US Pine Lake Preparatory
Clubs 2023-2024

Color Key: PLP Sponsored - Curricular or Co-curricular
Non PLP Sponsored

Club	Advisor	Meeting Time/Place	Description and Criteria for Membership (if applicable)
Action Book Club	**Mr. Bitters**	**TBD**	In a twist on the traditional book club, Little Free Library's Action Book Club combines reading and community service. Participants read books on timely topics, engage in lively discussions, and take part in meaningful—and fun—group service projects to benefit their communities. This is reading and social engagement at its best.
American Sign Language Club	**Mrs. Elmquist**	**US 219 Club Lunch (Wed after school as needed)**	This club will work to learn sign language with the goal of having a basic conversation by the year's end. You do not need to know any sign language to join. Our goals include outreach to the HLAA Charlotte chapter, and promotion of ASL on campus.
Adopt-a-Grand-friend	**Mrs. Douglas**	**TBD**	Adopt-A-Grandfriend is focused on providing community to the senior community in our area. By meeting once a month at Summit Living in Mooresville, this club is able to combat the loneliness that is prevalent in the senior residents living there. Our club also helps with holiday parties and drives for this nursing home.
Animation Club	**Mr. Leluika**	**Tuesdays after school 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm**	"The Animation Club is a club dedicated to practicing and learning the art of animation. Club meetings will be held to discuss techniques, explore all different types of animation, as well as expand upon the history of animation. Some of these different explorations of animations include but are not limited to flip book animations, stop motion, claymation, a combination of 2D and 3D, along with others. The club will also be open to processing requests from the school and other potential organizations to gain experience in fulfilling a client's need, and there will be many projects where club members collaborate together to create short films and ideas to help stimulate a more realistic approach to industry film and game making. By participating in the club, members can expect to grow their knowledge of the field and experiment with different techniques and avenues not pursued in animation classes.``
Aquaponics Club	**Mr. Walker**	**Tues, after school, every 2 weeks**	Students will learn about how aquaponics work. Students will monitor water quality (pH,temp, ammonia,etc), harvest/plant greens, and feed/harvest fish.
Bible Study Club	**Mrs. Faulkenberry**	**TBD**	Bible study group will be student led, and open to any student. It will be a discussion based club where kids can come together and openly and safely talk about what the Bible has to say and how it applies to our lives. A service project will be identified and pursued.
Chess Club	**Mrs. Craddock**	**TBD**	This club will give a place for people new to chess to learn how to play and experienced players a place to play fun competitively.
Creative Writing Club	**Mr. Rhodes**	**Mon or Tues after school**	A club for any level of writer to come, learn about creative writing, and participate in some of the most popular national writing challenges if interested. It will be a place where ideas can be shared, plots tested, and have work reviewed by peers in a friendly and constructive setting.

DECA Club	**Mr. Irwin and Mrs. Riley**	**Every other Thursday during lunch in room 129 After school as needed for competition & outreach**	DECA is an international, student-led business organization that aims to help students prepare for the real world. They help prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe through annual competitions starting at the state level. DECA provides many other great resources and connections which indefinitely benefit students for the future.
Diversity & Global Awareness	**Ms. Douglas**	**TBD**	A club designed to expose students to a variety of cultures around the world, as well as to educate students about the experiences of diverse identities and the unique challenges they face. The club will work to engage the community in several thought-provoking demonstrations and events that will extend this education to their peers. Members will also give back to the community by participating in service that specifically supports disenfranchised groups.
Dungeons and Dragons Club	**Mr. Alburger**	**TBD**	Dungeons & Dragons is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game. The core of D&D is storytelling. You and your friends tell a story together, guiding your heroes through quests for treasure, battles with deadly foes, daring rescues, and much more. D&D Club will allow a diverse group of new and experienced players to all come together and learn to play or enhance their skill.
Excel Club	**Mr. Hubacher**	**Thursdays Lunch once a month** **US125**	Excel clubs organize their own fundraisers and community service projects to benefit the community and their school. Focus on supporting veterans and preventing child abuse. Responsible for the Pine Lake Adopt-A-Highway program. There is a $15 annual fee to join. Deadline to join is 9/24. Payments on My Payments Plus.
FCA - Fellowship of Christian Athletes	**Ms. Riley & Mr. Williams**	**1st & 3rd Wed during lunch** **US 129**	Athletes and non-athletes come together to connect in faith. The club will promote leadership and study together in huddles. The goal of our club is to engage, encourage and empower our school to unite and inspire others through faith.
Film Club	**Mrs. Craddock**	TBD	This club will focus on watching and discussing films, making short films, and potentially filming informative videos for school. We hope to teach the history of filmmaking and potential career paths.
Gaming and ESports	**Mr. Alburger**	**After school on Monday and Wednesday U218**	Esports is by definition a multiplayer video game played competitively for spectators, typically by professional gamers. Basically competitive gaming! Through this group, we will connect with other people and make friends through video games as well as give gaming resources to those who cannot purchase them but still wish to have a gaming experience.
Genders and Sexualities Alliance	**Ms. Straub**	**TBD**	The GSA club is a student-run club in the PLP upper school that brings together LGBTQI+ and non LGBTQI+ students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize, and create a platform to advocate for gender and LGBTQI+ equality.
Interact Club	**Mr. McCune**	**TBD**	Interact Club partners with the nearby Rotary to set up volunteer events, fundraisers, and other such leadership opportunities. Relationships with local Rotary Club members will connect our students with community leaders through volunteer work while building professional skills.

