

Cherokee



High School

Extra-Curricular Activities

2024-2025

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Welcome to Cherokee Country!

As members of the Cherokee family, we are sure that you will uphold and further enhance Cherokee High School's reputation. A very positive part of your high school experience can and should be extra-curricular activities. Clubs and organizations offer you an excellent opportunity to try new things and to become involved in your school's community. If you would like to become involved in any of these activities, please contact the advisor.

Clubs ~ you must be a member in good standing.

Classes ~ (1) You must be a member in good standing, (2) No serious discipline records (discretion of administration).

A student may hold office in as many organizations as his/her time and academic standing will allow, with the following exceptions: (1) Class President may not hold any other office, (2) Student Council President may not hold any other office.

STUDENT SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Interact ~ Interact, an organization sponsored by Rotary International, provides young people with the opportunity to use their time and talents in service to the school and community. Aside from that lofty purpose, it's a lot of fun! The more members they have, the more they can try to do. *Advisor: Mr. Scannell (cscannell@lrhsd.org)*

National Honor Society (NHS) ~ NHS is a service organization whose members are selected from juniors and seniors with an un-weighted scholastic average of at least 3.25 and a record of service, leadership and good character.

Fundraising for various charities and tutoring fellow students are two of the many activities of NHS Members.

Advisors: Mrs. Latini (clatini@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Epifano (pepifano@lrhsd.org)

Renaissance ~ Renaissance is a national organization working to create a culture in which academic excellence is supported and rewarded. Members support programs which reward student performance, academic achievement and partnerships among administrators, teachers, parents, the community and local businesses. Some Renaissance projects include: School Tours (summer), Freshman Orientation, Back to School Night, People's Choice Awards, Teacher Appreciation Days, etc... *Advisors: Mrs. Scannell (sscannell@lrhsd.org) & Mr. DiPuma (adipuma@lrhsd.org)*

Student Council ~ Student Council provides students with a voice within student affairs. It represents the student body as the student government, promotes cooperation between the students and the faculty, plans fun, positive social activities, and serves the Cherokee community. *Advisors: Mr. Kelhower (tkelhower@lrhsd.org), Mrs. Latini (clatini@lrhsd.org) & Mr. Montgomery (amontgomery@lrhsd.org)*

Students Actively Concerned (S.A.C.) ~ S.A.C. offers its members a wide array of opportunities to use their time, talents and energy to help people in need locally and throughout the world. SAC takes part in a variety of fundraisers and service projects allowing students to realize the genuine impact their actions have in the lives of others.

Advisor: Ms. Herpen (jherpen@lrhsd.org)

Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.) ~ The goals of S.A.D.D. are designed to bring together the school, community and family in an effort to eliminate drug abuse and deaths due to the combination of drinking and driving. S.A.D.D. also brings awareness to the consequences of other destructive decisions young people may make.

Advisor: Mrs. Marone-Marshall (smarone@lrhsd.org)

CLUBS: COMPETITIVE

Chess Club ~ Chess Club is open to everyone and begins meeting in late October. During the competitive season (November-February), the club will meet every other day during Lunch & Learn and once a week after school from 2:45pm-3:30pm. *Advisor: Mr. Moore (bmoore@lrhsd.org)*

Debate Team ~ The Debate Team is a member of the South Jersey Debate League. The team is open to all students interested in practicing & sharpening their skills of argumentation and communication. This club is a great way for students to acquire the ability and confidence that enables one to reach their full potential.

Advisor: Mr. Ellis (dellis@lrhsd.org)

DECA: Association of Marketing Students ~ DECA is open to any student who has taken or is currently enrolled in: Accounting I-IV, Employment Strategies, Entrepreneurship, Retail Careers, Sales and Marketing, Introduction to Business and Business Computer Applications and/or Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality Marketing. Students prepare & compete to apply marketing instruction in specialized career fields at the regional, state and international level. This will provide students with opportunities to develop & practice business skills as well as gain self-confidence in their personal lives and the business world. Additional information: deca.org or lrhsd.org/Domain/391. *Advisor: Mrs. Herpen (jherpen@lrhsd.org)*

