos). Members may be expected to share the responsibility of providing refreshments for various holidays. The goal is to learn about Asian cultures, including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and more.

AUDIO VISUAL CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Inzani
Meetings: As needed, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Prerequisite: None.
Club Activity: Limited to students who can pick up and deliver TVs/VCRs, assemble screens as needed, and do work as requested by teachers.

BUSINESS CLUB

Advisors: Mrs. Butrico & Mrs. McAndrews
Meetings: One per month to be announced.
Prerequisite: Interest in business related career.
Club Activity: The Business Club welcomes all students interested in a business related career. Activities will include speakers from the business world as well as trips to see the world of business at work. Members must participate in a fund raising activity.

CABINETMAKING & MANUFACTURING CLUB

Advisor:	TBA
Meetings:	Monday and Wednesday 2:35 PM, room 104
Prerequisite:	Students must have completed or be enrolled in Basic Woodworking, Machine Woodworking and/or Basic Drafting.
Club Activity:	An integral part of the manufacturing courses, members continue working after school in the developing, planning, manufacturing, marketing, and selling of the class project during the first semester. Work in the cabinetmaking processes of the second semester course requirement are also continued in after-school meetings. Interested students who are not enrolled in manufacturing but have certain levels of mastery of cabinetmaking skills are admitted for membership on the approval of the advisor.

COMPUTER TECH CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. LoConte
Meetings:	After school as announced.
Prerequisite:	Students involved in Electronic Program and any student with advisor's approval.
Club Activity:	Students will be involved in the building and repair of computers.

CONCERT CHOIR

Advisor:	TBA
Meetings:	Seasonal – begins in January. Tuesday 2:30-4:00PM
Prerequisite:	Requires audition. Students do not have to be a member of the Chorus.
Club Activity:	Mixed choral ensemble.

DEBATE CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. Spolarich
Meetings:	Biweekly on pre-arranged dates at 2:30 PM, room 560
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.

DRAMA CLUB

Advisor:	TBA
Meetings:	After school as announced.
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.

THE EMERALDS (Ensemble for female voices)

Advisor: TBA
Meetings: Thursday 2:50-3:50 PM, Chorus Room
Prerequisite: Students must audition with the choral director and be in the choral program.
Club Activity: Ensemble performs at community and school events and in concert.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB

Advisors: Mrs. Green
Meetings: To be announced.
Prerequisite: None.
Club Activity: The South Plainfield Environmental Science Club was formed to give students with an interest in the environment a platform to share their information and interest with the student body and school community. All students are encouraged to attend meetings, participate in community projects and field trips, and promote environmental awareness and preservation.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Delne
Meetings: As announced.
Prerequisite: Students must have an interest in French culture.
Club Activity: The French Club aspires to provide a broadened understanding of the music, foods, and culture of the French people and countries where the French language is spoken. Participation often provides the opportunity for field trips and travel.

FRENCH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (Societe Honoraire de Francais)

Advisor: Mr. Delne
Meetings: No regularly scheduled meetings.
Prerequisite: Students must maintain an A- average in French over a two-year period, be enrolled in French III or higher, and be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. Students who are eligible are invited to apply for membership.

GRAPHIC ARTS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. D'Urso
Meetings: Once per month on Wednesday after school in room 103.
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: Club consists of numerous activities dealing with graphic arts, silk screening, photography, and video editing is practiced. Students are expected to work on projects that benefit the school and community, as well as projects of choice. Video taping for the school news station will be a major part of the club.

HELP DARFUR NOW

Advisor: Ms. Flannery
Meetings: Thursdays, as announced.
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: Help Darfur Now is a chapter of a national organization dedicated to ending the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Members are committed to raising awareness through school and community programs, as well as raising funds for the relief of Darfurian refugees.

HEROES AND COOL KIDS

Advisors: Mrs. Kriskowski
Mr. Emmons
Meetings: To Be Announced
Prerequisite: Students must be recommended by their coach or director
Club Activity: Heroes and Cool Kids is a group of selected upper classmen who participate in athletics and marching band. 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 6th grades students within the South Plainfield School District.

INFORMATION CENTER COUNCIL

Advisor: Mrs. Massey
Meetings: As announced.
Prerequisite: Interested students must be able to volunteer to assist in the Information Center after school for a minimum of three hours per month throughout the school year.
Club Activity: The Information Center Council welcomes students who enjoy working with books and/or computers and are interested in an opportunity to volunteer. Students may participate in assisting others to use the OPAC (online public access catalog), online databases, or Microsoft Office.

THE JADES (Ensemble for male voices)

Advisor: TBA
Meetings: Thursday 4:00-5:30PM, Chorus Room
Prerequisite: Students must audition with the choral director and be part of the choral program.
Club Activity: Ensemble performs at community and school events and in concert.

JERSEYAN HISTORY CLUB

Advisors: Ms. Flannery
Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month 7:30AM or 2:30PM
Prerequisite: Membership dues, participation in at least four fundraisers per year and 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. 30th.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

Advisor: Mr. Vroom, Ms. Hartong

Meetings: For all members: Held each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the marching season. For Color Guard: Held each 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: Mr. Knarr

Meetings: As announced.

