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Student Activities

Extra-curricular offerings have always been an integral part of Carbondale Community High School’s culture. There are numerous opportunities for students to get involved beyond the classroom. Many of our clubs have a deep rooted history at CCHS which continue to develop and grow. Other clubs have been formed more recently to meet the needs and interests of today’s students.

CCHS is fortunate that the community, administration, and Board of Education foster Student Activities. Our clubs and groups revolve around interscholastic competition, peer support, social service, political activism, issue awareness and social/emotional enrichment.

Behind each club and organization are dedicated faculty and staff members who want to provide our students with experiences outside of the day to day classroom setting. Students are given the opportunity to lead their peers and work together to complete fundraisers, programs, workshops, and meetings. Sponsors are there to guide the students throughout these activities and events. It is because of these dedicated adults that our programs are so successful.

Extra-curricular offerings and organizations are listed on the following pages with the names of the CCHS sponsors. Logistical information regarding each club and organization may be obtained from the sponsor, or at the Activities Fair held on August 24th before school and during lunch. All clubs will have tables set up near the Principal’s Office with displays and sign up information for the upcoming school year.

Check out the many clubs and organizations and find ones that interest you. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by my office in J119/121 or send me an email at brandi.jones@cchs165.com. I am happy to help students get involved!
Clubs and Organizations

Art Club
Founded 1975
Sponsor: Mrs. Gloria Jones

Art Club is open to all students who are interested in furthering their interests in making and learning about art. Some of the activities the club has participated in are mural painting, glass bead making, candle making, guest artist presentations, theatre set painting, and community projects. The club also has studio nights where students can come in and create during evening hours.

Career Club/Career Bureau of Carbondale
Founded 2012
Sponsor: Mrs. Franciene Sabens

Career Club is open to all students on campus. It is designed to be a resource to the students of CCHS that will focus on obtaining and sharing information from local places of employment as well as investigating national career trends. Networking will be emphasized in order to gain a better understanding of career opportunities that might be available to CCHS students.

Chess Club
Founded 1990
Sponsor: Mrs. Helen Bottje

Chess Club is a great way to meet others and challenge them to a game of strategy. The club meets during ARP (before school) and during Lunch A.

Cheerleading
Founded 1923
Coach: Ms. Whitney Pierce

The Cheerleaders are an integral part of the CCHS athletic program. As leaders in the school, they do stunts and tumbling, lead cheers at athletic events and promote spirit throughout campus. Clinics and tryouts, which are open to all students, are held in the spring to select the squad for the following school year. Information regarding tryouts can be obtained in the Athletic Office.
**Color Guard**

*Founded 1940*  
*Coach: Ms. Madalyn Hughes*

The Color Guard is comprised of students who work the Marching Terriers and are a part of their competition half time field show through dance, flag, and rifle routines. The group works over the summer and two nights per week during the fall practicing routines. The Color Guard also marches in parades with the Marching Terriers including the SIUC Homecoming Parade and the Lights Fantastic Parade. Members of the Color Guard that participate through the year receive an invitation to the music banquet along with a letter and certificate.

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**Creative Writing Club**

*Founded: 1970*  
*Sponsor: Mr. John Gund*

The Creative Writing Club meets as an informal outlet for creative writers to make their voices heard. In the mid spring the club turns their attention to the CCHS literary magazine which includes the best poetry, fiction, and non-fiction written by CCHS students from all grade levels. Members help judge and select entries and work in all aspects of the editing and production process. Open to all students, even those new to creative writing.

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**DIAL Yearbook**

*Founded: 1923*  
*Adviser: Mrs. Brandi Jones*

The DIAL Yearbook Staff is open to any and all students. Interested students are responsible for the production of the yearbook. It requires dedicated, hardworking, and responsible students who are interested in learning about journalism, design, and digital photography. Students participate in web based publishing, layout design, photography, writing, editing, and selling business ads. The staff meets twice per week (Mondays and Thursdays) after school in room J121.