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) ~ FBLA is a nationally recognized organization of business students whose goals are to facilitate the transition from school to the business world. Activities include competitive events in the areas of business & technology as well as community service opportunities. Additional information: www.njfbia.org.
Advisor: Mrs. Laverne (jlaverne@lrhsd.org)

Knowledge Bowl ~ The Knowledge Bowl Team combines students' enthusiasm for learning with the excitement of competition. In a "Jeopardy" format, team members compete in tournaments with other NJ high school students. A computer tournament is also conducted twice a year, giving Cherokee's team a chance to compare its score with teams from around the country. *Advisors: Mr. Dadino (vdadino@lrhsd.org) & Mr. Carey (rcarey@lrhsd.org)*

LRHSD Special Olympics ~ One of the best ways to learn what Special Olympics is about by participating in the LRHSD Special Olympics Unified Sports Club. This activity enhances both the social and athletic experiences of students with all abilities. *Advisor: Ms. Maloney (kmaloney@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Ingersoll (jingersoll@lrhsd.org)*

Math Club ~ Math club is for any student who has an interest in solving challenging mathematics problems. The club participates in county, state and national competitions. Students are offered the opportunity to explore problems that are not typically seen in the classroom. *Advisor: Mrs. Farrow (mfarrow@lrhsd.org)*

Robotics Team ~ Cherokee's Robotics Team, CHARGE Robotics, is an award-winning team that works with volunteer professional engineers to design, build, and market an engineering project as part of the FIRST Robotics Competition. The FIRST Robotics Competition is a world-recognized organization that instills the values of discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork, and fun through competitive play with Gracious Professionalism and Cooperation. The team collaborates to create a robot that can complete specific tasks, such as scoring points or navigating obstacles, to compete at regional and national competitions. Students interested in STEM, CAD design, business, programming, software, marketing, graphics, videography, photography, and strategic gameplay are encouraged to tryout. No experience is needed, but students should be highly motivated to learn and work as a part of a team. Membership information can be found by going to: www.chargerobotics.org/join *Advisor: Mr. Knauss (nknauss@lrhsd.org) and Assistants: Ms. Brown (sbrown@lrhsd.org) & Mr. Reischer (mreischer@lrhsd.org).*

STEM Club ~ STEM Club (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) will prepare students for the TEAMS Competition (tests of engineering aptitude, mathematics, and science). TEAMS is an annual STEM Competition that challenges middle school and high school student teams to work collaboratively to solve real-world engineering challenges, applying their math and science knowledge in practical, creative ways.
Advisor: Mr. McCready (mmccready@lrhsd.org)

World Affairs Council ~ World Affairs Council will allow students to interact with various leaders in government, business & community to develop awareness of problems that affect people from all over the world. The main focus will be to expand students' knowledge of and engagement with global affairs topics such as world geography, cultures & economics and participate in Academic Worldquest. *Advisor: Mrs. Billetdoux (sbilletdoux@lrhsd.org)*

CLUBS: NON-COMPETITIVE

Adaptive P.E. Club ~ The Adaptive P.E. Club is an organization that is open for any student interested in sports and/or playing for the Special Olympics. This club will offer a variety of seasonal sports including soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball, bowling, baseball, and flag football. The club will meet at least twice a month, after school, in the Cherokee gymnasium. *Advisor: Ms. Maloney (kmaloney@lrhsd.org)*

Aeronautics Club ~ The Aeronautics Club is for students interested in studying, designing, and manufacturing air-flight capable machines, both manned and unmanned. We dive into the basics of flight, build and test model aircraft, and explore the future of aeronautics through projects and competitions. Whether you're dreaming of becoming a pilot, an aviation engineer, or just love the idea of flying, the aeronautics club is where your journey takes off.
Advisor: Ms. Brown (sbrown@lrhsd.org)

African-American Cultural Club ~ The African-American Cultural Club is open to all students interested in discovering more about the contributions of African Americans and other minority groups in our society. Meetings, speakers and school displays are some of the activities used to create an awareness and appreciation of the influence of different cultures. *Advisor: Mrs. Hillian (jhillian@lrhsd.org)*