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 (MUN)

Advisor: Mr. Shah

Meetings: Monday 2:30PM, room 332

Prerequisite: Interest in debate and current events

Club Activity: Students debate current events in the world today by representing the viewpoints of different nations. Topics range from the War on Terror to AIDS/HIV in Africa to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Students will research their topics and assigned countries to prepare themselves for conferences in which they will debate with students from other high schools. Other activities include fundraisers, guest speakers on careers in international relations, and our trip to the United Nations.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Ms. Dressler
Mr. Casano

Meetings: No regularly scheduled meetings.

Prerequisite: Students must have taken Art for two years and have maintained a G.P.A. of 3.5 in Art and an overall G.P.A. of 2.5.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisors: Mr. Knarr
Ms. Leonardis

Meetings: As needed at 2:25PM, room 446.

Prerequisite: Members must be selected by the Faculty Selection Council based upon scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students in the Class of 2009 and the Class of 2010 must have a minimum grade point average of 3.50 or above for grades 9 through 12 to be eligible as per National Honor Society Handbook. Starting with the Class of 2011, students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75. Students in the Class of 2012 will have to maintain a 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

Club Activity: The National Honor Society provides service and leadership to the school and community.

SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk)

Advisor: Mrs. Green

Meetings: Pre-announced meetings.

Prerequisite: None.

Club Activity: A service-oriented organization, SADD works to develop awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. Activities include community work, school-wide presentations and events, dances, and fund raisers.

SAFTE (Sport Anglers for the Environment)

Advisor: Mr. LoConte

Meetings: After school, as announced.

Prerequisite: Open to all students.

Club Activity: The purpose of this club is to educate all members on environmental concerns. Some of our activities include group discussions on fishing methods and tackle, fishing trips, and guest speakers.

SPANISH CLUB

Advisors:	Ms. Danella
Meetings:	As announced.
Prerequisite:	Students must be enrolled in a Spanish class or have taken a Spanish class.
Club Activity:	The purpose of this club is to help supplement the cultural aspects of the language learned during class. This might be in terms of the music, dance, or foods of Spanish-speaking countries. Students participate in fund-raising activities to help earn money towards trips to a museum and a Spanish restaurant. Club members help organize a club fair to be held after school.

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY (Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica)

Advisor:	Mrs. Barton
Meetings:	As needed, at 2:40PM, Room 263.
Prerequisite:	Students in 10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade, must be enrolled in Spanish 3 or higher, have a 4.0 average in Spanish over a 3 semester period, as per Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica guidelines. Students, who are eligible, are invited to apply for membership.
Club Activity:	Spanish Honor Society members provide weekly tutoring each Thursday at 7:30AM and 2:30PM. In recent years, SHS members have also provided tutoring to limited English speaking elementary students.

STAGE CREW

Advisor:	TBA
Meetings:	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Mondays at 2:30PM in room 557.
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:	Every other Wednesday 7:30 AM or when necessary, Cafeteria A/B
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 ATHLETIC TRAINER CLUB

- Advisor:** Ms. Rippon
- Meetings:** Held daily and/or weekends in the training room.
- Prerequisite:** Students must have approval of the advisor.
- Club Activity:** The club strives to educate students in the medical aspects of sports and gives them exposure to the field of athletic training as a future career. Club members are involved in the injury prevention, management, and care aspects of the athletic program. They are encouraged to study and become competent in injury recognition and management. They are expected to assist the athletic trainer in the daily functioning of the sports medicine program as well as to attend practices and games. Upperclassmen who have demonstrated advanced skills in athletic training will be given an opportunity to work with a specific sports team.

STUDENT COUNCIL

- Advisors:** Mr. Encinas
- Meetings:** Every 3rd Tuesday of every month or as announced.
- 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 Pageant, Student Council elections, the annual blood drive, Student Council Week, assemblies, and community projects.

TIGER TIMES (South Plainfield High School's Newspaper)

- Advisor:** Mrs. Vigneri
- Meetings:** Held on monthly pre-arranged dates in room 214.
- Prerequisite:** At least B average in English, English teacher recommendation.
- Club Activity:** The Tiger Times is the South Plainfield High School newspaper which functions both as a club and as an activity of the journalism classes. The newspaper is printed several times during the year and provides the opportunity for reporting events and information, expressing opinions, working with Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, creating graphics, writing, and editing.

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

- Advisor:** TBA
- Meetings:** Tuesday 2:30PM, room 551.
- Prerequisite:** None.
- Club Activity:** Tiger's Tale is the South Plainfield High School literary magazine which is published annually by the Tiger's Tale staff. All students are encouraged to submit their creative efforts in the areas of art, poetry, and short stories. The Tiger's Tale 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 Tiger's Tale staff.

TRAVELING CHOIR

Advisor: TBA
Meetings: Seasonal – ends in December. Tuesday 2:30PM-5:00PM
Prerequisite: Students must audition with the choral director.
Club Activity: Ensemble performs at community and school events and in concert. Students must be enrolled in the choral program.

WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

Advisors: Mr. McGuane
Prerequisite: None.
Meetings: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:30PM- 4:30PM, Weight Room
Description: The Weightlifting Club entails the teaching of proper muscular and cardiovascular workouts through the use of free weights. All students from grades 9 - 12 are welcome to join. Meetings will be held periodically and will be announced at later dates.

WINTER GUARD

Advisors: Ms. Hartong and Ms. McCullough
Meetings: Practice schedule will be determined at the start of the season.
Prerequisite: Students **must** have marched the previous fall season with the Marching Band or Color Guard and an audition.
Club Activity: The Winter Guard performs at competitions and the All District Festival. The season runs from the middle of December until the last weekend in April.