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**Hickman High School Activities Booklet  
2023-2024**



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# KEWPIC ACTIVITY GUIDE

**Amnesty International:** Students work for human rights through Urgent Action letter writing, campaigning on various issues and/or countries, highlighting issues in education forums, protests and fundraisers. By ensuring that human rights issues remain on the political agenda, by generating discussion and debate and promoting human rights education, students can help create an atmosphere of respect for human rights, not only for today but for the future.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Jonathan McFarland ([jmcfarland@cpsk12.org](mailto:jmcfarland@cpsk12.org))

**Archery Club:** Archery Club is open to 9th-12th grade boys and girls who are interested in archery. The purpose of this club is to develop skills for indoor youth target archery following the NASP guidelines. Members are expected to follow safety, conduct, and good sportsmanship parameters to maintain member status in the club. Practices begin in the fall, occurring 1-2 times per week. Tournaments are located in Jefferson City and surrounding areas on Saturdays from January through the beginning of March. Qualifying archers are eligible to attend the state tournament in Branson in mid- to late March. For more information, email [smithtonarchery@gmail.com](mailto:smithtonarchery@gmail.com).

**Sponsor:** Kelly Ray ([keray@cpsk12.org](mailto:keray@cpsk12.org))

**Army Ants:** INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING, PROGRAMMING, OR DESIGN? The Army Ants are taking applicants for the 2021-2022 year. First Robotics Competition is an international challenge where students build and program a robot in 6 weeks, and eventually compete against other teams. *Open for applications July through August.* Email [info@armyant.us](mailto:info@armyant.us) for more information and applications.

**Sponsors:** Anand Chandrasekhar ([Chandrasekhara@missouri.edu](mailto:Chandrasekhara@missouri.edu)), Kevin Gillis ([gillisk@missouri.edu](mailto:gillisk@missouri.edu))

**Asian American Pacific Islander Youth:** This club is about embracing our diverse student body through cultural appreciation. We will fundraise for local Asian businesses, volunteer in the community, and host socials!

**Sponsor:** Ms. Shaina Vangilder ([svangilder@cpsk12.org](mailto:svangilder@cpsk12.org))

**Biology Club:** The Biology Club is an environmental organization that stresses recycling, environmental issues/awareness, and outdoor recreation. We recycle all of the paper and the beverage containers at Hickman each Wednesday. We bring in monthly guest speakers, monitor and clean Hinkson Creek as our Stream Team, and take many hikes, campouts, and float trips. Our motto is, "Those who enjoy the outdoors will take steps to preserve it."

**Sponsors:** Mr. Greg Gunn ([ggunn@cpsk12.org](mailto:ggunn@cpsk12.org)), Dr. Matt Ross ([mross@cpsk12.org](mailto:mross@cpsk12.org))

**CASA (Columbia Aeronautics and Space Association):** CASA is a hands-on class and after school engineering club that gives students opportunities to engineer solutions to real-world problems. Students get the opportunity to work with real NASA engineers. Students select their own engineering activities focused around an aeronautical or aerospace theme. CASA also hosts a 3-day student-led field trip "mission" where students work together through a simulated space-themed scenario.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Mike Merz ([mmerz@cpsk12.org](mailto:mmerz@cpsk12.org))

**Chess Club:**

**Sponsor:** Mr. Nick Waters ([nwaters@cpsk12.org](mailto:nwaters@cpsk12.org))

**Choir:** Hickman High School now has 4 choirs during the school day! The two non-auditioned groups that are open to all singers are Bel Canto (Beginning Treble Choir), and Forte Canto (Tenor/Bass Choir). The two auditioned ensembles are A Cappella Singers (Advanced Treble Choir) and the new Show Choir (Mixed Choir). Auditions for A Cappella and Show Choir are in the late spring and will be held during school for AC and after school for SC. Dance experience is encouraged for show choir. If you have any music questions, please see Mr. Hercules in FA7!

