# **Mission Statement**

"Strive for Excellence"

# 5 Pillars of Excellence:

- Academics
- Arts
- Athletics
- Community
- Service

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A Guide to
LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL
Clubs and Organizations ~ 2022 - 2023



Great Ways
to get
Involved!

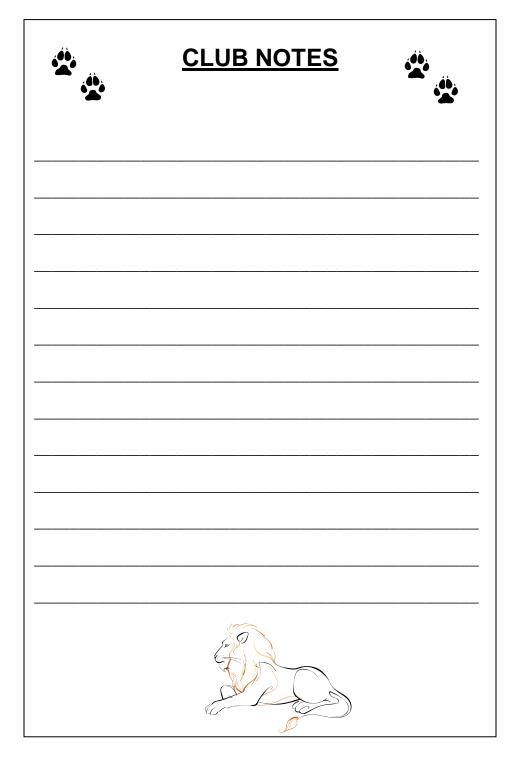
# Welcome to Liberty HIGH SCHOOL!

You will find that high school can be the best time of your life. It is best when you are involved in activities outside of the classroom. These activities add that extra balance to your education. Remember, colleges and employers will also be interested in your participation in extracurricular activities. Whether you are involved in athletics, academic, service, or interest clubs, there is much you can do.

On the following pages you will find the most complete listing of student clubs and organizations possible. Each club and advisor can provide you with additional information.

We hope you see something that interests you. Take time to speak with the advisor and sign up to join.

Again, we stress the value of being involved!





# **CLUB NOTES**



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# A GUIDE TO LHS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Dues: None

Dues: TBD

**Dues: \$15** 

**Dues: None** 

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#### **ACADEMIC CHALLENGE**

Advisor: Ms. Lewis

The It's Academic Team is a quiz bowl and trivia team. We participate on the television show "It's Academic" and in four Carroll Academic Challenges against other county high schools. The club is open to all students. Practices will start immediately for an October taping for the television show.

#### AWE - Advocate of Equality:

Advisor: Mrs. Young

Advocate of Equality is dedicated to learning about how gender affects social experiences and opportunities as well as advocating for equal rights and treatments for all people.

#### **ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS)**

Advisor: Mrs. Latane-Valis

NAHS is an honor society for art students that demonstrate advanced an art ability as well as a desire to increase the awareness of art in the school and community. Eligible students are invited to join NAHS after completion of Art 1. In order to maintain eligibility, all NAHS members must do the following: Take at least one art course each school year; Maintain a 3.0 GPA; Earn a B or higher in every art course; Participate in NAHS events and activities; Promote art in the school/community.

#### **ASIAN STUDENT UNION**

Advisor: Mrs. Kim

The Asian Student Union strives to promote Asian culture and traditions through fun gatherings, fundraisers, celebrations, and service opportunities. Activities can include informal fun outings, celebrating cultural festivals, discussing important historical or cultural topics, or volunteering at cultural awareness events.

#### **BLACK STUDENT UNION**

Advisors: Mrs

The Black Student Union is a safe, non-judgmental space, offering students a chance for support, fellowship, and other activities to be decided by the group. All students are welcome, including incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Advisors: Mrs. Singer

Book Discussion meets to engage in conversation and discuss different views about the books we have read. Club members choose book titles.

Dues: None

The advisor must approve all titles.