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**Environmental Club**

*Founded 1993*  
*Sponsor: Mrs. Helen Bottje*

Environmental Club is open to all interested students. Students do service projects such as assist with the school recycling program and community clean up days. The club goes on field trips relating to environmental topics, sponsor Earth Week activities, and host guest speakers. Help us make Earth Day every day!
**Film Club**  
Sponsor: Mr. Justin Dennis

Film Club was created to give students who love film and making videos a regular meeting place. Through the club, students are able to practice producing films about topics of their choice. Members also work to understand the various aspects of film so they can produce impactful films. Membership is open to all students.

**Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)**  
Founded: 1946  
Sponsor: Mrs. Sandra Jordan

FCCLA is open to any student who is enrolled in Family and Consumer Science classes (Foods, Parenting, Clothing and Textiles). Students participate not only in local fun activities but go on to Regional and State Rallies with other schools and enjoy a spring field trip to Lamberts.

**French Club**  
Founded: 1954  
Sponsor: Mrs. Meriam Lahlou

The club is open to all French students and native students who are interested in the language and culture of French speaking countries. Activities depend on student interest and may include crafts, food, music, dance, skits, movies, ETC.

**Freshmen Mentors**  
Founded: 2002  
Sponsors: Mrs. Brandi Jones & Mr. Dallas Terry

Each year CCHS puts on an extensive Freshmen Orientation for the incoming Freshmen. Students interested in being a Freshmen Mentor must apply each spring. They are chosen by the CCHS faculty and represent the best of CCHS. Students organize presentations in small groups and lead tours around campus. All events for the orientation take place over the summer. Students must available to attend Freshmen Orientation in early August to participate in Freshmen Mentors.
Future Farmers of America
Founded: 2012
Sponsor: Mrs. Michelle Buchheit

The FFA envisions a future in which all agricultural students will discover their passion in life and build on that insight to chart the course for their educations, career, and personal future. The club offers leadership training experiences and helps its members to develop their own unique talent and explore their interests in a variety of ways.

Gay Straight Alliance
Founded: 2007
Sponsor: Mrs. Helen Bottje

The GSA is a youth leadership organization that connects school-based GSAs to each other and community resources. Through peer support, leadership development, and training; GSA supports young people in the starting, strengthening, and sustaining GSAs and builds the capacity of GSAs to create and encourage safe school environments and promote tolerance.

German Club
Founded: 1970
Sponsor: Mrs. Sharon Lorinskas

All German students and native speakers who are interested in the language and culture of German speaking countries are encouraged to join. Activities depend on student interest and may include crafts, food, music, dance, skits, movies, ETC. They also participate in the Multicultural Festival in February.

Global Initiative Organization (GIO)
Founded: 2001
Sponsor: Mr. Justin Merriman

GIO is for all students interested in a global perspective on current issues. The organization aims to raise worldwide awareness. While studying various global issues in the world, the club creates plans of action to inform students and raise funds for charities. The club organizes a Mario Kart Tournament and sets up at the Multicultural Festival in February.
History Club
Founded: 1950
Sponsor: Mr. Mike Butler

The History Club seeks not only to showcase and preserve local and state history, but also to celebrate Carbondale’s vast cultural diversity. Students work on projects for the history fair as well as other history related projects throughout the year.

Interact
Founded: 2015
Sponsor: Mrs. Toni Ruiz

Interact gives students the chance to make a difference while having fun. The club carries out service projects that help the community and promote international understanding. This is done through hands-on projects, making international connections, and developing leadership skills. Interact is sponsored by the local Rotary Club chapter.

International Club
Sponsor: Mrs. Rebecca Cissell

The International Club mentors international students, works as conversation partners to SIUC international students, and allows a safe and accepting place for students of all nationalities, race, religion, gender, and beliefs to express themselves. Membership is open to all students.

Japanese Club
Founded 2009
Sponsor: Ms. Katie Vieceli

All Manga/Anime fans (otaku) and any students or native speakers of Japanese who are interested in the language, culture, or Manga/Anime are welcome to join. Activities will vary between Manga/Anime and learning/doing activities relating to the Japanese culture. These include crafts, movies, food, learning Japanese, music, and guest speakers.

