

World Affairs Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Chelala

We are a social club that meets every 2 weeks to discuss current world events. We have on campus access to the World Affairs Council of Houston events and speakers, including topics such as human trafficking, global poverty, refugees, and war. After one year of participation, active club members would be eligible to apply for a college scholarship granted by the Council.

Writer's Club

Sponsor: Ms. Sharp

The Writers' Club's mission is to facilitate an environment for young student writers to do what they do best: write! Members can receive constructive criticism on their written works, the absolute freedom to write whatever they choose to, and a time to share their pieces if they so wish. Club presidents will provide the chance to participate in fun and engaging writing activities to take the edge off of a long school day. Information on short story contests and other writing competitions will also be given out by club presidents for Writers' Club members to pursue and succeed in. Students can expect to share their work and ideas with like-minded individuals, and in doing so enrich their writing prowess as well as their interactions with each other. The Writers' Club is a place where young writers can come to celebrate their craft and prosper in a league of their own.

Yearbook (Mnemosyne)

Sponsor: Ms. Harris

Members of the award-winning Stratford *Mnemosyne* staff create the school's yearbook each year. Students write and edit stories, headlines, and captions; take, develop, and print photos; sell and design ads; and use desktop publishing software to design all pages of the book. After completing the Journalism I or Photojournalism class, students can apply for a position on the yearbook staff. Staffers travel to statewide workshops and contests, may earn a letter jacket, and can win many staff and individual awards.

Stratford High School



STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS 2017-2018

Academic Challenge

Sponsor: Mr. Rutland

Academic Challenge is open to 11th and 12th grade students who enjoy a “Jeopardy” type of competition. Students compete in all school subject areas along with current events, sports, trivia, and religion against other school teams throughout Texas and other states. Competitions are held on Saturdays and 2 teams of 4 students each compete on buzzer systems. Some competitions are televised along with possible scholarship awards.

Academy of Finance

Sponsors: Ms. Schaper, Mrs. Jackson

This is a specialized program for juniors and seniors who are interested in a career in the financial services industry. Students apply for the Stratford AOF at the beginning of their junior year. Before high school graduation, the following courses are to be completed: Accounting I, Business Information Management (BIM), Money Matters, which are all one year classes. In addition, one class from the following selection is required: Accounting II, Banking and Financial Systems, Business Law, Dollars and Sense, Global Business or Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance. A key feature of the Academy of Finance is a supervised 160 hour paid or unpaid internship that enhances classroom learning. Typically, this internship is completed after the summer of the student’s junior year or during their senior year. A certificate of Financial Studies will be awarded to each student upon successful completion of the courses and internship. During their senior year, students have an opportunity to visit the financial district in New York City.

Academy of Science and Engineering

Sponsors: Mr. Barrett
Mr. Avis

The Stratford Academy of Science and Engineering is a selective group of juniors and seniors who apply for the program their sophomore year. ASE encourages high levels of academic competence to students in the area of science through experiences in the high school science classroom and extended experiences in off-campus activities in the Houston community. Students enrolled in the Academy are required to complete a rigorous science and mathematics curriculum which includes AP level courses. In addition, Academy juniors participate in a lab class designed to expose them to careers in science and engineering. Field trips to local business and university research labs are preceded by related research and lab work on campus. Academy seniors are required to complete a Research and Design project. Small teams of students work with community mentors on projects that can be relevant to the current research issues in both industry and academia. Academy students also are expected to complete a minimum number of science-related service hours through tutoring, teacher assistance, or external volunteer work.

Student Council

Sponsors: Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Yonkin

Student Council is a service organization providing service and leadership to Stratford. Each grade elects approximately 20 representatives in late April or early May for the following year. Freshmen will elect their representatives after the first six weeks of school. Certain requirements must be met to run. These are listed under leadership in the Student Handbook. Once the representatives are elected, officers are chosen from these students. The Executive Board is chosen by the entire school and are members of the senior class. Meetings are held every two weeks on Wednesday mornings.