Mr. Tim Hercules ([thercules@cpsk12.org](mailto:thercules@cpsk12.org))

**Columbia FFA:** Their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population. They taught us that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting—it's a science, it's a business, and it's an art. FFA continues to help the next generation rise to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers, and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

**Sponsor:** Ms. Austin DeHaven ([adehaven@cpsk12.org](mailto:adehaven@cpsk12.org)), Ms. Harley Waggoner ([hwaggoner@cpsk12.org](mailto:hwaggoner@cpsk12.org))

**Crafting Kindness Club:** Crafting Kindness Club combines the joy of crafting with empathy and kindness in a welcoming, inclusive environment. This club spreads kindness throughout our school and community by listening to presentations from guest speakers and using crafts to perform random acts of kindness, honoring people that work hard behind the scenes in our school, service projects, and more. This club is open to all students.

**Sponsors:** Traci Henry ([thenry@cpsk12.org](mailto:thenry@cpsk12.org)), Kelly Ray ([keray@cpsk12.org](mailto:keray@cpsk12.org))

**Cresset (yearbook):** If you enjoy photography, graphic design, social media, writing, interviewing, or just getting to know other people, Hickman's journalism programs are perfect for you. While we would love to have you in class with us, you do not need to be enrolled in the yearbook or newspaper classes to contribute to Hickman's incredible yearbook or P&G news outlets. We can put you to work, while you have fun...

- getting special access to photograph Hickman events, students, and staff
- designing with adobe systems to help style and layout the yearbook or news magazine
- interviewing, writing the incredible stories of our Kewpie community
- using social media as a platform for sharing the most memorable and newsworthy moments of our school year. Come find Ms. Yargus in room 225 or email her and be part of the hard-working, fun-loving Kewpie Journalism family!

**Sponsor:** Ms. Ashley Yargus ([ayargus@cpsk12.org](mailto:ayargus@cpsk12.org))

**D-20 Hickman Gaming Club:** D-20 Hickman Gaming club meets to play board games, collectable card games, and roleplaying games.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Thomas Parker ([tparker@cpsk12.org](mailto:tparker@cpsk12.org))

**DECA:** DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Our DECA chapter has participated in competitions and conferences all over the United States. In the last couple of years alone, we have traveled to Chicago, Omaha, Orlando and the Lake of the Ozarks. Go to [Deca.org](http://Deca.org) to learn more!

**Sponsor:** Mr. Scott Fuenfhausen ([jfuenfhausen@cpsk12.org](mailto:jfuenfhausen@cpsk12.org)), Ms. Michelle Kelley ([mkelley@cpsk12.org](mailto:mkelley@cpsk12.org))

**Epsilon Beta (Keepers of the Library):** Epsilon Beta is for students who enjoy using libraries to read, study, collaborate, and relax. Members help improve and promote libraries by: (1) recommending and participating in school library programming and improvement projects; (2) promoting the school library to the Hickman community (i.e., students, teachers, administrators, and parents); and (3) participating in service projects that benefit the library, school, and local community. If you are someone who loves the library, this is the club for you! We typically meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays before school.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Julie Ryan ([jryan@cpsk12.org](mailto:jryan@cpsk12.org))

**Esports (League of Legends, Overwatch):** The League of Legends Club is an organization centered around the video game League of Legends. This club provides a space for members to practice League of Legends, discuss strategy and meta game, and even play together on a competitive team. The competitive season of League of Legends is in the Spring, but the club meets all year.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Andrew Bechtel ([abechtel@cpsk12.org](mailto:abechtel@cpsk12.org))

**Ethics Bowl Team:** Ethics is the branch of knowledge concerned with morality. Students learn multiple philosophical approaches to ethics and then apply them to various situations that pose ethical dilemmas. Then they work collaboratively to develop solid ethical arguments and present them in competition.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Caysea Dachroeden ([cdachroeden@cpsk12.org](mailto:cdachroeden@cpsk12.org)), Lou Kraxberger (He/She/They) ([lkraxberger@cpsk12.org](mailto:lkraxberger@cpsk12.org))

