

CHARTIERS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



2020-2021

STUDENT
INFORMATION

At Chartiers Valley High School, we pride ourselves on the opportunities that are available for our students to become part of the Chartiers Valley school community. Becoming involved in clubs and activities has multiple benefits for both the students and our school. Not only do post-secondary schools and employers look favorably upon students who were involved with their school, but there are social and academic benefits as well. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities over the course of your high school career.

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*Requires enrollment in a specific course to participate.

**Requires specific criteria to be met to participate

Clubs

Anime Club	Janet Goedert	jgoedert@cvsd.net
<p>Anime Club is a true “home away from home” when it comes to loving Anime. The club originally started in 2006, and is growing bigger every year, bringing together everyone from freshmen to seniors. Meetings are held monthly and normally last about an hour. All are welcome and the activity buses will offer anyone interested in transportation home.</p> <p>If you don’t know what Anime is, it is a form of media similar to cartoons but designed for a broader range of ages. The first Anime aired in Japan in 1917, some examples would include, Pokémon, Bleach, Dragon Ball Z, and Oran High School Host Club. Anime also comes in a written form called Manga which unlike western reading it is read right to left format, but does occasionally come in a left to right format called Manhaw. Unlike most academic clubs at Chartiers Valley, you do not need to take a class to join Anime Club. So if you are interested in Anime, Manga, or Japanese culture come check us out next time you hear the announcements or see a sign hanging in the hall!</p>		
Please contact the club sponsor listed above for information on meeting dates/times.		

Art Club	Chris McHugh	cmchugh@cvsd.net
<p>The Chartiers Valley Art Club is a group where students can express their creativity, socialize with others who share similar interests and accomplish things that cannot necessarily be found in a general art class. The club is not limited to just art students, but anyone who takes an interest in being creative. Throughout the school year, the clubs plans for many fundraising opportunities to assist with artistic projects around the school (Art Show, billboards, etc.), in-club afterschool activities, and field trips.</p>		
The club meets two times per month in the art room.		

Best Buddies	Stacie Vaughan	svaughan@cvsd.net
<p>Best Buddies Friendship programs represent one of our organization’s four key mission pillars. These programs build one-to-one friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social interactions while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded. Through their participation, people with IDD form meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities that many other individuals enjoy.</p>		
Schedule to be announced – Please email the club sponsor		

Class Officers <i>*Must be elected by student body</i>	Freshman: Mrs. Bautista Sophomores: Mrs. Rossi Juniors: Mrs. Kissinger Seniors: Mrs. Miller	mbautista@cvsd.net erossi@cvsd.net akissinger@cvsd.net jmiller@cvsd.net
<p>PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE: The class officers are part of an elected committee with the main objective to raise money for prom expenses. In addition, class officers can serve as a forum to discuss class/school related ideas with administration.</p> <p>Membership: Officers are selected during the first semester of their freshman year. Officers will be elected by an open vote by all freshman class members. Officers will serve until the end of their senior year and are responsible for organizing fundraising activities during that time. Officers will serve as the prom committee.</p>		

There will be a maximum of six officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Social Chairs. Other positions may be appointed based on the needs of the class. Appointed positions will be decided upon and designated by elected officers.

To be placed on the election ballot, student candidates must get three teacher signatures and petition the freshman class as follows:

President: 100 students

Vice President: 50 students

Secretary: 25 students

Treasurer: 25 students

Social Chairs: 25 students

Schedule to be announced – Please email the club sponsor

Distributed Clubs of America (DECA)

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DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in business including but not limited to marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA also provides competitive opportunities for students in many areas of business. There are more than 3,500 DECA high school chapters globally.

DECA membership is available to all students in grades 9-12. It is recommended that students have an interest in exploring or majoring in a business-related field, but not a requirement. Membership into DECA occurs during the first few months of school and typically closes during mid to late October in order to give adequate time to prepare for our first competition in early December.

DECA offers three levels of competition: districts, states, and internationals. Districts is held in early December. We compete against students from North Allegheny, Freedom, Beaver CTC, and PA Cyber. The top three winners in each event get a bid to compete at states. State Competition is held at the end of February in Hershey, PA. The top four winners in each category get a bid to compete at nationals. The location of nationals changes yearly.

DECA meetings are held monthly; however, DECA members are encouraged to work together to prepare during lunch and study halls in the weeks leading up to competitions.