Amnesty International ~ Amnesty International aims to bring awareness to Human Rights issues. The club will educate others on these issues and advocate for action that promotes policies that advance human rights. Members envision a world which recognizes the inherent dignity and the inalienable rights of all people and believe this goal is the foundation for justice, freedom, and peace. *Advisor: Ms. Senft (rsenft@lrhsd.org)*

Art Club ~ Art Club is open to all students. The club explores/develops areas of the art world that may not be covered/elaborated on in the classroom. Activities change yearly, but have included service projects such as: sculptures, murals, mosaics & clay pieces for the craft fair (proceeds go to a local food bank or other charities) and an opportunity to provide service projects for Cherokee and the community. *Advisor: Mr. Coyle (ccoyle@lrhsd.org)*

Asian Cultural Club ~ The Asian Cultural Club is open to all students interested in celebrating the language, culture and contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders in our society. Meeting topics, activities, and community service projects will be determined by group members, as this is a student-centered club. Sharing cultural games, customs and cuisine are some of the activities that may be planned to promote awareness, acceptance, and appreciation of different ways of life. *Advisor: Mrs. Fourney (mfourney@lrhsd.org)*

Biology Club ~ The Biology Club is open to all students interested in extending the classroom experience in Biology and will take part in a variety of projects. Members will also engage in virtual projects/labs as well to further their knowledge of different biological processes. *Advisor: Mr. Spaeth (rspaeth@lrhsd.org)*

Books & Bites ~ Students will choose from a curated list of books and will agree on one to read. During the meetings held every two weeks, there will be discussions about the book, as well as food and drinks. The club is open to anyone who loves to read, and those who don't know where to start. *Advisor: Ms. Strobl (jstrobl@lrhsd.org)*

Dance/Step Club ~ Stepping is an elaborate performance involving dance, marching, and various cultural traditions. It is a unique and creative form of artistic and musical expression, including syncopated stomps, rhythmic chants, and hip-hop dancing. *Advisor: Mrs. Hillian (jhillian@lrhsd.org)*

Engineering Club ~ The Engineering Club will provide a space for students to develop and grow a passion for engineering. The club will also introduce students to different engineering career paths. *Advisor: Mrs. Gunner (cgunner@lrhsd.org)*

Environmental Club ~ The Environmental Club is for students interested in learning about and improving the environment. Some activities are hikes, clean-ups, seminars, maintenance and care of the Cherokee vegetable garden and other student-oriented club ideas. *Advisor: Mrs. Senft (rsenft@lrhsd.org)*

Future Educators of America (FEA) ~ FEA is for students interested in a career in education and is chartered through Phi Delta Kappa. Classroom visits & speakers from colleges help provide useful information and guidance to those who may be interested in teaching, counseling & other related careers. *Advisor: Ms. Bell (dbell@lrhsd.org)*

Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) ~ GSA provides a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity & expression and work to end homophobia & transphobia. All students are welcome! Meetings are held for social & educational purposes. *Advisors: Ms. Molloie (mmolloie@lrhsd.org)*

History Club ~ The History Club is open to all students interested in any aspect of history. The club meets monthly to view and discuss historical films & plan trips to places of historical interest. *Advisor: Mr. Rojek (srojek@lrhsd.org)*

Meteorology Club ~ The Meteorology Club will prepare a weather forecast each morning for school and act as an official reporting station (code letters MLTN4) to the National Weather Service; students will report maximum/minimum temps & rainfall amounts. Students will learn how to read weather instruments & prepare forecasts; there will be monthly breakfasts & possible field trips to the National Weather Service. *Advisor: Ms. Chadwick (schadwick@lrhsd.org)*

Morgan's Message ~ Morgan's Message is a non-profit organization whose goal is to build a community, by and for athletes, through peer-to-peer conversations, while providing a platform for advocacy in the hopes to strengthen student-athlete mental health. *Advisors: Ms. Bell (dbell@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Ormsby (jormsby@lrhsd.org)*