SOAR: Students for Oncological Aid and Relief

Sponsor: Mrs. Moreno

SOAR is a student led, non-profit organization, dedicated to helping cancer patients. Whether as 7 or 70 year-olds, cancer patients are forced to fight a vicious battle. While we can’t cure the disease or stop the pain, we strive to make patients’ lives a bit easier by providing car packages with various hospital necessities filled with our love.

Thespians

Sponsors: Mrs. Prudhomme
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Clayton

A nationally recognized organization, Thespians helps to promote the Stratford Playhouse and gets all of those who love theater together. Students must earn 10 points and work on 2 shows to be inducted (1 point = 100 hours). Various activities include secret Santa, progressive dinner, murder mystery, Oscar party, and kickoff party. Meetings once/month or as needed.

Trading Card Club

Sponsor: Mr. Patel

The purpose of this club is to give students a chance to test their brains with strategic acts of using card games in a laid back, fun atmosphere.

Tri-Theta (Senior Women)

Sponsor: Ms. Slay

The purpose of Tri-Theta is to support the teams at Stratford and to lift school spirit. The members make signs for players and for the halls to show enthusiasm for athletic endeavors. They also have a dance in the spring to celebrate their work. A \$45 fee pays for paint, t-shirt, and the spring formal. We will meet after school on Thursdays.

Water Polo

Sponsor: Coach Hoskovec

Competitive water polo season is in the Spring, beginning the last Monday of February and finishing before the second Monday of May. Practices are at the SBISD Natatorium at 10404 Tiger Trail in the morning at 6:30. Swim Team recommended but not required. Must have some swimming ability to participate.

Stratford Eats

Sponsor: Ms. Hollister

Engage with friends while experiencing good food right here in our community. Then serve back to the community by volunteering once a month at the Houston Food Bank. A balance of fun and service centered around an essential for life: Food!

Stratford High Advanced Robotics Club (SHARC) Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

We are a group of prospective engineers and entrepreneurs who enjoy working as a team on engineering projects and participate in FIRST. FIRST stands for 'For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology'. Teams form and compete each spring. Being a part of this team is a rewarding experience for anyone interested in math and science and its real world applications. This competition and others like it allow students hands-on engineering opportunities, experience working with a team, as well as the challenge of learning to communicate effectively with colleagues. Members are expected to attend weekly meetings, pay a fee of \$50, participate in Build and Contest, maintain a grade of 80 in core classes, and participate in fundraising.

Spartanaire Dance Team

Sponsors: Ms. Vinyard

The Spartanaire Dance Team is a year-round organization that allows high school students a great opportunity to dance at football games, pep rallies, basketball games, and softball games. We also travel to competition and perform and host the annual Spring Show. Not only will members walk away with a high knowledge of dance terminology and movement, but they will also learn valuable self-esteem skills, time management, commitment, and discipline. With around 70-90 members, it's an awesome way to meet people, travel, be involved at Stratford, and learn life lessons needed for college success. Auditions for the team are held in early December and once accepted, the new members are moved into a training class during the spring semester. The Spartanaire Booster Club meets the first Tuesday of each month throughout the school year.

Stratford Leadership CouncilSponsors: Mr. Crowson,
Mrs. Yonkin, Mrs. Jackson

The Council is comprised of a representative from each of Stratford's clubs and organizations. The council meets once each six weeks during Spartan Time to discuss everything going on in school.. Our goal is to unify our school, get more people involved, and increase communication.

Stratford Oaks

Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

Stratford Oaks oversees planting and maintaining the mighty oak trees surrounding the SHS campus, along with other beautification projects. We meet the last Wednesday of every month.

American Sign Language Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Ramlal

The American Sign Language Club provides opportunities for ASL students to improve their skill level and create ties within the local Deaf Community. The ASL Club will host holiday parties and participate in volunteer activities that serve the Deaf Community. Join to learn, sign, and improve our community.

Animation Club

Sponsor: Mr. Patel

The Animation Club's mission is to provide a positive environment for students to connect with each other and appreciate Japanese culture through the medium of Animation. Our members watch modern Animations together and discuss those episodes and other Animation related topics during club meetings. Throughout the year we will view many different Animation films (all TV-14 or less). These films give our members a firsthand perspective of the topics we discuss at club.