French Club

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French Club is an organization for French students to participate in activities celebrating French culture such as:

- I. Cooking
- II. Viewing films
- III. Holiday customs

French Club sponsors a booth at the annual Homecoming Carnival at the High School as well as participates in other fundraising activities to support the purchasing of t-shirts and other items needed for French Club activities.

French Club meets 1 time per month. Please see the flyers hanging in the hallway and listen for the announcements.

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	Alan Welding	awelding@cvsd.net
<p>Our mission is to ensure that every member of our school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender.</p> <p>Change Attitudes, Change Behaviors, Change Directions, Change Lives, Change Policies, Change Voices, Be An Ally, BE THE CHANGE.</p> <p>The Club plans and facilitates national "No Name Calling" week and "Day of Silence" at CVHS. The purpose is to bring awareness around the bullying, harassment, and name-calling suffered by all people especially anti-lesbian, gay and their allies.</p>		
Schedule to be announced – Please email the club sponsor		

German Club	Ed Kasper	ekasper@cvsd.net								
<p>The German Club (Deutschclub) offers events and activities for students studying German.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. These opportunities include a booth at the annual Chartiers Valley Homecoming Carnival.II. The celebration of German-American Days in the United States.III. Germany's Day of Reunifications at Oktoberfest. <p>These activities help in the fundraising for the German Club. Another big contribution is the students. Every year they sell pretzels and imported candy, such as chocolate.</p> <p>The German Club also participates in the Western Pennsylvania German Competition. For the past three years they have participated in the WA-AATG German Competition, attended by a dozen schools with a total of 200 competitors. Each year they have taken 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each event entered:</p> <table><tr><td>Dramatic presentation</td><td>Musical presentation</td><td>Recitation</td><td>Fictional Writing</td></tr><tr><td>Painting</td><td>Folkloric crafts</td><td>Proverb posters</td><td>Cultural Trivia</td></tr></table> <p>Each year students who have earned and maintained high GPA's and grades in German are honored by Delta Epsilon Phi, the National Honor Society for High School Students of German. Past trips were to Germany, Washington, D.C., Germantown, Harmony, and New Wilmington.</p>			Dramatic presentation	Musical presentation	Recitation	Fictional Writing	Painting	Folkloric crafts	Proverb posters	Cultural Trivia
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German Club meets 2 times per month. Please listen for announcements or see the fliers hanging in the hallway.										

Global Minds Club	Jill Chan	jchan@cvsd.net
<p>Global Minds is a for-youth by-youth organization that inspires students to form social bonds, intercultural friendships, and to consider global issues through youth led extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Vision -Global Minds reimagines schools as centers for youth voice, cultural understanding and intercultural friendship.</p>		
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Interact Club	Lesley Kunkel	lkunkel@cvsd.net
<p>The Interact Club is the "Student Arm" of our two local rotaries (Bridgeville & Collier Rotary) Motto: <i>Service Above Self!</i></p> <p>Interact club organizes at least two service projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding We also attend educational programs and rotary leadership conferences throughout the year. These experiences are held in conjunction with our parent rotary clubs (Collier & Bridgeville Rotaries) and other high school Interact Clubs within the county & western Pennsylvania. Rotary Club guiding principles include the Four-way Test (Truth, Fairness, Goodwill, and Friendship).</p> <p>Past activities have included: Rotary Chili Cook Off, October Pink Out, Linus Project, Wreaths Across America, Food Bank Collections, Cards for Veterans, Earth Day-Collier Clean Up, RYLA https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs</p>		
<p>Planning meetings are 2x/month in the HS Commons at 7:15 am - 7:50 am or after school hours. Members are asked to join the Interact Club Schoology Course. Access Code: NH879-58RTC</p>		

Literature Club	Dave Peters	dpeters@cvsd.net
<p>The Literature Club is an opportunity for students who are writers, poets, artists, musicians, and thinkers to come together to produce and discuss writing, poetry, lyrics, art, stories, and philosophy in an encouraging and creative learning environment. One aspect of the club's mission is to develop the courage necessary to share writing, artwork, and ideas with others through publication, performance, and discussion.</p>		
<p>Schedule to be announced – Please email the club sponsor</p>		