**CHESS CLUB** 

Advisor: Mr. Romero

Dues for new members \$10; for returning members \$5

A fun, friendly group to learn and play the classic game of Chess. Members skill levels range from novice to advanced, so everyone is

welcome

CLASSES Dues: \$25\*

Advisors, Class of 2023 Mrs. Devincent/Ms. Lewis

Advisors, Class of 2024 Ms. Larson Advisors, Class of 2025 Ms. Farguhar

Advisors, Class of 2026 TBD

The class plans dances, fundraisers, service projects, and class activities. Fundraisers help defray the cost of senior events. \*Dues are a one-time fee only paid at the beginning of the first year.

DEBATE CLUB

**Dues: \$10** Advisor: Mrs. Somers (includes a t-shirt)

The Debate Club will work toward techniques, skills, and opportunities to encourage and develop the art of successful debating. They will debate current events and examine issues from multiple view points. All students are welcome and encouraged to join.

DRAMA CLUB Dues: \$10

Advisor: Mrs. Dickstein

A club where we explore all the ins and outs of the performing arts. Join as a performer or technician! Learn a new craft, play some games, maybe even participate in a show. Drama club is all about coming together to create a collaborative arts experience!



#### **ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Parker

Afterschool meetings with students to master the skills in ultimate frisbee. Proper techniques and sportsmanship will be the focus.

**Dues: None** 

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**Dues: \$10** VARSITY CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Tucker

Varsity Club is open to athletes who have earned a varsity letter, is academically eligible, and in good standing with the team. Members are encouraged to participate in the interscholastic athletics program, promote school spirit, and support the efforts of student athletes on and off the field. We will participate in Varsity club sponsored activities and a community service project.

#### VIDEO GAME CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Grantland

Students will meet in room 429 to play video games. Some discuss how to create different games and they brainstorm new ideas for games.

WRITER'S CLUB Dues: \$5

Advisor: Mrs. Young

The Creative Writing Club was created by students; for students. Our writers share original works of poetry and prose in an environment of fellow original thinkers. Members also look at popular authors and analyze their works in a round table discussion. Opportunities are available for writing contests and various workshops. We meet every Tuesday after school.

Dues: None YEARBOOK CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Azat

Help to create the LHS yearbook.



#### SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Lewis

This activity is open to all Liberty students who have an interest in snow skiing and snowboarding. The Ski Club plans after school trips to ski slopes in the area and encourages participation by both beginners and skiers that are more advanced. The cost of transportation and lift passes are the responsibility of the student. In addition, equipment is available for rental at the ski areas. Packets of information will be available to members.

Dues: \$5

SPANISH CLUB Dues: \$5

Advisor: Mr. Romero

The goals of the Spanish Club are to provide fellowship with other Spanish-speaking students and to enrich students' cultural awareness of Spanish speaking countries. We get together and celebrate the Spanish Language and Spanish and Latino Culture. We have parties and practice Spanish and learn about different foods and dance. We also watch films and fundraise. Club members decide what activities they would like to pursue for the year

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) Dues: None

Advisor: Ms. Farquhar

The LHS SGA is the voice of the student body. They represent the student body in negotiations with the administration and participate in projects to benefit the school and the community. Past projects have been Homecoming and blood drives. Students must complete a membership packet each year. Runoff elections will occur if applications exceed 10% of the students enrolled in that grade. To maintain membership, members must maintain a weighted GPA of 2.5 or higher and academic eligibility each marking period. Elections are held, each spring, with the exception of freshmen representatives that occur in the fall. Along with the three elected officers and appointed officers, these students make up the Association. Classes/Clubs may send representatives to the meetings.

#### TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY Dues: \$10

Advisors: Ms. Jason

Tri-M National Music Honor Society is a group of outstanding instrumentalists and vocalists committed to music excellence and music service in the Liberty community and Eldersburg community at large. Students are expected to enroll in (at least) one year-long 1.0 credit music course and maintain an A/B average in all music classes. Students are required to perform in 3 musical event per year (such as All-County, All-State, private lessons, marching band, spring music, etc.) and give three hours of service to the Music Department through the participation in fundraisers and mentoring activities. Students are eligible to apply their sophomore year, second semester.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Schap

Our mission is to create environmental awareness at Liberty High School and our surrounding community. Opportunities for participating in and creating projects that will help Liberty go green will be available.