**Fashion In Action:** Our goal is to ultimately bring together students who have a passion for fashion and want to further expand their sewing skill and knowledge about the fashion world.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Shawn Huggans ([shuggans@cpsk12.org](mailto:shuggans@cpsk12.org))

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA):** FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in the world. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Greg Gunn ([ggunn@cpsk12.org](mailto:ggunn@cpsk12.org))

**French Club:** French Club meets monthly to celebrate French culture, holidays, and history. Of course, we enjoy French food as well! French Club is for everyone—speaking French is not required.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Myles Freborg ([mfreborg@cpsk12.org](mailto:mfreborg@cpsk12.org)), Dr. Katie Tesoro ([ktesoro@cpsk12.org](mailto:ktesoro@cpsk12.org))

**French Honor Society:** A student is eligible to become a member of the National French Honor Society if he/she has maintained an A- average for three consecutive semesters of French study and is currently enrolled in level 3 or higher. Students are notified in French class that they are eligible to join and must pay \$5 in membership dues (lifetime membership). There is an initiation ceremony in the spring.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Myles Freborg ([mfreborg@cpsk12.org](mailto:mfreborg@cpsk12.org)), DR. Katie Tesoro ([ktesoro@cpsk12.org](mailto:ktesoro@cpsk12.org))

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA):** FBLA is a professional student organization that focuses on preparing students for careers in business and business-related fields. The FBLA mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Members can become involved in leadership activities, community service projects, projects that promote business skills and knowledge, and competitive business and computer events.

**Sponsors:** Mrs. Kristi Deneke ([kdeneke@cpsk12.org](mailto:kdeneke@cpsk12.org)), Mrs. Crystal Oetting ([coetting@cpsk12.org](mailto:coetting@cpsk12.org))

**Future Educators Association (FEA):** This organization is for students who are interested in a career in education. Students participate in community activities and explore careers in education. Students must be enrolled in a Teaching Professions course through the Columbia Area Career Center.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Gina Greenplate ([rgreenplate@cpsk12.org](mailto:rgreenplate@cpsk12.org))

**Gender and Sexuality Alliance:** A safe space for students to be themselves and build friendships with others while helping to create a welcoming space for Hickman's LGBTQIA+ population. We will have fun and get to know each other, plus sponsor a Pride Prom for our high school community.

**Sponsors:** Max Lyon (They/Them) ([mlyon@cpsk12.org](mailto:mlyon@cpsk12.org)), Ms. Melissa McConnell ([mmcconnell@cpsk12.org](mailto:mmcconnell@cpsk12.org))

**GGO (Giving Girls Opportunities):** GGO (Giving Girls Opportunities) is a student-run club that fundraises year-round for girls in developing countries who may not be able to afford or get the opportunity to receive a basic education. We are fortunate enough to receive a great education here at Hickman, and we would like this kind of education to be available to girls everywhere!

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Katie Wisch ([kwisch@cpsk12.org](mailto:kwisch@cpsk12.org))

**GO (Global Organization) Club:** Go Club is an organization made up of international students attending Hickman but is open to anyone who is interested in getting more involved in our school and community – and having lots of fun while doing so! There is no fee to join, and meetings take place once a month. We get involved in our Hickman community by going to Hickman sporting events and attending choir and play performances. We have monthly games and activities, and we also have a fall and /or spring soccer game. We also do community service, volunteer, and have potlucks for members and their families. We celebrate our graduates at the end of the year!

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Jennifer Turek ([jturek@cpsk12.org](mailto:jturek@cpsk12.org))

**Hickman Interact Club:** A youth Rotary International service club that works on issues important to Columbia and the world. We have a service project each month of school, which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of leadership, integrity, helpfulness, respect, and advancing international understanding and goodwill.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Seth Willenberg ([swillenberg@cpsk12.org](mailto:swillenberg@cpsk12.org))

**Hickman Review:** Composed of energetic students dedicated to art and literature who have the desire to promote, produce and celebrate the creations of the Hickman High School student body. This club is run entirely by students working to raise funds, create publicity, collect submissions and produce our award-winning magazine. Members can submit their own creations for publication and will have opportunities to apply for leadership roles as part of the editorial board. Creative, organized and enthusiastic students should consider joining our group!