Mathematics Honor Society	Maria Krzeczowski	Mkrzeczowski@cvsd.net
<p>Mu Alpha Theta (MAΘ) is the National High School and Community College Mathematics Honor Society, founded in 1957 by Dr. and Mrs. Richard V. Andree at the University of Oklahoma. The name Mu Alpha Theta was constructed from letters of the Greek alphabet matching the phonemes m, a, and th. The society is dedicated to inspiring a keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in mathematics, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics among high school and community college students. Today Mu Alpha Theta membership encompasses over 88,000 students in more than 1800 schools across the United States and overseas.</p> <p>To be considered for membership in Mu Alpha Theta for the Chartiers Valley High School Chapter, students must have already completed Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, and be enrolled in a higher level math course (such as trigonometry, calculus, or statistics). In addition, students must have achieved a cumulative high school average of 3.80 or better in these math courses. Students demonstrate their strong interest in mathematics by being active participants in the mathematical activities provided by Mu Alpha Theta.</p> <p>The Chartiers Valley High School Chapter of MAΘ seeks to recognize mathematical excellence and promote mathematical scholarship, while instilling interest in and enjoyment of mathematics among students. Students will be offered the opportunity to regularly test their mathematical aptitudes and develop their mathematical skills through contests with other students locally, regionally, and nationally. The honors society encourages its members to become ambassadors for math at Chartiers Valley High School. An important aim of the society is for students to discover that mathematics is destined to play an important role in their futures.</p>		
<p>Schedule to be announced – Please email the club sponsor</p>		

National Honor Society	Sarah Koons	skoons@cvsd.net
<p>Selecting members for the National Honor Society is an important process that designates who will be honored with membership in the nation's most prestigious secondary school organization. Membership in the National Honor Society is based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scholarship: Cumulative of 3.8 or higher and maintain that throughout Sophomore, Junior and Senior year. Students must also be enrolled in at least one Honors-level or higher course. 2. Service: Students are responsible for participating in 10 hours of community service per year. Students must also participate in a chapter philanthropy each year. 3. Leadership: Students should actively seek leadership roles in their sports, clubs, and community groups. 4. Character: Potential members' names are given to the Faculty Council and administrators in order to make certain that the students who are selected as members are worthy of the honor. Teacher recommendations are also required. <p>These are the basic criteria which have been established in order to gain membership in the Chartiers Valley Chapter of National Honor Society. These criteria are within the guidelines of the National Honor Society and are a part of the approved Constitution of the Chartiers Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society.</p>		

Robotics Club (Team Horsepower)	Lisa & Jeff Radzanowski	jradzanowski@cvsd.net
<p>HorsePower is a FIRST Robotics (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) team from Chartiers Valley High School. Each year, teams from all around the world have six weeks to build a robot that will play a certain game, revealed at an event called Kickoff. Then, teams compete at the regional level for prestigious awards and a spot at the World Championships.</p> <p>On HorsePower, members interested in technical and mechanical aspects can brainstorm, design, prototype, model using 3D software, program, and build. However, FIRST is not just about robots. There are also plenty of opportunities to fundraise, present to large companies for sponsorships, and design shirts, logos, and websites. Being a part of FIRST is a truly unique experience, each season culminating in a fast-paced and exciting yet friendly competition between teams. HorsePower has been awarded the Industrial Design Award, Spirit Award, and the Creativity Award at the Greater Pittsburgh Regional competition. In its first year, the team won Highest Rookie Seed and Rookie All-Star, gaining HorsePower the chance to attend Championship. HorsePower is a dedicated, motivated, resilient group of leaders who intend to be successful and inspire success in others. We strive to excel in the FIRST robotics program and influence the next generation of exceptional engineers.</p> <p>Schedule to be announced – Please email the club sponsor</p>		

Spanish Club	Rochele Reitlinger	rreitlinger@cvsd.net
<p>Thespian Society is an honorary organization for High School Theatre Students to recognize student achievement in theatre arts. Membership must be earned and students must be inducted before they can become a part of the Thespian Society. Students must earn at least 3 performance credits and 1 technical credit before they will be invited to join. Only participation in the following activities will earn them credits: Fall Drama, Spring Musical, Alumni Cabaret, and Showcase. By participating in Thespian Society, students also have the opportunity to attend and perform at the Pennsylvania Thespian Conference. While there, students can also audition for scholarships, participate in workshops, and have an individual event adjudicated. Participants continue to accumulate points throughout their high school career, which can earn them distinctive honors and recognition at graduation.</p> <p>Schedule to be announced – Please email the club sponsor</p>		