Key Club
Founded: 1972
Sponsors: Ms. Krista Smith & Mrs. Shelia Segelken

Key Club is a service organization for high school students which operates under school regulations and draws its membership from the student body. The club meets twice per month in the cafeteria. It is unique in that it is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. Key Club’s aim is the development of initiative, leadership ability, and good citizenship through community service projects. The club organizes the Powder Puff Football Game, Mr. CCHS Pageant, CCHS Lip Sync Battle, and much more. Membership is open to any student.
**Letters for Learning**  
Founded: 2016  
Sponsor: Mr. Justin Merriman

Letters for Learning connects students on campus with high school students from around the world as a way for international students to practice their English reading and writing skills. Students during the 2016-2017 school year corresponded with students in Brazil.

**Lifesavers**  
Founded: 1988  
Sponsors: Mrs. Kim Wheeler, Mrs. Amy Prudencio, Mrs. Kyle Povolish, Mr. Jeff Hansen, Mrs. Stacey Massie, Mr. Greg Storm, Mrs. Krystal Emrick, and Mrs. Jessica Anderson

Lifesavers is a group of trained students who are interested in assisting their peers with a myriad of issues that teenagers encounter. Members are trained at a yearly retreat in the fall to listen to other students’ problems and issues in a caring and helpful manner and to refer students with serious issues to responsible adult. During the initial training and at meetings, Lifesavers learn about listening skills, teen suicide, substance abuse, making responsible choices, and many other topics important to their peers. Applications to become a Lifesaver are available during the beginning of the school year.

**Math Team**  
Sponsors: Mr. Gary Rodvelt & Mr. Mike Dollins

The Math Team is open to all interested students. These students work and practice their math skills and participate in various academic competition at every math level. The teams compete at SIUC and other colleges in the state.

**Model United Nations**  
Sponsor: Mr. Justin Dennis

Model UN is comprised of top students that are highly competitive and who enjoy research and history. Students research and prepare presentations for the Model UN conference. Selected students attend a four-day Model UN conference held at the University of Chicago in the winter. Tryouts are open to all students. The only requirement to join is that you must be enrolled in a social studies class.

**Multicultural Festival**  
Founded: 1989  
Sponsors: Mrs. Rebecca Cissell, Mr. Scott Hankey, & the CCHS International Committee

Each year the International Committee organizes the annual Multicultural Festival. This February event is open to the community groups as well as student clubs on campus. An open house style event allows visitors to experience food, displays and performances from over 35 countries from around the world.
Spring Play/Musical & Thespians
Founded: 1925
Sponsors: Ms. Cara Polczyski, Mr. Erik Berrey, Mr. Justin Dennis, & Mr. Conor Kocher

Every year the CCHS Fine Arts Department produces a spring play or musical (in an every other year pattern). Auditions are open to all students and take place in January. Past productions include; Bye Bye Birdie, Hairspray, Grease, Little Shop of Horrors, and Once Upon a Mattress. These productions are a lot of fun and there are numerous opportunities to get involved on stage or behind the scenes.

National Honor Society
Sponsor: Mr. Mike Dollins

The National Honor Society is a group of students who are chosen based on teacher input in the following areas: Character, Leadership, Service, and Scholarship. Students nominate themselves (minimum 3.0 GPA is required) through a process whereby they provide information concerning their extracurricular activities. A committee of teachers and administrators meet to review the student’s application and teacher evaluations to decide which students are chosen to receive this honor. An induction ceremony takes place each January.

Robotics
Founded: 2007
Sponsor: Mr. Dallas Terry

Robotics seeks to increase student interest and involvement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through competitions that require problem solving skills. The group builds and experiments with VEX Robotics Machinery. For competition, members must build a robot that can compete specific tasks. The team hosts their own tournament and also competes throughout the state. Open to all interested students.

Scholar Bowl
Sponsors: Mrs. Sharon Lorinskis & Mrs. Judy Major

The award winning Scholar Bowl Team consists of a JV and Varsity team. There are weekly practices and the group participates throughout the school year in meets across the tristate area. Students who think quickly and enjoy competition tend to do well on the team.
Science Club
Sponsor: Mrs. Suzanne Asaturian

Science Club meets to learn about different types of science. They participate in a variety of experiments, guest speakers, field trips, and the Multicultural Festival. The club is open to all students.