Anime' Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Sorsby

The Animé Club's mission is to provide a positive environment for students to connect with each other and appreciate Japanese culture through the medium of Animé. Our members watch Animé together and discuss those episodes and other Animé related topics during club meetings. Throughout the year we will view many different Animé films (all TV-14 or less). These films give our members a firsthand perspective of the topics we discuss at club. We often enjoy refreshments together and look forward to including some community service type activities this year.

Band

Sponsors: Mr. Graham, Mr. Littlefield

Book Club

Sponsor: Ms. Makin, Ms. Slay

The Stratford Book Club meets to discuss current fiction and more. We will meet authors, discuss books and decide as a group which books we want to read and discuss next. Students can join at any time during the year.

Bowl of Life Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Jackson

Connect with groups throughout SHS such as Student Council, NHS, and other Volunteer based organizations to encourage and motivate students to volunteer. On planned dates at area food banks such as Houston Food Bank.

Business Professionals of America (BPA)Sponsors: Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Elmore
Ms. Schaper, Ms. Walker

Are you interested in the area of business? If so, this is the club for you! Business Professionals of America (BPA) is open to all grade levels; the only requirement is for you to be enrolled at Stratford High School. Area, state, and national dues usually cost about \$30 year. You will be given the opportunity to compete in business and technology-related team and individual competitions and work on leadership skills. Membership in this group can be a benefit when applying for colleges.

CERES (Conservation of Environment & Restoration of Ecological Systems) Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Salek

The purpose of this club is conservation of the environment through recycling And donating to animal wildlife centers. Students will collect hard to recycle Materials off to Terracycle to earn terrapoints. At the end of the year, these Points will turn into money that will be donated to wildlife centers and animal Shelters.

**Cheerleaders/
J.V. Cheerleaders**

Sponsors: Mrs. Livesay
Mrs. Glover

The cheerleaders promote school spirit and provide leadership to the students of Stratford. They cheer at games, plan pep rallies, and volunteer their help when needed. Our cheerleaders are not only role models, but also good-will ambassadors. All students are eligible to try out, providing they meet the academ- ic criteria and are willing and able to spend their next year serving Stratford.

Chemistry Club

Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

Club for students who enjoy learning about chemistry.

Choir

Sponsors: Mr. Steinmetz, Ms. Baker

Climb the Heights

Sponsor: Mr. Foster

Bible Study. A place where everyone can feel home and have a better understanding of who the Lord truly is.

Color Guard

Sponsors: Mr. Graham, Mr. Littlefield

Color guard is a class offered by the Stratford Band. You will learn how to spin a flag, rifle, and sabre while you incorporate movement and dance. The color guard performs with the Stratford Marching Band in the fall semester and competes in the Texas Color Guard Circuit in the spring semester. See the band directors for more information.

Comedy Sportz

Sponsor: Mr. Holmes

ComedySportz (CSz) is an improvisational comedy organization started in 1984 in Milwaukee, by a group of local comedians. The ComedySportz High School League is an outreach program of ComedySportz Houston where Teams of play- ers from High Schools across the city compete with each other for Audience laughs. Teamwork, acceptance, and responsibility are taught.

The Stratford High School League team is created from an audition, and performs throughout the year both at Stratford and surrounding schools.

Orchestra

Sponsors: Mr. Fahey, Mr. Altamirano

The Orchestra is actually comprised of three separate performing ensembles that meet as separate classes: Symphony, Philharmonic, and Cello Choir. Membership is by audition, but we have a place for anyone who plays one of the following stringed instruments: violin, viola, cello, bass. We also can accept two pianists and two harpists each year. At the current time, there are no beginner classes offered; students must have had at least one year of instruction on their instrument. The Orchestra Officers plan monthly social activities as well as service and performance opportunities outside the regular concert schedule. One of the high points of the year is our annual performance tour.

Patriot Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Sharp

Persian Culture Club

Sponsor: Mr. Hall

The Persian Culture Club is a secular club focused on examining ancient society, playing games, watching Persian movies, and enjoying Persian cuisine.

Ping Pong Club

Sponsor: Mr. Amarantos

All inclusive. No skill required. All for fun!