**Sponsor:** Mrs. MacKenzie Everett-Kennedy ([meverett@cpsk12.org](mailto:meverett@cpsk12.org))

**Hickman Journalism Club (Newspaper/Yearbook):** If you enjoy photography, graphic design, social media, writing, interviewing, or just getting to know other people, Hickman's journalism programs are perfect for you. While we would love to have you in class with us, you do not need to be enrolled in the yearbook or newspaper classes to contribute to Hickman's incredible yearbook or P&G news outlets. We can put you to work, while you have fun...

- getting special access to photograph Hickman events, students, and staff
- designing with adobe systems to help style and layout the yearbook or news magazine
- interviewing, writing the incredible stories of our Kewpie community
- using social media as a platform for sharing the most memorable and newsworthy moments of our school year. Come find Ms. Yargus in room 225 or email her and be part of the hard-working, fun-loving Kewpie Journalism family!

**Sponsor:** Ms. Ashley Yargus ([ayargus@cpsk12.org](mailto:ayargus@cpsk12.org))

**H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Peers Everywhere):** H.O.P.E. Club is a group of individuals dedicated to making a difference in their school and the community. We serve as Kindness Ambassadors and strive to help all students feel safe, supported, and ready to succeed. HOPE Club also provides opportunities for members to promote healthy lifestyle choices to their peers by educating them during the school day on topics such as mental health, safe driving, drugs/alcohol, and more. Members volunteer at community events, working closely with Children's Grove. As a member of HOPE, you are eligible for a senior scholarship as well as a Hickman school letter.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Maria McMahon ([mmcmahon@cpsk12.org](mailto:mmcmahon@cpsk12.org)), Ms. Robin Hogan ([rhogan@cpsk12.org](mailto:rhogan@cpsk12.org))

**HOSA-FHP (Future Healthcare Professionals):** This organization is for students who have an interest in health occupations and health-related fields. Students have opportunities to assume leadership positions and participate in a variety of activities. Chapter officers are responsible for planning activities throughout the year. All students with paid memberships have opportunities to compete in a wide variety of medical competitions at the state competition in the spring. The club will meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Chapter Advisor:** Ms. Jeshanah Zolkowski ([jzolkowski@cpsk12.org](mailto:jzolkowski@cpsk12.org))

**International Thespian Society:** This organization is for students with a dedicated interest in theatre. To become a member, students must accrue “points” based on their involvement in theater activities, beginning their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Inductions for those students who have earned enough points occur in May of each school year. Once a student is a member, he/she can participate in ITS specific activities, most important of which is the annual Missouri Thespians conference.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Sarah Gerling ([sgerling@cpsk12.org](mailto:sgerling@cpsk12.org))

**Kewpie Stage Players (Theatre Club):** This is a group for any Hickman student with an interest in theater – whether on stage, behind the scenes, or as an audience member. We have meetings every other week to discuss our activities. We host a large canned-food drive as a part of a national service event. Other activities can include attendance at various theater events in Columbia, a partnership with the theater programs at West, Smithton, and Jefferson Middle Schools, and the presentation of small performances.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Taylor Davidson ([tdavidson@cpsk12.org](mailto:tdavidson@cpsk12.org)), Mrs. Sarah Gerling ([sgerling@cpsk12.org](mailto:sgerling@cpsk12.org)). Ms. Vicki Palmer ([vpalmer@cpsk12.org](mailto:vpalmer@cpsk12.org))

**Kewps United:** The club’s goal is to bridge the gap between SPED and other students at Hickman. The club participates in activities once or twice each month. General education students partner with special needs students and have fun with sports, food, conversation, games, etc.