Scrapbook Club
Founded: 2008
Sponsors: Mrs. Tammy Helvey

Scrapbook Club provides students with a creative outlet to express themselves through unique arts and crafts projects at bi-monthly meetings. The club earns money by selling pizza at lunch and working concessions at school sporting events. Membership is open to all students.

Show Choir
Founded: 2016
Sponsor:

Show Choir is student ran extracurricular club that meets once per week after school in the choir room. The choir performs at various CCHS and community events throughout the school year including the Key Club Lip Sync Contest, Fine Arts Holiday Concert, and Fine Arts Night. The group celebrates the end of the year with a trip to Six Flags.

Skills USA
Founded: 2009
Sponsor: Mr. Dallas Terry, Mrs. Melanie Nelson, & Mr. Don Moberley

Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. The organization is an applied method of instruction for preparing America’s high performance workers in careers and technical programs. It provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, and citizenship. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communication skills. The organization competes at the state and national level throughout the year.
**Spanish Club**  
Sponsor: Mrs. Linaya Germann & Mrs. Jane Redon  

All Spanish students and native speakers who are interested in the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries are encouraged to join. Activities depend on student interest and may include crafts, food, music, and films.

**Speech Team**  
Founded: 1935  
Sponsor: Mr. Erik Berrey  

The speech season begins with practice in September and ends with the IHSA State Finals in February. This award winning team has produced several state finalists over the years. Speech Team members participate in public speaking and dramatic speaking events. They travel all over the state during the season to compete against other top schools. All students are welcome to try out for the team.

**Stress & Relaxation Club**  
Founded: 2017  
Sponsor: Crystal Harsy  

The organization meets on a regular basis to provide students with an outlet to relive stress and to learn new ways to relax. It is the club’s goal to teach and practice activities to aid students in managing stress. Techniques include mindfulness training, gentle yoga, adult coloring, and guided meditation.

**Student Council**  
Founded: 1932  
Sponsors: Mrs. Brandi Jones & Mr. Mike Butler  

Student Council is considered the student government link between the wants and needs of students, faculty, and administration. It consists of class officers and students from each of the classes plus an executive board from within the council. Student Council is responsible for planning and organizing Homecoming, Spirit Weeks, the CCHS Blood Drive, and Teacher Appreciation Days. They also participate in district and state level conventions, Student Advisory Council as well as community service projects. Student Council is open to all students.

**Table Tennis Club**  
Founded: 2016  
Sponsor: Mark Woodside  

The Table Tennis Club meets once a week near the C Hallway to engage in friendly games of table tennis on three different tables. The organization raises fund throughout the year for supplies for the club.
**Table Top Gaming Club**
Founded: 2014  
Sponsor: Mr. Josh Taylor  

The Table Top Gaming Club provides students a place to meet and play various board games. Students meet in the cafeteria once a week to engage in friendly competition with one another.

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**Terrierettes Dance Team**
Founded: 2011  
Sponsor:

The Terrierettes is the competition dance team on campus. Open to all students, try outs are held in the fall. The dance team performs at all home varsity basketball games and school pep sessions.

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**Terrier Times Newspaper**
Founded: 1932  
Sponsors: Mr. Bryan Dunn & Mr. Chris Apple  

The Terrier Times is published once a quarter online using the Terrier website. Students are writers, reporters, editors, and photographers. Any interested student can submit an article for publication. Most of the work for the newspaper is done by the Journalism class.
Women In Leadership  
Founded: 2010  
Sponsor: Mrs. Betsy Geiselman  

Open to all students interested in celebrating women in leadership. Monthly meeting include guest speakers and activities encouraging involvement of females in all types of leadership. The club organizes the Run Like a Girl 5K in the spring.

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE)  
Sponsor: Mr. Gary Rodvelt & Mr. Mike Dollins  

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering allows students to compete in various academic areas in both Regional and State competitions. Open to all students.