<i>Students Against Destructive Decisions</i>	Chris Doherty	cdoherty@cvsd.net
<p>SADD is a school-based organization dedicated to addressing the issues of underage drinking, impaired driving, drug use, and other destructive decisions and killers of young people.</p> <p>Empowerment is the foundation of SADD. The idea of empowerment is to build students' confidence and ability to create changes and manage behavior in a way that results in healthy choices.</p>		
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<i>Student Council</i>	Chris Doherty	cdoherty@cvsd.net
<p>The purpose of this organization is to be a liaison between the students and the administration; to promote school spirit, to encourage involvement of each student, and to promote leadership and community service throughout the student body. The functions of the Student Council include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presiding at assemblies and other school functions 2. Sponsoring dances 3. Service projects 4. Assisting at school functions 5. Sponsorship of various spirit days 6. Assist in selection of assembly programs 7. Meet regularly with members of the high school administration and/or teaching staff to discuss student concerns 		
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<i>Thespian Honor Society</i>	Kim Giffin	kgiffin@cvsd.net
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<i>Yearbook Club</i>	Sarah Koons	skoons@cvsd.net
<p>Students must be enrolled in a Yearbook course in order to be part of this club. As an elective course designed for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, this course will teach the basic skills needed to produce the Chartiers Valley yearbook. Students will gain an understanding of how to create layouts. Students will also learn skills including writing copy, fitting headlines, cropping pictures, interviewing techniques, taking pictures and managing a business. Students must be available to attend events outside of the school day to take photographs and report on school events. This course will also emphasize an understanding of the concepts of a yearbook as a story of one year, as a history or permanent record of one school year, as a reference book, and as a public relations tool. Students are expected to take Yearbook Production.</p>		

Activities

Dance Troupe, Drill Team & Majorettes	Riley Majiros	rmajiros@cvsd.net
<p><u>Students must be enrolled in dance course.</u> This course is designed for Dance Troupe, Charvalettes, and Majorettes to work on their routines for each season. This course will provide the majorettes and drill team with the opportunity to practice with the marching band. The class meets five (5) days a week. During the first nine-week period, the unit rehearses for performances at football games, band festivals and parades. During the second nine-week period, the unit takes dance class or practices for Showcase. All students interested in taking this course must audition, and, if selected, will be scheduled by the advisor.</p> <p>Members of the Dance Troupe will work to develop performance skills and will participate in several dance shows. Dance Troupe is also a competition team. They will compete at 3 Regional Competition and 1 National Competition. All students must dress in a black leotard, black tights or Nike Pros. These items must be purchased at the student's expense. In addition to the regular school year, the students in this class will have summer practices that start in May and run through the summer. Dance troupe also attends a camp in July for 4 days. Costs for these groups are explained at a parent meeting prior to tryouts. Prerequisites • Audition & Recommendation only</p> <p>Showcase: Since 1983, CVTheatre's annual Showcase has displayed the talents of the nationally ranked Chartiers Valley Dance Troupe, the Chartiers Valley Charvalettes and Majorettes, and the various Chartiers Valley Dance & Acting program classes.</p>		

Fall Drama	Kim Giffin	kgiffin@cvsd.net
<p>The goal of the Fall Drama is to provide a range of performance experience and theatre education for all students interested in performing and/or technical theatre. The show type / genre varies every year. Sometimes it will be a comedic or dramatic play, sometimes it will be a musical, and sometimes it will be a combination of multiple types of theatrical performances. Show is announced at the beginning of the school year prior to auditions.</p> <p>Students interested in Performing: Auditions are held in August/September. Rehearsals begin in September and occur throughout the months of September and October with a variation of after school and evening rehearsals. The final performances are in early / mid-November. Leadership opportunities are available for advanced members.</p> <p>Students interested in Technical Theatre: Any student interested in technical theatre positions should contact Mrs. Giffin at the beginning of the school year. Opportunities include, but are not limited to: Sound, Lighting, Stage Management, Set Design and Construction, Set Painting, Make-up, Costuming, Prop Creation and Management, Deck Crew, etc. Start time for crew will depend on the position. Some positions start in September and some do not begin until late October. Leadership opportunities are available for advanced members.</p>		