Dues: TBD

**Dues: None** 

#### FASHION CLUB Dues: None

Advisor: Mrs. Rowinski

The purpose of Fashion Club is to explore the world of fashion through education, hands-on activities, provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life, and to encourage individual and group involvement in community service. Membership is open to all Liberty High School students.

#### FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Dues: TBD

Advisor: Mrs. Kim

FCA is a huddle group striving to grow spiritually; reaching out to others both in word and deed with the gospel, encouraging and supporting each other through God's word, and seeking accountability to each other and God. FCA is open to ALL STUDENTS (not just athletes).

#### FFA (National Organization for Students Agriculture Education)

Advisor: Mr. Diffendal Dues: \$12

The FFA is a national organization of students interested in agricultural education. The primary aim of the FFA is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. Members participate in public speaking, skills contests, chapter meetings, award and recognition programs, committees, and community projects. All activities provide FFA members with opportunities to develop personal leadership skills.

Note: Students must be currently enrolled in an Agriscience class.

# FISHING CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Davis

The Fishing Club is for leisure and sport anglers and women who enjoy sharing ideas and insight regarding fishing. The club meets to discuss traditional rod and fly-fishing tactics and insight on where people are having success fishing around the reservoir and other nearby watersheds. Members also share information on local and national fishing tournaments.

FRIENDS CLUB Dues: None

Advisor: Mrs. Cole

Come hang out, play games, and cook with us. Friends group is a place where you can work with our LFI students and get to know them better.

GERMAN CLUB Dues: \$5

Advisor: Mrs. Vasquez

The German Club extends the classroom experience with hands-on activities like assembling and decorating gingerbread houses, Marzipan and gingerbread hearts.

HISPANIC STUDENT UNION Dues: TBD

Advisor: Ms. Farquhar

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY Dues: \$40 (1 time fee)

Advisor: Mrs. Dickstein

The International Thespian Society (ITS) is an honorary group for high school theatre students, a division of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA). The mission of ITS is to honor student excellence in the theatre arts. Students may become eligible for induction to ITS by taking Drama Classes, participating in the Drama Club, and accumulating a minimum of 12 thespian points. Acceptance in the society allows students (performers and technicians) to be eligible to compete in festivals, apply for scholarships, and participate in a winter One Act production.

LEO CLUB Dues: \$5

Advisor: Mr. Lester

The Leo Club will work with the Freedom District Lions Club and Century's Leo Club to assist in service- learning projects throughout the community and provide help to those less fortunate whenever needed.

<u>LGBTQ/ALLIES</u> Dues: None

Advisor: Mrs. Latane-Valis

LGBTQ/Allies is a safe space for students who identify as LGBTQ+ as well as allies of the LGBTQ community. Our club promotes acceptance throughout the school community and provides a safe, non-judgmental space as a support network for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Straight youth who share a common vision of social equality.

# <u>LIBERTY STUDENTS SUPPORTING HEALTHY DECISIONS</u> Dues: \$5

Advisor: Mr. Davis

Liberty Students Supporting Healthy Decisions will be dedicated to helping students address and discuss issues like underage drinking, impaired driving, texting while driving, drug use, bullying and other destructive decisions. We will meet during PAWS and aim to plan several events each year.

#### MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Romero

The purpose of this club is for students to explore and promote understanding of the different cultures of the world. This allows students to come together in a friendly, celebratory, and educative manner while learning of other cultures.

Dues: \$5

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#### **OCEAN SCIENCE CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Schap

The Ocean Science Team is an academic team that participates in regional competitions focusing on marine science. Students who have an interest in marine science are welcomed to join. Two teams will compete at the regional level. Preference is to those students attending after school practice.

PARANORMAL CLUB: Dues: TBD

Advisor: Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Kim Hamilton

History meets the unexplained. Paranormal club looks at the historical facts surrounding real incidents, explores the paranormal aspects, and compares truth to myth. Students prepare presentations based on research and then discuss with the group.