Investment Club	**Mrs. Forrest and Mr. McCune**	**TBD**	Investment Club will track stock prices and conduct mock investment portfolios to track return on more aggressive stock choices. Investments in high grade stocks as well as more speculative ones will provide students with more understanding of the risks involved in investing while broadening their overall knowledge of investing in equities.
Key Club	**Mrs. Schroder**	**TBD**	A service learning organization supported by the local Kiwanis Club of Lake Norman
Mock Trial Team	**Mrs. Faulkenberry**	**TBD**	The PLP Mock Trial Team participates in the annual NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition (early February). Students will take on roles of attorneys and/or witnesses for a predetermined criminal or civil case. Through this experience, students will be educated about our system of justice and trial by jury by turning courtrooms into classrooms and connecting students with attorneys and judges in the hands-on learning laboratory of the courthouse. The impact of this program far exceeds the courtroom, however, building analytical reasoning abilities and communication skills which go hand in hand with confidence, teamwork, leadership and other qualities crucial to students' futures.
Model UN	**Mrs. Plotkin**	**TBD**	Model United Nations is a club that simulates the United Nations General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. In Model UN, students will be ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the UN's agenda. The student delegates make speeches, draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, all through the Model UN conference rules of procedure.Model UN participants learn how the international community addresses concerns in areas including peace and security, human rights, the environment, food and hunger, economic development and globalization. Model UN delegates examine the needs, goals and foreign policies of the country they will represent at the conference.
Music Club	**Ms. Bassett**	**TBD**	Music Club provides the opportunity to play music outside of class with other musicians/instruments they don't typically get to collaborate with. The club will work to improve members' improvisational skills and ability to arrange music. A student that simply has an appreciation for music can join and learn the ropes of a simpler instrument as we go.
Photography	**Mrs. Schroder**	**TBD**	Photography Club Members will explore various genres of photography as they learn about famous photographers and engage in photo challenges including: composition, nature / landscape, cityscapes / architecture, lighting, movement, portraits, and more. Both budding and experienced photographers are welcome to join!
PLP Outdoors	**Mr. Walker and Mr. Kramer**	**TBD**	Do you enjoy Fishing, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Beach Volleyball? Then the outdoor club may be the perfect place to connect with peers that enjoy the outdoor activities as well.
PLP Red Cross	**Mrs. Morgan**	**TBD**	The Red Cross club's initiative is to help people in need. From emotional support in events of disasters to teaching skills to save lives, the Red Cross is an aid-motivated organization dependent on its volunteers and the hope of helping someone else.
Robotics Club Team SPORK	**Fiona Lashley, Dave Lashley & Matthew Boutet**	**STEM Hallway & Shop T &Th 6:00-7:30**	Students participating in the FIRST Robotics Program will learn to CAD, design, build and program robots to take to regional competitions. In addition, students prepare a business plan, do presentations, and maintain a website. Mentoring the LS and US robotics program as well. www.teamspork.com

Special Olympics	**Mr. Dunbar**	**TBD**	The PLP Special Olympics club focuses on giving back to our community through aiding participants of the Lake Norman Special Olympics with donation campaigns and volunteering. We seek to teach our members values of empathy, selflessness, and kindness, along with offering valuable service hours to our members. Whenever a Special Olympics event is held you are given the option to participate for a great experience and service hours.
Science Olympiad	**Mrs. Readmond**	**Wednesday during lunch once a month**	A science competition in which students compete in 23 events pertaining to various fields of science, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. There is a one time fee on MPP. **We will take 15 students (and alternates) to a competition on March 5th in Hickory, NC.**
Spirit Club	**Dr. Harroff**	**During Lunch Day TBD**	Our main focus is to support our Pine Lake sports teams and student council by increasing participation and attendance to several games and events through awareness on social media and creating decorations and event activities.
Sources	**Ms. Garcia**	**TBD**	We are a group of diverse peer leaders looking to create positive culture change in our school. We are connectors of strength that aim to build connections and resilience within our student body. Our goal is to use hope, help and strength to empower a well world.
Tutoring Club	**Dr. Hoffman**	**TBD**	Do you enjoy tutoring? This club will work with students from the elementary and middle school to help PLP students better understand the curriculum that they are studying.
Web Design	**Ms. Riley**	**TBD**	In this club, students will learn web development utilizing languages such as html, css, and javascript and engage in school directed projects
Quiz Bowl	**Mrs. Korrapati**	**TBD**	Quiz Bowl is a fast-paced, buzzer-based trivia competition where teams compete head-to-head in regional, statewide and possibly national tournaments. The teams answer questions from all areas of knowledge, including history, literature, science, sports, pop culture, and more. Teams will meet once a week for practices.
Wildlife Conservation and Animal Wellness	**Mrs. Kessler**	**Mrs. Kessler's classroom**	Advocate for our local wildlife as well as bringing awareness to local legislation specific to wildlife. *Goal #1 to include service projects to benefit the Raptor Center or the Humane Societies. Goal #2 fundraise to specifically benefit local animal rescue organizations.