**Sponsor:** Mr. John Marshall ([jmarshall@cpsk12.org](mailto:jmarshall@cpsk12.org))

**Key Club:** Key Club is a high school organization sponsored by Kiwanis. We carry out the mission to serve children of the world. Key Club performs acts of service such as collecting for UNICEF, March of Dimes, and other fund-raising activities that benefit children.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Cassandra Schmittel ([cschmittel@cpsk12.org](mailto:cschmittel@cpsk12.org))

**Louder Than A Bomb:** LTAB is a friendly competition that emphasizes self-expression and community via poetry, oral story-telling, and hip-hop spoken word. It focuses on cooperation, with teams of students working together to write original pieces. We compete in a city-wide competition as part of Columbia's annual Unbound Book Festival.

**Sponsor:** TBA

**MAC (Multicultural Achievement Committee) Scholars Program:** MAC Scholars Club is designed to provide students with the necessary skills and support to achieve success academically, emotionally, and socially. The club’s goal is to ensure college and career readiness for all students through achievement, enrichment, and opportunities. The MAC Program does not believe race or ethnicity is a predictor of achievement.

**Sponsor:** Ms. Dana Carter ([dacarter@cpsk12.org](mailto:dacarter@cpsk12.org))

**Manga Club:** Love manga and anime? Join our Manga Club where we’ll talk about our favorite books, shows, and characters and you can provide input on the library’s manga collection. We meet twice a month in the library from 4:15-5:00 PM (snacks provided). Meetings are typically every other Monday but are subject to change.

**Sponsor:** Ms. Katie Dunne ([kdunne@cpsk12.org](mailto:kdunne@cpsk12.org))

**Math Team:** The math team is composed of students in grades 9 through 12 who like to solve challenging problems and learn new strategies for solving problems. The math team meets twice a month and participates in approximately four different competitions throughout the year (averaging about 2 days/month) in both online and paper/pencil formats. The mathleague.org competitions qualify students to participate in state, regional and national math competitions.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Kyle Wiechens ([kwiechens@cpsk12.org](mailto:kwiechens@cpsk12.org))

**Minecraft Club: Sponsor:** Mr. Max Batek ([mbatek@cpsk12.org](mailto:mbatek@cpsk12.org))

**Mu Alpha Theta:** Mu Alpha Theta (MA $\Theta$ ) is a national mathematics honor society ([www.mu\\_alpha\\_theta.org](http://www.mu_alpha_theta.org)). In order to be eligible to join Hickman's Chapter of MA $\Theta$ , students must be enrolled in Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, or AP Calculus, have a 3.0 GPA in mathematics courses, and 3.5 overall GPA. In September, an invitation letter will be sent to students who meet the requirements. Chapter activities include attending presentations by guest speakers working in math-related fields and hosting the Kewpie Math Classic, our mathematics contest for grade 6-8 students.

**Sponsor:** Mr. David Freitag ([dfreitag@cpsk12.org](mailto:dfreitag@cpsk12.org)), Mrs. Rachel Korte ([rkorte@cpsk12.org](mailto:rkorte@cpsk12.org)).

**National Honor Society:** National Honor Society is an honor society that students are invited to apply for during the second semester of their junior year if they have a 3.25 cumulative GPA or higher.

**Sponsor:** Ms. Sue Schultz ([sschultz@cpsk12.org](mailto:sschultz@cpsk12.org))

**One Act Play Festival: Sponsor:** TBA

**P.A.S.S.:** Promoting and Advocating through Services is an outreach mentoring program that meets weekly to discuss topics that promote Academic Success, Mental, and Emotional Growth for all students. The emphasis is on current teen issues with the focus on academic success, leadership, self-esteem, and positive communication. Candid discussions about social issues, problems, as well as successes most teenagers encounter at school, home or in the community. Throughout the school year, college mentors will lead these discussions and work collaboratively with the students on how to effectively handle and resolve conflict.