Young Libertarians of America  
Founded: 2017  
Sponsor: Mr. Mike Butler  

Students meet after school to discuss the Libertarian Party, current events, and to engage in friendly debates.

Young Republicans  
Founded: 2017  
Sponsor: Mr. Joe Keene  

Students meet after school to discuss the Republican Party, current events, and to engage in friendly debates.

Class Sponsors:  
Freshmen: Ms. Tracey Shackles  
Sophomore: Mrs. Franciene Sabens  
Junior: Mrs. Melanie Nelson & Lisa Bastien  
Senior: Mrs. Krystal Emrick
Extra-Curricular Information from the CCHS Handbook

Clubs, Organizations, and Activities

CCHS has a broad offering of clubs, organization, and activities. Obviously, we try to cover the needs and desires of our student body with such groups. A student who would like to form a new club can do so by enlisting the interest of other students, securing a faculty sponsor, and approval from the building principal.

Academic Requirements for Participation in Co-Curricular Activities

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school supported athletic or co-curricular activity, he/she shall be passing at least twenty (20) credit hours of high school work per week. Twenty (21) credit hours is the equivalent of five—full credit classes. Unless they are entering high school for the first time, students shall have also passed and received credit toward graduation for twenty (21) credit hours of high school work for the entire previous semester to be eligible at all during the ensuing semester. All un-graded, school-sponsored or school supported co-curricular activities are subject to these requirements. In addition, students who are engaged in IHSA competition are also subject to these same requirements. These programs are listed below: Clubs, organizations and activities that compete in IHSA competition must fulfill the guidelines outlined in the IHSA student-extracurricular handbooks and sign the Terrier Creed.

Terrier Creed

I desire to become a member of the Carbondale Community High School Extra Curricular/Athletic Program(s). I am sincerely interested in contributing my best to the success of the program. I am privileged to be a part of the successful organization that will offer me an opportunity to become a better competitor; that will instill traits that will make me a better citizen. I hereby agree to conduct myself according to the regulations as outlined in the Student-Athlete Handbook. I understand that, if I do not live up to the agreement as outlined in the Handbook, I am willing to be removed from the program according to the procedures included.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS POLICIES

I herein agree to conduct myself according to the policies which I have read and understand. I realize that, in case I do not live up to the policies, I am willing to be removed from the program.

Dances

Informal dances are held through the year. Most dances end no later than 11:00 p.m. This gives parents an idea of the approximate time to pick up students or when to expect them home. Students should leave the building promptly at the conclusion of the dance. Formal dances include Homecoming in the fall and the Junior-Senior Prom in the spring. Attendance at dances is restricted to CCHS students only with the exception of Homecoming and Prom. Students must get prior approval in order to bring non-CCHS students to those events. Only juniors and seniors and their dates may attend prom. Students who qualify for the Homecoming, Prom, or any other school sponsored dance court must be in good standing.
Extra-Curricular

It is expected that all members of all extra-curricular activities be good citizens about school and in the community. While the opportunity for participation in extra-curricular activities is a vital part of the students’ educational experiences, such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the activity, to the community, and to the students themselves. Any violation of the rules in this handbook or in the CCHS Athletic/Student Activities Handbook by any student who is a participant in any IHSA sponsored extracurricular activity shall be subject to the logical consequences up to and including the denial of these privileges as noted in either handbook.

Intramural Activities – Director, Krystal Emrick

CCHS periodically sponsors informal athletic events and other activities. These are intended to provide an opportunity for students to participate in safe, supervised, casual competitions. Intramural activities allow students to learn the dynamics of teamwork, leadership, and cooperation in a non-threatening, health-conscious setting. All regular school rules are in effect during these events.

Fundraising

Any CCHS group wishing to do a fundraiser must fill out the appropriate forms and submit them at least two weeks in advance of the projected start date to the Student Activities Director. Forms may be obtained from the Student Activities Director. All fundraising projects must have the approval of the Student Activities Director.

Student Elected Positions

Any student who holds an elected position and who transfers from CCHS forfeits the right to that elected office, honor, or title. The position, and its attendance rights, duties, and responsibilities will be assumed by the next person in line or the runner up.