

# Activities & Clubs



2023-2024

## **ART CLUB**

The Art Club sponsors many activities including air brushing, the annual trip to New York City, and working with computers in the art room. The club allows students to spend time with friends and express their creativity. *Contact: Ms. Davis at [cdavis@wboro.org](mailto:cdavis@wboro.org)*

## **BRIDGE BUILDERS**

The purpose of this organization is to promote and celebrate diversity among the students and staff at Whitesboro High School. It is aimed toward students who want to make a difference and it equips them to do so. Activities will be geared toward bringing together our diverse student groups to build a greater trust and understanding of each other. Whitesboro High School has only just begun the bridgework that will teach students to accept different people. However, a person cannot cross the bridge until it is built, and that requires everyone's help. Acceptance is a choice. Are you big enough to go out of your way to say "hello"? Are you strong enough to talk to someone whom others might consider to be "lower" than you? Are you willing to take that step, to build that bridge that will make a difference in someone's life? *Contact: Mrs. Gurdo at [sgurdo@wboro.org](mailto:sgurdo@wboro.org)*

## **CHESS CLUB**

The goal of Chess Club is to give students an opportunity to learn more about chess and compete with their peers. Students will have an opportunity to learn/play chess, and also look at partially completed games to gain an understanding of chess strategy. There will also be a tournament between club members at the end of the school year. Students of all levels are encouraged to join. *Contact: Mr. Costanza at [scostanza@wboro.org](mailto:scostanza@wboro.org)*

## **COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB**

Students in the Computer Science Club will explore a wide variety of topics related to computer science. Some of the topics covered will include programming fundamentals, video game and mobile app development, robotics, fundamentals of networking, ethical hacking and cyber security. There will also be time for students in the club to explore personal interests throughout the year. *Contact: Mr. Eramo at [meramo@wboro.org](mailto:meramo@wboro.org)*

## **FITNESS CLUB**

This club is for all students interested in exploring various fitness genres and fitness participation opportunities in school and in the community. Genres include CrossFit, HIIT, yoga, agility training, pilates, dance, endurance, strength and flexibility practice and even intramural games. This club focuses on body positivity and acceptance. This club is designed to help students develop skills to live peacefully and healthily in their own bodies, as well as promote to our student body. *Contact: Mrs. Warner at [swarner@wboro.org](mailto:swarner@wboro.org)*

## **FUTURE FIRE FIGHTER CLUB**

This club is open to ALL students who are interested in learning more about service to their communities through the fire service. Training and educational events designed specifically for high school students interested in the fire service will be designed to illustrate the meaning of teamwork and strengthen youths' fire service skills and knowledge in a fun, engaging way. It is a goal of this club/group to provide a knowledge and skill set for these young people which they will be able to bring to their community organizations. *Contact: Mr. Powers at [kpowers@wboro.org](mailto:kpowers@wboro.org)*

## **GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Girls' Athletic Association is for girls in grades 9-12, who play varsity or JV sports. During the year, members conduct fundraisers, donate money to a needy family, host the annual G.A.A. Faculty Bowling Match and the annual end of the year picnic. At team banquets, block W's, pins and certificates are given to recognize the number of years of participation of student athletes. *Contact: Mrs. Warner at [swarner@wboro.org](mailto:swarner@wboro.org)*

## **G.S.A. CLUB**

This club is open to ALL students who are interested in raising awareness for the equal rights and life style of all students. Their main objective is to bring together all students, regardless of gender preference, to advocate for a safe and accepting school community. *Contact: Mrs. Burkdorf at [rburkdorf@wboro.org](mailto:rburkdorf@wboro.org)*

## INTERNATIONAL CLUB

International Club is an activity for students who are taking foreign languages or have taken them. The club hosts Foreign Student Day, in which exchange students attending other local schools come to Whitesboro High School for an enjoyable day of activities. The club also welcomes exchange students placed in Whitesboro. *Contact: Mrs. Brady at [sbrady@wboro.org](mailto:sbrady@wboro.org) / Mrs. Bunal at [bbunal@wboro.org](mailto:bbunal@wboro.org)*

## LITERARY MAGAZINE

Literary Magazine is dedicated to helping students work on poetry, short stories and art work and is open to all students in grades 9-12. The club generally meets once a week with Mr. Puckey in room 3213, and culminates with the publication of student work in the annual issue of the Whitesboro Literary Magazine. *Contact: Mr. Puckey at [apuckey@wboro.org](mailto:apuckey@wboro.org)*

## MATHLETICS TEAM

Mathletics is an activity for students who excel in math and enjoy competition. Six tournaments are held at area high schools in which a group of five students compete against other students in individual tests, team questions and relays. Total points are accumulated from each of these tournaments and at the end of the year, a first place trophy is awarded. *Contact: Mr. Costanza at [scostanza@wboro.org](mailto:scostanza@wboro.org)*

## MODEL U.N.

Model U.N. is an activity for students interested in politics and world affairs. Members attend conferences at which they act as delegates from various nations; they then represent this nation in a mock United Nations Summit. *Contact: Mrs. Dean at [Idean@wboro.org](mailto:Idean@wboro.org)*

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Selection to the National Honor Society is made by the Whitesboro National Honor Society Faculty Council. The Council is comprised of six teachers and one guidance counselor. The following are the requirements to attain membership to the National Honor Society:

- *Must maintain an overall average for each quarter of 90 or higher.*
- *Must also participate in two activities per high school year, one of which must be high school related. Under this category, students must have turned their candidate sheet into Mr. Putnam by the deadline stated on the form. This form tells the Faculty Council of student service to the school and community.*
- *Must demonstrate the National Society ideals of service, character and leadership. If they fail to meet these requirements prior to the review by the Faculty Council, they will not be admitted to the Whitesboro Honor Society.*
- *To retain membership, students must continue to demonstrate character, service and leadership. Participation in two activities fulfills the requirement in the service category.*
- *Honor Society members sponsor the Helen Potter Memorial Scholarship and at the end of the year, they tutor students. Members also finish the year with an annual field trip taken in June.*

*Contact: Mr. Ryan at [sryan@wboro.org](mailto:sryan@wboro.org)*

## OUTDOOR CLUB

The Whitesboro High School Outdoor Club aims to inspire students to want to spend more time outdoors, to cultivate a passion for outdoor activities and empower students to stretch their comfort zones; meeting people and engaging in new, lifelong activities while enjoying nature. Some potential activities may include hiking, fishing, archery, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, orienteering, camping basics, survival skills and cycling/mountain biking, just to name a few. *Contact: Mr. Massoud at [amassoud@wboro.org](mailto:amassoud@wboro.org)*

## POLITICAL DEBATE CLUB

Political Discussion Club typically meets on a weekly basis to discuss current and contemporary political issues at hand. Students develop positions on topics and express them in an auditory format. The club is open to all students in grades 9-12. *Contact: Mrs. Cidzik at [rcidzik@wboro.org](mailto:rcidzik@wboro.org)*

## **THE RED CROSS CLUB**

Aside from providing training and leadership development, members have the opportunity to engage in Red Cross mission-related activities that address our community's needs while delivering the life-saving services of the Red Cross. Participation provides students with the opportunity to plan and implement projects that will save hundreds of lives from blood drives to disaster preparedness education. *Contact: Ms. Ambrose at [aambrose@wboro.org](mailto:aambrose@wboro.org)*

## **RENAISSANCE CLUB**

The Renaissance Club promotes the celebration of academic success in the high school. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to be part of this club's planning and organizing academic recognition rallies. *Contact: Mr. Jecko at [djecko@wboro.org](mailto:djecko@wboro.org)*

## **SCHOOL NEWSPAPER**

"Smoke Signal" is the high school newspaper which covers school activities including music, sports and other social events. Editors and staff meet after school and sometimes on weekends to complete the editing, typing and layouts. The paper is distributed monthly in the cafeteria. New members are welcomed anytime. *Contact: Mr. Massoud at [amassoud@wboro.org](mailto:amassoud@wboro.org) / Mrs. Rainbow at [erainbow@wboro.org](mailto:erainbow@wboro.org)*

## **SKI CLUB**

The Whitesboro Ski Club is a co-educational, recreational club whose members participate in Alpine, Nordic and snowboarding outings to various ski areas. It offers students the opportunity to learn and participate in a lifetime outdoor activity while providing them with the ability to interact with each other in a non-competitive, non-academic arena which will cultivate friendships and support. It will also inspire students to challenge themselves and empower them to attempt new activities that may go beyond their comfort zone. *Contact: Mr. Klein at [cklein@wboro.org](mailto:cklein@wboro.org) / Mr. Jenne at [rjenne@wboro.org](mailto:rjenne@wboro.org)*

## **S.A.D.D.**

The purpose of the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) program is to organize students from across the county to combat the number one killer of their age group - death due to drinking and driving. *Contact: Mrs. Rainbow at [erainbow@wboro.org](mailto:erainbow@wboro.org)*

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council is the government body at Whitesboro High School. Representatives are elected in social studies classes. Christmas Ball, Blue and White Weekend, pep rallies, and charity fundraisers are just some of the activities in which members get involved. *Contact: Mr. Powers at [kpowers@wboro.org](mailto:kpowers@wboro.org)*

## **TECHNOLOGY CLUB**

An organization designed to bring together students with an interest in technology and developing craftsmanship skills. Projects involve science, math, and technology principles, along with trade skills such as carpentry, metalworking, welding, machining, etc. Previous projects have included a hovercraft, chopper mini-bike, and a guitar. *Contact: Mr. Ott at [cott@wboro.org](mailto:cott@wboro.org) / Mr. Smith at [asmith@wboro.org](mailto:asmith@wboro.org)*

## **VARSITY CLUB**

Varsity Club consists of male athletes who play a varsity sport. Each year the club raises money through raffles at football and basketball games. The money raised is used to take trips to the JMA Wireless Dome, and for other activities and awards. At team banquets, block W's, pins, and certificates are given to recognize the number of years of participation of student athletes. *Contact: Mr. Maggiolino at [tmaggiolino@wboro.org](mailto:tmaggiolino@wboro.org)*

## **YEARBOOK**

The yearbook staff meets every Wednesday after school. The book is designed and edited online through our publisher's website. Students are taught how to use the website and encouraged to use their artistic ability to design page layouts. Photography and business concepts are also a part of creating our yearbook. *Contact: Mr. Ott (advisor) at [cott@wboro.org](mailto:cott@wboro.org) / Ms. Davis (assistant) at [cdavis@wboro.org](mailto:cdavis@wboro.org)*