Project NICE

Sponsor: Mrs. Sorsby

Our goal is to promote a sense of community within the school by encouraging positive interactions among all students and adults. We achieve this by doing “random acts of kindness” which create a chain reaction of positive energy. We also help transfer students feel welcome as new members of the Stratford com- munity. We meet on B-Day Wednesday afternoons in room 108.

Red Cross Club

Sponsor: Mr. Schwartz

We give members a way to put talent, skills and passion to work for a greater purpose. Members work closely with Greater Houston Chapter of the Red Cross, engaging in projects that will help members improve and build critical skills while helping the community. Membership fee of \$15 includes T-shirt price.

SAP Support Groups

Sponsor: Counselors

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a voluntary school-based program that includes a systematic effort to educate, identify, assess, prepare, and support students with problems such as stress management, family difficulties, drug/ alcohol problems, and conflict management, which may interfere with a student’s education and life development. Students meet each Thursday during Spartan Time in small groups and discuss a variety of issues.

Sophomore Girls

Sponsors: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Dillon

This a sophomore girl spirit group.

Music Appreciation Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Mennes

Our mission is to play, listen to, analyze, and appreciate the music of the past and today in order to gain a better understanding of the culture surrounding music in our lives.

National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) Sponsor: Mr. Yu

Do you like to argue? Are you competitive? Do you need college scholarships (i.e., free money)? Are you interested in U.S./World affairs? How about law school? Would you like to improve your speaking skills? Do you like meeting new & interesting people? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Debate is the activity for you! Speech and Debate is open to all grade levels. Students will have the opportunity to debate against other schools at regional and national tournaments. Students will also be allowed to join the National Forensics League and earn points toward advanced degrees. This is a great resume builder and an activity that will enhance your scholastic abilities in all other areas including English, Math, Reading, Social Studies.

National Honor Society (NHS)

Sponsor: Ms. Russo

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school level students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921 and 1929. Seniors who have met the GPA standard and faculty recommendation process are qualified for NHS induction.

Newspaper: *The Oracle*

Sponsor: Mrs. Cummons

The Oracle is a student-produced newspaper coming out every 3 weeks. Students may apply to be on staff after completion of Journalism I, Photojournalism, or Art II Photography. Students on staff write, design, photograph, and record all the events in and around school. Over the years, the staff has gone to both state and national journalism conferences, garnering several major awards along the way. Students on staff may earn a letter jacket and they may work on the print or the online side of the publication.

One World Club

Sponsors: Mrs. Salva, Mr. Knapik

The One World Club is a group to build connections between our American students and Refugee students here at Stratford. We will have a fun time talking, playing games, making art, eating food, and going to different events throughout the school year. It will be a time to learn from each other and grow in our differences. There are volunteer and learning opportunities through homework help after school, as well as community building activities. Come make some friends and learn about the many cultures we have here at Stratford High School!

Crypto-Currency Club

Sponsor: Coach Mason

The purpose of this club is to help other students get a better understanding of Bitcoin and other crypto-currencies. Crypto-currencies are a digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank. As technology advances so will the use of crypto-currencies. It is best for students to get a good understanding of crypto-currencies while they are still new so they can be able to use and make money off of it in the future.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Sponsor: Mr. Holmes

If you love fantasy role playing games and hanging out with friends for hours, this club is for you!! You and your friends tell a story together, guiding your heroes through quests for treasure, battles with deadly foes, daring rescues, courtly intrigue, and much more.

E-Sports Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Parizot

Do you like video games? Do you like winning? If you answered yes to these questions then Esports Club is for you. We play games like League of Legends, Counter Strike, Dota 2 and more. Esports club meets every-other Friday afterschool in room 217 and the computer lab. Stop by for a schedule.

Empower a Child

Sponsor: Mrs. Fain

The purpose of this group is to fund children and families living in extreme poverty in Uganda and Kenya. The club funds will go directly toward rebuilding communities and providing resources for students to excel academically. Our mission is to bring together a community and help those in need.