Intramurals	Diane Daeschner	ddaeschner@cvsd.net						
<p>The Chartiers Valley High School Intramural programs main goal is to provide the students of Chartiers Valley with the opportunity to participate in physical education activities as an extra-curricular activity. Most activities are in tournament form and awards are presented to top participants. Activities which are offered throughout the year are:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Powder Puff Football</td><td>Volleyball</td><td>Basketball</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pickleball</td><td>Badminton</td><td>Ping Pong</td></tr> </table>			Powder Puff Football	Volleyball	Basketball	Pickleball	Badminton	Ping Pong
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<i>Spring Musical</i>	Kim Giffin	kgiffin@cvsd.net
<p>The goal of High School Spring Musical is to provide quality musical theatre opportunities and education for all students interested in performing and/or technical theater. Show choice is announced after auditions.</p> <p>Students interested in Performing: Auditions are held in October/November. Rehearsals for leads begin in December and rehearsals for ensemble begin in January. Rehearsals occur throughout the months of January and February with a variation of after school and evening rehearsals. The final performances are in the beginning of March. By participating in this activity, students will also have the opportunity to perform in the end of the year Showcase and participate in the Gene Kelly Awards. Leadership opportunities are available for advanced members.</p> <p>Students interested in Technical Theatre: Any student interested in technical theatre positions should contact Mrs. Giffin in December / January. Opportunities include, but are not limited to: Sound, Lighting, Stage Management, Set Design and Construction, Set Painting, Make-up, Costuming, Prop Creation and Management, Deck Crew, etc. Start time for crew will depend on the position. Some positions start in January and some do not begin until late February. Leadership opportunities are available for advanced members.</p>		



How to Form a New Club

Starting a club can be a challenging, yet rewarding experience. Chartiers Valley has a rich history of clubs that serve the diverse interests of our students. Before beginning the process of creating a new club, we ask that you first look at the descriptions of our current clubs and activities to see if your ideas may fit into an existing club. Duplicating ideas or having multiple clubs with too many similarities is not in the best interest of our school community. However, if you have a unique idea and a strong desire to have a positive impact our school by forming a new club, please carefully read the following information and complete the attached worksheet. Submit this information to the building principal.

The following information is taken from the Chartiers Valley School District policy #826:

Definition: For the purpose of this policy, a **Club** is a program for students in grades 6-12, and is organized and operated by members of the Chartiers Valley School District community for the benefit of students.

Establishment of a New Student Activity Club: The Board appreciates the diverse interests of our student population. It is expected that new Club pursuits will arise over time and students seeking club status should have a procedure to follow and criteria to meet in order to establish a new Club. A representative from a prospective Club is required to submit a proposal for the establishment of a new Club to the Activities Coordinator and high school principal by April 1st to be considered for the next school year. The proposal must include:

1. Purpose and objectives of the Club.
2. Detailed description of activities, events and frequency of meetings.
3. List of students and their grade who request membership in the inaugural year.
4. Club Sponsor must be a faculty member of the school district unless authorized by the Superintendent.

The Board reserves the rights to deny Club status to any organization should it deem the activity to present issues not in the best interest of the District.

Any new Club will enter a 5-year probationary period to determine the sustainability of the program. During the probationary period, the Club will be authorized to:

1. Use Chartiers Valley facilities to meet.
2. Host events and activities with principal approval.
3. Have an activity fund as defined in Board Policy 618.[1]
4. Inclusion in student yearbook.
5. Participation in homecoming and similar events.

During the 5-year probationary period, applications for continued probationary status must be made to the Business Activities Director and school principal for administrative review of compliance annually by April 1st to maintain probationary status. This report must include:

1. Dates and attendance records of all meetings.
2. Description of events and activities sponsored by the Club.
3. Activity fund budget with expenses and revenues.
4. Rationale for continued Club status.

- Failure to meet the April 1st deadline and/or incomplete reports will result in the loss of recognition of probationary club status and the privileges associated with it.
- If the Club completes the 5-year probationary period, the Club President may petition the Superintendent to receive full Club status and funding for Club sponsor by April 1st of the fifth (5th) year.
- The Board reserves the right to review, renew and/or withdraw a Club's status at any time.
- The Board reserves the right to grant Club status to an organization without providing funding for the Club sponsor.
- The Board reserves the right to add funding or remove funding for any Club sponsor once granted full club status.



Application for a New Student Activity Club

Please complete the following information and submit it to the building principal:

Name of Applicant(s):

Name of Proposed Club:

Date Application Submitted:

1. Purpose and objective of the club.
2. Detailed description of activities, events and frequency of meetings.
3. List of students and grade who request membership in first year.
4. Club sponsor (Must be a faculty member unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent).

Initial Approval: Principal

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Principal

Date

Final Approval: CVSD School Board

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Board Meeting Date