

**Stratford  
High School**

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**ORGANIZATION**

**2019-2020**

# STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS 2019-2020

## Academy of Finance

Sponsors: Ms. Schaper & Ms. 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), Financial Math, which are all one year classes. In addition, one class from the following selection is required: Accounting II, Banking and Financial Systems, Business Law, 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.

## American Sign Language Club

Sponsor: Ms. 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.

## Band

Sponsors: Mr. Yancey & Mr. Perez

## Blitz Ball Club

Sponsor: Mr. Cusano

## Water Polo

Sponsor: Mr. 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.

## World Affairs Club

Sponsor: Ms. 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: Mr. Nakadate

We are a place that serves anyone whether an aspiring novelist or a rookie writer, a chance to express themselves and love fun through fiction, storytelling, and creative writing.

## X-faQtor Dance Team

Sponsor: Mr. Blanton

The X-faQtor Dance Team is an exciting club of young males and females who will actively participate in athletic events and other community and school functions. The club is organized to develop and display musical, rhythmic and creative dance talents. The X-faQtor Dance Team is a dedicated team that is committed to hard work and perseverance. They not only demonstrate outstanding coordination, synchronization and versatility when performing, but also exercise their intellect by maintaining excellent grades and good conduct in school. The mission of the group is to bring together students of diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal.

## Yearbook (*Mnemosyne*)

Sponsor: Ms. Wolf

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.

## Yoga Club

Sponsor: Ms. Thompson

The Yoga Club is meant to help students release negative energy obtained throughout the week. Not only do we release negative energy but we promote positive energy. This is a safe place where you can let go of anything that has effected you emotionally, mentally, or physically.

The purpose of the Ultimate Frisbee Club is to provide a fun activity for students and to enjoy some competition.

**Student Council** Sponsors: Ms. Jackson & Ms. 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.

**Students Against Trafficking** Sponsor: Ms. Glover

Students Against Trafficking is an organization that raises awareness about the human trafficking epidemic in Houston. The club's goal is to host one awareness event and one fundraiser per school year.

**Thespians** Sponsors: Ms. Prudhomme & 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.

**Totally Harmless International Chess Club** Sponsor: Mr. Davis

A safe, perfectly normal, great place for people of all races and nationalities, sexes and religion to come together and play the intricate game of chess.

**Tri-Theta (Senior Women)** Sponsor: Ms. Evans

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.

**Vid Kids X** Sponsor: Ms. Jett

The purpose of Vid Kids X is for students to express their creativity through video games. We proudly reach out past the line of society and accept all race, lgbtq+, furries, gamers, ect. This is a no judgement zone for kids to play video games.

Members will participate in various Blitz Ball activities: pick-up games, home run derbies, and more. Just come by MDUMC to have a great time!

**Book Club** Sponsor: Ms. Fuller

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: Ms. 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: Ms. Jackson, 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.

**Cheerleaders / J.V. Cheerleaders** Sponsors: Ms. Jones & Ms. Chelala

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 academic 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: Ms. Baker & Mr. Blanton

**Color Guard** Sponsors: Mr. Yancey & Mr. Perez

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. Clayton

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 players 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.

**Community in Schools** Sponsor: Ms. Thompson

**Computer Science Club** Sponsor: Mr. Avis

To study and participate in computer science and events as well as aid for the AP exam.

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

**Dessert Club** Sponsor: Mr. Reyes

**Dungeons and Dragons Club** Sponsor: Ms. Turney  
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.

**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 Awareness Society** Sponsor: Ms. Morgan  
To spread awareness about environmental problems and provide and work towards solutions.

**Engineering Design Club** Sponsor: Mr. Foshee

The Engineering Design Club's purpose is to provide students with insight into numerous engineering fields. Our goal is to get students excited about engineering. We will have challenges, guest speakers, and a lot of fun!

**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!

Step Up Stratford is a subsidiary of Step Up Houston, a non-profit organization that focuses on helping the homeless and guiding them towards a better life. The purpose of Step Up Stratford is to volunteer our time to help the homeless, especially the homeless youth. We want to make a difference in others' lives and offer them hope to continue moving forward.

**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.

**Stratford Leadership Council** Sponsors: Mr. Barnes, Ms. Yonkin & Ms. 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 Martial Arts Club (SMAC)** Sponsor: Mr. Ache

Want to find out and learn different martial arts? Do you already know martial arts and want to exchange your talents? SMAC is a place where you can meet new friends, discover new passion, and learn and share martial arts. No experience necessary and karate, kung fu, mix martial arts, and tae kwondo—all welcome!

**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.

**Stratford Ultimate Frisbee Club** Sponsor: Mr. Huntsman

The purpose of this club is to bring together RC enthusiasts, to give them the chance to meet other students that have similar hobbies. You could bring your truck/car and come hang out and race or just drive. We will also go to eXtreme RC, a store that has a Race Track to drive on. Maybe once a month

**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: Ms. Baker & Ms. Johnson  
This a sophomore girl spirit group.

**Spartan Art Club** Sponsor: Ms. Dikdan

The Spartan Art Club's mission is to further the creative abilities and talents of its members as well as bringing art and aesthetic awareness to the attention of the school and community. All curious and creative minds of any skill level are welcome to join!