Research Club ~ The Research Club will provide a space for students interested in performing independent scientific research. Students will research, design, and complete their own experiments. Students will then have the opportunity to compete in science fairs with this experience. *Advisor: Mrs. Senft (rsenft@lrhsd.org)*

Sewing for a Cause ~ Sewing for a Cause is open to any students who have taken or are currently enrolled in Fashions and Clothing. Members will sew stuffed animals which will be donated to the Evesham Police. The officers will give these stuffed animals to children who are facing a challenging situation or experiencing something traumatic. *Advisor: Mrs. Pompeii (apompeii@lrhsd.org)*

Student Athletic Training ~ The Student Athletic Training Program provides an opportunity for students to learn about sports medicine while helping to take care of the 1,200 student-athletes at Cherokee. Members will have the opportunity to receive experience in the areas of First Aid, preventative taping, treatment & rehabilitation of injuries while working with Cherokee's athletic teams at practices & games. Any student looking to be involved in the program should be strong academic students who would like to further their studies in college. *Advisor: Mr. Cartwright (jcartwright@lrhsd.org)*

Technology Student Association ~ The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national organization for middle and high school students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). TSA offers competitive events, leadership development, and hands-on experiences to help students build skills in problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork. Through state and national competitions, students can showcase their projects in areas like CAD design, flight endurance, and engineering. The organization fosters networking, and inclusivity, and prepares students for future careers in technology. *Advisor: Ms. Brown (sbrown@lrhsd.org)*

Ukulele Club ~ The Ukulele Club is a fun and relaxing place to learn and practice playing the ukulele. Students share techniques, chords, songs, and a general appreciation for music. No prior experience playing or reading music is necessary, so all skill levels are welcome. When possible, students should bring their own ukulele, but we will have some instruments to share, so owning a ukulele is not a prerequisite to joining. *Advisor: Mrs. Henry (mhenry@lrhsd.org)*

Ukrainian Club ~ The Ukrainian Club provides an educational atmosphere for students who want to learn about Ukrainian culture, and to spread awareness of current struggles in the Ukraine. All are welcome to join!
Advisor: Ms. Ingrao (jingrao@lrhsd.org)

UNICEF Unite Club ~ The mission of the UNICEF Unite club is to support children's humanitarian causes globally through fundraising, advocacy, and community outreach. It is a program rooted in the belief that students have a vital role to play in helping pursue a more equitable world for every child. Our goal is to encourage students to become global citizens and take charge of their impact on the world. *Advisors: Mr. Gallo (agallo@lrhsd.org) & Ms. Ingrao (jingrao@lrhsd.org)*

Wellness & Nutrition Club ~ Students in the Wellness and Nutrition club will participate in various activities promoting healthy lifestyles. Students will be able to relax and develop different ways to handle stress. Some activities included will be yoga, expressive arts, healthy cooking and discussion. Healthy leisure activities will be explored as students identify healthy ways to have fun and enjoy free time. Students will also engage in service-learning activities to promote healthy lifestyles. *Advisor: Mr. Framo (jframo@lrhsd.org)*

Women of the World ~ Women of the World celebrates and emphasizes women's equality in education, the workforce, and community. Women from different fields will talk about their experiences in their careers. The raising of funds for women's shelters will be the main focus of the Women of the World. *Advisors: Mrs. Caputo (kcaputo@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Fourney (mfourney@lrhsd.org)*

Yellow Ribbon Club ~ Yellow Ribbon Club aims to support our current United States Military and United States Veterans. This club will take part in fundraisers as well as volunteering to aid the community's heroes. Members will help contribute to themed donation drives such as Toys for Tots and will work alongside organizations such as Operation Yellow Ribbon Club to celebrate Rock Star Welcome Homes. *Advisor: Mrs. Rella (krella@lrhsd.org)*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUBS

French Club ~ French Club is open to all students taking French regardless of their academic standing. Activities are held after school and/or Saturdays and are geared towards encouraging cultural awareness and understanding. *Advisor: Mrs. Johnson (cjohnson@lrhsd.org)*