Environmental Science Organization (ESO)

Sponsor: Mrs. Gaiser

Create a community in which people interested in Environmental Sciences, or just interested in helping the Environment, can meet and discuss any ideas, whether it be about their future plans or a project they want to make happen.

Fashion Club

Sponsor: Ms. Lucas

Our mission is to give Stratford students an opportunity to participate in something that they're passionate about while also incorporating philanthropy activities!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Sponsor: Mr. Cozad

FCA meets every Wednesday before school at 7 am on the second floor right outside the library. After enjoying donuts and fellowship, we move into the library for a short devotional given by a student leader. The \$5 dues covers the cost of a t-shirt and breakfast each week.

(Texas) French Symposium

Sponsor: Mrs. Hayes

Food For Thought

Sponsor: Ms. Henry

Join Food For Thought! We will meet once every 6 weeks to make care packages and deliver them to those in need in our community. Come and join a great cause!

FDA—Future Doctors of America

Sponsor: Mrs. Yonkin

This club focuses on medicine and educating students about medical occupations through hands-on learning. We will offer speakers, dissection, familiarization with medical terminology, study of and ability to diagnose common illnesses, practicing general sutures and medical techniques, first aid basics and knowledge of CPR.

Future Lawyers of the World

Sponsor: Mrs. McHale

This group is for those students interested in a career in the legal field.

Future Scientists & Engineers of America (FSEA)

Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

The purpose of this club is to guide students interested in the engineering field where students can share common interests, do projects together, and have established professionals from the field share their experiences with the group.

Gay Straight Alliance

Sponsor: Mrs. Shirley

This purpose of this group is to create a safe place for LGBT teens and their straight allies to support one another, socialize, and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, LGBTQ, and economic justice as well as stay informed.

Good Sportsmanship League (GSL)

Sponsor: Mr. Rutland

This organization represents Stratford at athletic events throughout the school year. Students attend and announce information at varsity football, volleyball, and basketball games. Five junior and five senior students are placed on the team each year, based upon recommendations from teachers and administrative staff. Interested students may contact the sponsors if they wish to be considered.

Guitar Club

Sponsor: Mr. Prince

This club is for people who want to share their love for playing and composing music.

Health Science Students Association (HOSA)Sponsors: Mr. Plake
Mrs. Holtan

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students, therefore, helping students to meet the needs of the health care community. Student involvement is through the classes of Principles of Health Science (year one) and Health Science, (year two).

Heinrich Heine Club

Sponsor: Herr Mueller

The German Club will allow students of German and/or students who are interested in broadening their cultural knowledge and understanding to gather every other week in order to explore and discuss modern Germany in a European context. Hot and controversial social and political topics will include hip trends in music, art, literature and cuisine, as well as traditional or alternative lifestyles.

Helping Hands

Sponsor: Mr. Poetzl

To raise funds for the kids in Colombia by selling shirts and also to help the kids in our community by tutoring them twice a month and playing with them.

Interact Club

Sponsor: Mrs. McGee

The purpose of the Interact club is to be a service organization that has on international service project and one local service project a year. The Interact club is part of the Rotary organization and is a Rotary Club for high school students in which the members learn about service and the ways of the Rotarians.

Junior Girls

Sponsors: Mrs. Suerth, Ms. Hulshizer

Junior girls who come together to promote school spirit. You pay dues once a year and receive a club t-shirt to wear on spirit day. Girls paint banners and support grade level sports and activities.

Key Club

Sponsor: Ms. Peck

Key Club is an internationally known service organization that is entirely student led. Members perform acts of service such as cleaning up beaches, tutoring, or fundraising for UNICEF. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects, and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district, and national levels.

Lacrosse Club—Boys & Girls

Sponsor: Mr. Elmore

Link Crew

Sponsor: Ms. Matthews

Link Crew is an organization where seniors and juniors help freshman transition to high school. It is a great way to give back to your school, and it is bunches of fun! Mentor Link Crew students must apply and be accepted in the spring.

Math Honors Society

Sponsor: Mr. Marquez

To spread the joy of mathematics and expand beyond the school curriculum.

Mode Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Schaper

Watch Fashion shows, find out about events in the Houston area, study trends, and consult ideas.