**Spartan Buddies** Sponsors: Ms. Jones & Ms. Walker

Dedicated to establishing a school-wide volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, leadership development, and an inclusive environment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Spartanaire Dance Team** Sponsors: Ms. Williams & Ms. Vinyard

**Spartie Belles** Sponsor: Mr. Schwartz

Our mission is to provide school spirit and a special surprise to varsity teams for big games! We want to expand on Stratford America's Core and show the boys how much they mean to our school. This club is open to Senior girls who have school spirit!

**Spike Ball Club** Sponsor: Mr. Cusimano

Play Spike Ball on a competitive level and have fun!

**Step Up Stratford** Sponsor: Ms. Jones

**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.

**Food For Thought** Sponsor: Mr. Kent

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!

**French Club** Sponsor: Ms. Mason

French club hopes to unite all to spread French and Francophone (other French speaking countries) culture. From macarons to art museums, it has tons of opportunities and activities to experience << le Francais >> Enhance your understand and celebrate with new-found friends.

**Freshmen Girls** Sponsors: Ms. Hulshizer & Ms. Suerth

Our purpose is to show school spirit and support the football players! Also, for freshmen girls to meet each other and get together.

**Future Doctors of America (FDA)** Sponsor: Ms. 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: Ms. 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.

**Games for Good Club** Sponsor: Ms. Davidson

Do you enjoy video games? Do you want to donate for a good cause? The Games for Good Club is just that. Once per month, we will have a charity gaming even to benefit Family Point Resources, a local community outreach center. Our meet ings will be once a month on a weekend.

**Gay Straight Alliance** Sponsor: Ms. Fuller

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.

**Glee Club** Sponsor: Ms. Arrington

Our mission is to bring Spartans together who have a love and passion for music. In Glee Club, we will explore all genres of music and perform around Houston. We'll meet Wednesdays after school for rehearsals from 3:15 to 4:30.

**Good Sportsmanship League (GSL)** Sponsor: Ms. Jackson

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)** Sponsor: Ms. B. Martinez

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).

**Helping Hands** Sponsor: Mr. Poetzel

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.

**Homework Helpers** Sponsor: Mr. Knapik

To help students with their homework if they don't understand it, or to have a place for students who don't have a place to study or do their homework. We can also tutor kids.

**Hope United** Sponsor: Ms. Jett

This club will be a branch off a volunteer organization that focuses on coming together to help kids in need. During club meetings we may spend some time writing letters to kids that will then be delivered, brainstorming different ways to help kids, practicing/experimenting with possible art therapy techniques, raising awareness and much more. We will have a Remind and will also be announcing upcoming volunteer opportunities with our organization—details will vary by event. We volunteered at the Ronald McDonald house just last month and plan on other opportunities soon. We hope that you'll come be a part of our organization—volunteers will also be giving volunteer hours on a regular basis for time committed.

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!

**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.

**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.

**Physics Club** Sponsor: Mr. Mesler

Our club mission is to promote interest in physics through creative science activities and field trips. We aim to provide a fun learning environment for those who enjoy learning about physics. We meet on Wednesday afternoons in room 338.

**Project NICE** Sponsor: Ms. 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 community. We meet on B-Day Wednesday afternoons in room 108.

**Protecting Animals Within Stratford** Sponsor: Ms. Parizot

There are so many stray cats and dogs spread out across Houston, who need a forever home or to be at least well taken care of at a loving shelter. PAWS' purpose is to help around the community with donating to local shelters, charities, and pet stores. All while volunteering with man's best friends!

**Radio Control Club** Sponsor: Ms. Johnson

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

**Music Appreciation Club** Sponsor: Ms. 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.

**Muslim Students Association Club** Sponsor: Mr. Fuller

Our purpose is to make every Muslim student, or anyone else who wants to join, feel like they can belong somewhere. We would like to educate more people about the culture of Islam.

**National Honor Society (NHS)** Sponsors: Ms. Parizot & 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.

**NHS Science Club** Sponsor: Ms Gaiser

**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.

**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: Ms. Hammond & Mr. Knapik

**The Investments Club** Sponsor: Ms. Schaper

Learn how investing works in real life by participating in a simulator competing against other high school students in Houston.

**Junior Girls** Sponsors: Ms. Bolen & Ms. Slattery

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: Mr. Huntsman

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** Sponsors: Ms. Fain & Ms. Parizot

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.

**Making a Change** Sponsors: Mr. Blaze & Mr. Retana

There's no power for change greater than a community coming together. Have a heart and stand out to make a change and a difference. Your change can make a difference.

**Math Honors Society** Sponsors: Mr. Marquez & Mr. Nguyen

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

**Math Tutoring Club** Sponsor: Mr. Karcher

We will help students who are stressed with Math, help them to solve and explain the problem (or how to use a calculator). If needed, I will bring examples of questions for them to practice. The students can do their homework or talk with their friends and sometimes snacks will be provided. This is a peer tutoring Math club.

**Minecraft Club** Sponsor: Mr. Yancey

To provide a fun way to gain insight to team building, architecture, and gaming.

**Mode Club** Sponsor: Ms. Schaper