Italian Club ~ Italian Club serves to enhance and broaden the culture taught in the classroom. This is accomplished through field trips and in-school activities throughout the year. *Advisor: Mrs. Gutierrez (lgutierrez@lrhsd.org)*

Latin Club ~ Latin Club is open to any current or former Latin student. Its purpose is to extend the cultural experiences of ancient Rome via celebrations, festivals and games. *Advisor: Mr. Underwood (munderwood@lrhsd.org)*

Spanish Club ~ Spanish Club serves to enhance and broaden the culture taught in the classroom. This is accomplished through various in-school activities throughout the year. *Advisor: Mr. Rodriguez (jrodriguez@lrhsd.org)*

PUBLICATIONS

Talking Leaves Yearbook ~ The purpose of this club is to provide students with the opportunity to assist in the production of a publication that records the events of the current school year. Students become involved in numerous aspects of production: layout, writing, photography, editing, sales & distribution. *Advisors: Ms. Ingrao (jingrao@lrhsd.org), Mrs. Billetdoux (sbilletdoux@lrhsd.org) & Mr. McKay (jmckay@lrhsd.org)*

The Scout ~ The Scout is Cherokee's newspaper and is published online at cherokeescout.org. Members work on news features, sports, editorials and photography. *Advisors: Mrs. Henry (mhenry@lrhsd.org), Mrs. Castor (ecastor@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Cattanea (ccattanea@lrhsd.org)*

The Scribe ~ The Scribe is Cherokee's arts publication. All students are invited to make contributions of a creative nature, such as poetry and short stories, as well as photography and artwork. Students may be involved in the publication process as well. *Advisor: Mrs. Delguercio (rdelguercio@lrhsd.org)*

DRAMA/STAGE

Fall Show ~ The Fall Show is open to all students. Students are involved as actors and actresses and they may also help in set design, lighting, sound mixing and other technical aspects of the show. *Director: Mr. Fisicaro (jfisicaro@lrhsd.org), Assistant: Ms. DiPiero (mdipiero@lrhsd.org)*

Spring Show ~ The Spring Show is open to all students. In the mounting and presentation of a full-scale theater production, students are involved as actors, actresses, singers, and dancers. They may also help in set design, lighting, sound mixing and other technical aspects of the show. *Director: Mr. Fisicaro (jfisicaro@lrhsd.org), Assistant: Ms. DiPiero (ndipiero@lrhsd.org)*

Stage Tech ~ Stage Tech is responsible for backstage and lighting during all performances in Cherokee's Performing Arts Center. Members also build and decorate the set, perform lighting cues, and move the sets between acts. *Director: Ms. Schuele (amberschuele@gmail.com)*

MUSIC

Band Front ~ Band Front is a sub-section of the Cherokee Marching Band and is nationally recognized as an outstanding performing ensemble. This enthusiastic group of students will perform in tandem with the band musicians to entertain a variety of audiences. Band Front members travel, perform, and compete during the fall season at Varsity Football Games & Band Competitions. Whether you have previous experience or not, all students interested in performing competitive dance & creative choreography are welcome! *Advisor: Mr. Aucello (taucello@lrhsd.org), Assistant: Ms. Schaeffer*

Concert Band ~ Symphonic Band is open to any student who has experience on a musical instrument. Symphonic Band is offered as a course which meets daily for five credits and performs in several concerts each year. Members are encouraged to audition for our select organizations. *Director: Mr. Lynch (dlynch@lrhsd.org)*

Jazz Ensemble ~ The Cherokee High School Jazz Ensemble is an auditioned ensemble that meets after school from November through April. This highly competitive ensemble performs at local and state functions from February through the end of April and at school events. Private instruction is highly encouraged for students looking to participate in this high achieving program. *Director: Mr. Phillips (ephillips@lrhsd.org)*

Marching Band ~ The marching band is nationally recognized ~ as one of the premiere marching arts programs in our region. Having been crowned NJ State & National Champions several times, this enthusiastic group of students performs at Varsity Football Games, Band Competitions and School Pep Rally events throughout the fall season. Whether you have experience playing an instrument or not, all are welcome! *Director: Mr. Stowman (mstowman@lrhsd.org), Assistant: Mr. Aucello (taucello@lrshd.org),*