**Sponsor:** Dr. Atah Knighten ([aknighten@cpsk12.org](mailto:aknighten@cpsk12.org))

**Ping Pong Club:** Hang out and enjoy a game or two of table tennis with your fellow Kewpies! Meeting dates will be announced in September.

**Sponsor:** TBA

**Poetry Club:** Twice a month—the first Tuesday and the second Thursday—we meet to share our own original poetry and the work of poets we admire. We strive to create a place where positive people can meet for community and inspiration. Our hope is to participate in Columbia's literary scene through public performances at the Unbound Book Festival, among others. We will also do service projects for Hickman, including recycling and stress relief during finals week. Keep an eye out for documentary screenings and other ways to connect with like-minded creative spirits!

**Sponsor:** Dr. Lara (Dieckmann) Lehman ([ldieckmann@cpsk12.org](mailto:ldieckmann@cpsk12.org))

**QP Lit Book Club:** Join the **QP Lit Book Club** if you're an avid reader. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the library during your regularly scheduled lunch period. Each month, we'll read a book that represents one of the many genres we have in the library and then meet to discuss the good, the bad, and the "I can't wait to read the sequel!". You can even work toward earning a Varsity Letter in Reading.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Katie Dunne ([kdunne@cpsk12.org](mailto:kdunne@cpsk12.org)) and Mrs. Julie Ryan ([juryan@cpsk12.org](mailto:juryan@cpsk12.org))

**Quiz Bowl:** The annual Quiz Bowl competition is an opportunity for students to compete against one another answering questions about the Hickman curriculum, pop culture, and current events. Students form their own teams of 2-8 people and compete after school in late February in a double elimination tournament. The semifinal and championship rounds are held in front of the student body during an all school assembly.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Zach Rodeman ([zrodeman@cpsk12.org](mailto:zrodeman@cpsk12.org)), Mrs. Katie Wisch ([kwisch@cpsk12.org](mailto:kwisch@cpsk12.org))



**Red Cross Club:** The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. When you volunteer with the American Red Cross, you become a part of one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world and are able to make a positive impact on your peers and in your community. When you join the club, you will have opportunities to make a difference by addressing your community's greatest needs and developing leadership skills. The Red Cross Club can also empower you with knowledge and life-saving skills to help prepare your school and community to respond to emergencies.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Teresa Gooch ([tegooch@cpsk12.org](mailto:tegooch@cpsk12.org))

**Scholar Bowl:** Scholar Bowl is an extra-curricular organization open to all interested students in grades 9-12 who reside in the Hickman attendance area. We invite students who see the challenge and excitement of academic competition at the local, district, state and national levels to join our team. Academic Team holds weekly practices to support members' knowledge acquisition in the disciplines of science, mathematics, social studies, communication arts, fine arts/performing arts, current events, popular culture and miscellaneous knowledge. Scholar Bowl competitions is sanctioned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA).

**Sponsor:** Mr. David Freitag ([dfreitag@cpsk12.org](mailto:dfreitag@cpsk12.org))

**Science Honor Society:** Students with outstanding performance in their current science class will be sent an invitation to participate in Hickman Science Honor Society (HSHS). The club sponsors a variety of science-promoting activities and service opportunities throughout each semester. Service activities are frequently made available to members and might include tutoring (ACT science prep, various classes) or volunteering (middle school science events and others). Club activities include presentations by members of the local science community, science career exploration events, and support for independent science research projects. Students who meet service and attendance requirements will be formally inducted into HSHS membership at the end of each semester.

**Sponsors:** Mrs. Jessica Platto ([jplatto@cpsk12.org](mailto:jplatto@cpsk12.org))

**Science Olympiad:** Students with a high aptitude in science are encouraged to visit with their science teachers, about their interest for the 2023-24 school year. The Hickman Science Olympiad team spends the first semester and the first three-and-a-half months of the second semester preparing for regional and state competition (usually in February and April, respectively).

