



LATE START WEDNESDAY

2023-24

CLUBS/ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS

*More clubs may be added during the year!

Chess Club+

Sponsor: Coach Rose (kevin.rose@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Room C163

Do you like to play chess? This is a group you can come to and test your skills against the best chess students at The Academy! We are building our understanding of the game so no previous experience is needed. We will learn together. No sign-up is required.

Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy*

Sponsor: Mr. Fuller (trey.fuller@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Room C167

Want to help the Huntsville community and learn to lead through servant leadership?? Come join Mr. Fuller in the Chick-fil-A Leadership Club. We meet once a month on Wednesday mornings, serve with local ministries once a month, and plan a big service project for the Spring together! (This club is for Juniors and Seniors. Sign up is required at the link: <https://app.chickfilaleaderacademy.com/apply>)

High School Coding Club+

Sponsor: Mr. Jeff Webb (jeff.webb@codecraftsmen.org)

Location: Room 209

Coding club is an opportunity for students to develop their computer programming skills by applying them in fun and engaging ways. The specific projects we tackle will be based on student interest, but could include developing a computer game or writing code for an embedded computer that interacts with the world through sensors and actuators. We plan to meet at least twice a month.

Jazz Band*

Sponsor: Mr. Willis (jonathan.willis@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Band Room

Upper School Jazz Band is a group that focuses on diving into the great swing/jazz music! It's a chance to learn a different style and play iconic music - modern contemporary jazz all the way back to music of the swing era.

Marketing Club+

Marketing Club Sponsors: Mrs. Taylor (katie.taylor@whitesburgchristianacademy.org), Mrs. Sackett

Location: Upper School Conference Room

Are you interested in taking part in Marketing at our school and getting real-world experience in designing and selling products? This is the club for you to showcase your creativity and put it into action! We meet once a month. We will:

- Design and market merchandise on ShopWarriorWear.com.
- Create custom products (apparel, stickers, socks, etc.) and have selling opportunities.
- Hear from dynamic professionals who will engage us in hands-on marketing.
- Have a lot of fun!

Girls Bible Study+

Sponsor: Mrs. McCartney (Stacey.mccartney@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Room 111

We will watch Jennie Allen's videos from her study, *Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts*, discuss the material, and pray. Students are welcome to purchase her book or Bible study workbook to follow along, but it is not required. We will meet once per month.

Math Tutoring+

Sponsors: Math Teachers

Location: Various

Do you need a little extra help understanding a topic in math? Our math teachers offer math tutoring approximately two times per month. The location will be published.

National Honor Society*

Sponsor: Mrs. Barnes (laurabeth.barnes@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Cafeteria

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students. Whitesburg Christian Academy's Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) is an elite academic society that selects students based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. NHS is open to eligible sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Initial eligibility is based on a student's 3.25 cumulative core GPA, but securing membership is a two-step process. Eligible students are invited to apply for NHS membership through the submission of a new member application packet, a resume, an essay, and two teacher recommendations. Once all documentation is submitted, a council of faculty members reviews all submissions and selects the most qualified students for NHS membership.

Selected students can expect to meet once a month, complete individual service hours, and participate in group service projects.

In addition, there are opportunities to serve in leadership positions. The Academy's NHS Chapter is headed by a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer and leadership positions are voted on each year. If you are interested in becoming a member of the National Honor Society, please feel free to speak to a current NHS member or contact Mrs. Barnes.

National Junior Honor Society*

Sponsor: Mrs. McCartney (Stacey.mccartney@whitesburgchristianacademy.org) and Mrs. Holbrook (Tyanna.holbrook@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Upper School Library

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NJHS activities. NJHS chapters and students are in schools that care not only about student achievement, but also community engagement. 8th and 9th graders make up NJHS at WCA. Students qualify for NJHS if he/she has a 90/A average in core classes, including Bible.

If you are new to The Academy and have been inducted into NJHS previously, you can provide a copy of the membership certificate to Mrs. Thomas to be inducted at The Academy. Otherwise, you have to complete one year at The Academy to potentially meet qualifications for induction into NJHS. We will meet once a month to cover the five pillars, or values, of NJHS.