Orchestra Program ~ The Orchestra Program consists of String Ensemble, Orchestra, Chamber Strings, and Cherokee Symphony Orchestra. There are also opportunities for members of the program in the Lenape Regional Orchestra for credit. Additionally, students wishing to audition for All-South or All-State Ensembles, must be in good standing with their school program. *Director: Mr. Aucello (taucello@lrhsd.org)*

Wind Ensemble ~ Cherokee Wind Ensemble is one of six Instrumental Music Ensembles at Cherokee for students who play band and percussion instruments. Students are required to complete an audition to become members. Private study on an instrument is desirable as students are encouraged to prepare an audition for South Jersey Band, Olympic Conference Band or some other Regional Honors Band. *Director: Mr. Lynch (dlynch@lrhsd.org)*

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Freshman Class ~ The idea is to get as many freshmen involved as possible, so that the new students soon feel at home at Cherokee, make new friends and catch that Cherokee spirit! The main activity during freshman year is the Freshman Class Trip. *Advisors: Mr. Framo (jframo@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Smojver (dsmojver@lrhsd.org)*

Sophomore Class ~ The Sophomore Class activities typically include participation in homecoming and the Sophomore Cotillion. Sophomores also collect money for their Senior Trip - installments are collected in the spring. *Advisors: Mr. Dolores (sdolores@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. McGinley (emcginley@lrhsd.org)*

Junior Class ~ The Junior Class has several activities each year, among them a possible class trip, participation in homecoming and other activities to help raise money for their senior trip. *Advisors: Mr. Viereck (tvriereck@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Chachko (kchachko@lrhsd.org)*

Senior Class ~ Senior Class activities provide students with an opportunity to make friends, have fun and participate in various school functions. Seniors may take part in a fundraiser, the Powder Puff Football Game, attend Senior Night, Senior Prom and join the Class Trip to Disney World. Any other activities held depend on the involvement of the activities chairperson and representatives. *Advisors: Mr. Kley (skley@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. M. Boland (mboland2@lrhsd.org)*

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Media Tech Club ~ Cherokee's Media Tech Club, Cherokee Digital Media (formerly Chief TV), is open to all students interested in learning more about news and television production, film and video production, photography, and graphic design. Students produce creative and informative content highlighting and promoting student events and achievements to air on LDTV and Cherokee's social media. Club members can work with LDTV Sports, and participate in live broadcasts, event coverage, and other production projects. For more info, visit: www.lrhsd.org/cherokeedigitalmedia
Advisors: Ms. Brown (sbrown@lrhsd.org) & Mr. Knauss (nknauss@lrhsd.org)

Weight Room ~ The Weight Room is an after-school activity that promotes physical fitness and strength training. Proper form, technique and safety will be stressed. *Advisors: Mr. Booth & Mr. Epifano <fall> (mbooth@lrhsd.org & depifano@lrhsd.org), Mr. DiVece & Mr. Kley <winter> (sdivece@lrhsd.org & skley@lrhsd.org), Mr. DiVece & Mr. Glatz <spring> (sdivece@lrhsd.org & bglatz@lrhsd.org), Mr. Glatz & Mr. Kley <summer> (bglatz@lrhsd.org & skley@lrhsd.org)*

STUDENT FACILITY USE UNDER EQUAL ACCESS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) ~ FCA is the largest sports organization in America which focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. Students who attend meetings are not all athletes, but they are all, like St. Paul, "in the race" of their lives. Meetings are student lead and include worship music, fellowship time, prayer, a Bible study presented by a leadership team student and small group discussion. For additional information, go to: www.fcanj.org. *Staff Volunteers: Mrs. Chachko (kchachko@lrhsd.org), Mr. Thompson (jthompson@lrhsd.org) & Mrs. Zekaria (czekaria@lrhsd.org)*

*If you have any questions, contact the club advisor or Mr. Agnew, the Student Activities Director...they would be happy to speak with you. We look forward to you becoming involved and sharing in the **Cherokee Pride!***