**Sponsor:** Ms. Sue Schultz ([sschultz@cpsk12.org](mailto:sschultz@cpsk12.org))

**SICC Jams:** This club brings together student musicians, music lovers, and artists. We volunteer and raise money for charities like the food bank, and we make live music and art events such as the annual SICCSTRAVAJAMZA happen.

**Sponsor:** Jonathan McFarland ([jmcfarland@cpsk12.org](mailto:jmcfarland@cpsk12.org))

**Skills USA:** SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. SkillsUSA offers many opportunities for growth through local and national competitions, and community involvement.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Nate Graham ([ngraham@cpsk12.org](mailto:ngraham@cpsk12.org)), Mr. Al Howell ([ahowell@cpsk12.org](mailto:ahowell@cpsk12.org)), Mr. Justin Monroe ([jmonroe@cpsk12.org](mailto:jmonroe@cpsk12.org)), Mr. Jeff Rayl ([trayl@cpsk12.org](mailto:trayl@cpsk12.org))

**Social Justice:** A social justice club dedicated to educating, advocating, and amplifying the student's voices.

**Sponsors:** Mrs. Leslie Lewis ([lelewis@cpsk12.org](mailto:lelewis@cpsk12.org)), Mrs. Whitney Moore ([wmoore@cpsk12.org](mailto:wmoore@cpsk12.org))

**Spanish Honor Society:** A student is eligible to become a member of the National Spanish Honor Society if he/she has achieved an A- average from grades in Spanish 2 (second semester) and from Spanish 3. Prospective members will also need to participate in one fundraiser. Students are notified in Spanish 3 class that they are eligible to join and must pay \$10 in dues (lifetime membership). We have an initiation ceremony.

**Sponsors:** Mrs. Pam Lewandowski ([plewandowski@cpsk12.org](mailto:plewandowski@cpsk12.org)). Mrs. Katie Perez ([kperez@cpsk12.org](mailto:kperez@cpsk12.org))

**Speech and Debate (MSHSAA) Team:** The Speech and Debate team works to build confidence and critical thinking skills by preparing students to engage in competitive performance and debate. Students can choose from a variety of events ranging from dramatic or humorous performance to mock congress. Participating students work to earn awards both individually and for school.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Danielle Johnson ([dajohnson@cpsk12.org](mailto:dajohnson@cpsk12.org)), Mr. Ahmad Ennin ([aennin2004@gmail.com](mailto:aennin2004@gmail.com)), Lou Kraxberger ([lkraxberger@cpsk12.org](mailto:lkraxberger@cpsk12.org))

**Students for Change:** Students For Change is a student-led organization aimed to prevent gun violence in CPS schools. SFC works closely with administration and other organizations to promote new safety measures across CPS. SFC also teaches scholars about public speaking, safe storage, and medical rescue techniques such as tourniquets.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Michael Hayes ([mhayes@cpsk12.org](mailto:mhayes@cpsk12.org))

**Students for Climate Action - S4CA:** Our mission is to engage with the community, with elected officials, and with our peers to advocate for meaningful action on climate change to create a livable and just future.

**Sponsor:** Ms. Karen Hibdon ([khibdon@cpsk12.org](mailto:khibdon@cpsk12.org))

**Student Government:** We are responsible for creating, organizing, and carrying out many of the activities at Hickman High School, such as Homecoming and Courtwarming Weeks, assemblies, and voting for class officers. As a club, we also discuss important changes taking place at Hickman and consider new and interesting ways to improve our environment, whether that means new school events, or encouraging more philanthropy. We are constantly in collaboration with faculty and staff at Hickman in order to effectively create an amazing school culture for all to enjoy.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Teresa Gooch ([tgooch@cpsk12.org](mailto:tgooch@cpsk12.org)), Mrs. Leslie Schneiders ([lschnieders@cpsk12.org](mailto:lschnieders@cpsk12.org))

**Tri-M Music Honor Society:** Tri-M is a club focused on service projects in the community through music. We are open to all Orchestra, Choir, and Band students, with special exceptions for Musical Theater.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Tom Sweeney ([tsweeney@cpsk12.org](mailto:tsweeney@cpsk12.org))

**Trireme:** Trireme is an honorary organization, composed of senior women who have applied and are committed to volunteering. Junior girls apply in the spring for membership during their senior year. Every Trireme member agrees to provide 4 hours of service each month to a variety of charities. In past years, senior ladies have logged over 800 hours for groups including True/False, Ronald McDonald House, Kewpie Clothes Closet, Hickman PTSA, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, and the Voluntary Action Center.