Reading Club+

Sponsor: Mrs. Polak (Emily.polak@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Room 211

Enjoy a cup of tea or hot chocolate while reading a book in a quiet, cozy atmosphere. Students can bring a book from home or borrow one from Mrs. Polak's classroom library. Meets every morning on Late Start Wednesdays.

Robotics Team+

Sponsor: Mrs. Cavender (jessica.cavender@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: C 160

The robotics team provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in building and programming robots to do a variety of tasks. We will also explore how robots perform vital functions in industry and in environments that might be too dangerous for humans. We will compete in the First Lego League Challenge. We will meet every week.

Science Olympiad*

Sponsors: Mrs. Hodges (robin.hodges@whitesburgchristianacademy.org) and Mr. Cook (wendell.cook@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Room 204

Science Olympiad is one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing standards-based challenges to nearly 8,000

teams in all 50 states. Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved.

Each team will consist of 15 members 9-12th grades. We will begin preparation in the late fall and compete in the regional tournament (probably at UAH) in the Feb/Mar and if we do well we will compete at the state meet in Auburn in April. Nationals are held in the summer for state champions only. Sign up will be in November.

Senior Buddies*

Sponsor: Mrs. Cox (erika.cox@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Various

Senior Buddies is a beloved tradition at The Academy where Seniors are paired with Kindergarteners for activities throughout the year. They celebrate holidays together and the culmination is The Warrior Walk in May where they walk through the halls of the school in their caps and gowns together. The students become fast friends and many alumni come back to visit their buddies after they leave The Academy.

7th Grade Study Hall

Sponsor: Mrs. Christensen (Audrey.christensen@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Room 108

If you need a quiet place to study during Late Start Wednesdays, 7th graders may go to Mrs. Christensen's study hall in Room 108. This is a quiet environment so you must bring work with you. Please email Mrs. Christensen to let her know you are coming. This is for 7th graders only.

Student Government Association* (elected in Spring)

Sponsors: Mrs. Olinger (koren.olinger@whitesburgchristianacademy.org), Mr. Hutcheson (cortney.hutcheson@whitesburgchristianacademy.org) and Mrs. Hoffman (claire.hoffman@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: Room C165

The Student Government Association is an organization that exists to represent the interests, ideas and concerns of Academy students in grades 7-12. SGA will provide opportunities for students to develop valuable leadership skills, to serve their fellow classmates, to foster school spirit, and to cultivate principles of citizenship.

The Student Government Association will consist of 12 class representatives and 4 members of the Executive Committee. Each grade will choose 2 students to serve as class representatives, and the entire upper school student body will choose the students who will serve on the SGA Executive Committee, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, through an election process. Class representatives and students who hold positions on the Executive Committee should be students who are of good character and academic standing, have a willingness to serve others, and maintain positive relationships with their fellow classmates, faculty and staff. SGA will meet once a month.

Student Praise Band* (Try-outs held in the Spring for the following year)

Sponsor: Mrs. Pugh (Kimberly.pugh@whitesburgchristianacademy.org), Mr. McCombs (andrew.mccombs@whitesburgchristianacademy.org)

Location: ROC Dining Hall

The student praise band will meet weekly to worship/rehearse music for chapel services. Praise band members are WORSHIPERS. This is not a performance role, but rather a servant leadership role. The stage in this service opportunity is a platform for serving and showing Christ to your peers, not for being seen by others or for showcasing individual talents. Praise band musicians are able to play their instrument skillfully on their own.

Warriors Over Work (W.O.W.)*

Sponsors: Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Jernigan, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Thomas

Location: Library

WOW is an academic support group for students who need extra help. Teachers rotate to provide tutoring in their subject area. Peer tutors are also used during this time. There will be an additional space for make-up work for middle school students organized by Mrs. Thomas (Room 103).

*Requires an application, audition or referral by a teacher

+Anyone can come!