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Kathleen Brown ([LiBrown@cpsk12.org](mailto:LiBrown@cpsk12.org)), Ms. Leia Brooks ([lbrooks@cpsk12.org](mailto:lbrooks@cpsk12.org))

**Young Life:** Young Life is a place where all are welcomed and all can feel loved. We focus on faith, community, singing songs, and living life with one another.

**Sponsor:** Mr. Nate Meyer ([nmeyer@cpsk12.org](mailto:nmeyer@cpsk12.org))

**Zombie Defense League:** Do you like zombies? Nerf guns? Science fiction or horror? Do you like video games? What about games like MtG or old school RPGs? Do you like hanging out with like-minded peers? Then this is the club for you. **Sponsor:** Mr. Shawn Beatty ([sbeatty@cpsk12.org](mailto:sbeatty@cpsk12.org))

## ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY MSHSAA Information

### Complete 2023-24 Athletics and Activities Handbook:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O3uktiywPGGDBW7sUJT5-Z7AfmBYlvuM/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107759705648949285154&rtipof=true&sd=true>

It is the **student's responsibility** to make sure he/she is eligible to participate in athletics or other MSHSAA sponsored activities. If the student has any problems, questions or concerns, they should be remedied BEFORE the beginning of the season and preferably during registration. Parents can assist by understanding a few of the general guidelines and rules for MSHSAA eligibility.

For a student to maintain eligibility:

For academic eligibility, students must be enrolled in and have earned the previous semester **80%** of the

maximum allowable credits. For what this means to Hickman students, please see the table below.

Dual enrolled students during the regular semester may count college courses up to 1.0 credit per semester toward eligibility as follows:

½ credit for a 3-hour college class or 1 credit for a 5 hour college class

\*\*\*Please see your counselor or the athletic director if this applies to you\*\*\*

Summer school classes may count up to 1 credit towards eligibility for fall participation if:

The class is required for LOCAL graduation

The class is in a core content area (language arts, math, science, or social studies)

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Rubenstein, Athletic Director, at 214-3011.

	<b>For FALL SEMESTER participation, a student must:</b>	<b>For WINTER SEMESTER participation, a student must:</b>
Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have earned at least 3.5 credits in the spring semester junior year</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.5 credit-earning classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have earned at least 3.5 credits in the fall semester senior year</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.5 credit-earning classes</li> </ul>
Junior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have earned at least 3.0 credits in the spring semester sophomore year with a Sophomore Seminar.</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.5 credit-earning classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have earned at least 3.5 credits in the fall semester junior year</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.5 credit-earning classes</li> </ul>
Soph.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have earned at least 3.0 credits in the spring semester freshman year with a Freshman Advisory.</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.5 credit-earning classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have earned at least 3.5 credits in the fall semester</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.5 credit-earning classes</li> </ul>
Fresh.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion from 8<sup>th</sup> grade</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.0 credit-earning classes and Freshman Advisory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have earned at least 3.0 credits in the fall semester freshman year with a Freshman Advisory.</li> <li>• Be enrolled in at least 3.0 credit-earning classes and Freshman Advisory.</li> </ul>

### HHS SPORTS

**Contact:** Mr. Jack Rubenstein in the West Office (214-3011) or at [jrubenstein@cpsk12.org](mailto:jrubenstein@cpsk12.org)

## 2023-2024 HICKMAN KEWPIES COACHES DIRECTORY

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