O'Fallon Township High School

Clubs and Activities

We Have Something For Everyone!
Find Out How You Can Get Involved and Make a Difference at OTHS!

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Introduction and List of Activities

Welcome to OTHS! Our high school is known for achieving excellence through our rigorous academic program, our athletic teams, and the many extra-curricular opportunities offered to students. On the following pages, you will find information on all the clubs and activities available to you at OTHS.

Our mission is to bring students of similar interest together and provide them with opportunities to become effective leaders and team members. These groups enhance the quality of student life by fostering social interaction, leadership development, school spirit, and an affinity to service at OTHS. Participation in clubs and activities promotes involvement, diversity, service and learning outside of the classroom. The clubs and activities at OTHS will enhance and strengthen the school community through their compelling commitment to service, teamwork, and excellence.

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Interested in a new club? Find a faculty sponsor, hold an informational meeting, present a proposal to administration, and get things started!

Clubs and Activities Offered At OTHS

Academic Challenge Team Academic Challenge Team is a competitive series of tests. The tests are offered to high school teams and are designed to challenge the brightest students. Test material, drawn from freshman-level college coursework, is written by teams of college and university faculty. Students are tested in the areas of: Biology, Chemistry, Computer science, Engineering graphics, English, Mathematics and Physics. Membership in the OTHS Academic Challenge Team is by invitation only, where team members are selected by recommendations of their English, Math, and Science teachers. Once the team is chosen, we practice once a week per subject area. Since each person on the team must compete in TWO subject areas, each person will meet twice a week to practice in their subject. Mrs. Caveny (cavenyc@oths.us) Mrs. Shearman (shearmanc@oths.us) and Mrs. Range (ranget@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Adrenaline A Cappella: Adrenaline is OTHS's premier a cappella ensemble. Music is performed entirely with voices, and repertoire includes popular music, unlike the traditional curricular choirs. Mrs. Polett (poletth@oths.us) is the group's sponsor.

AFJROTC (Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps): AFJROTC provides citizenship training and an aerospace science program for high school students. Secondary school students who enroll in the AFJROTC program are offered a wide variety of curricular and co-curricular activities. The program explores the historic and scientific aspects of aerospace technology and teaches high school students self-reliance, self-discipline, and other leadership characteristics. Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) concepts are also an important part of this world-class program. By Title 10 United States Code, the program is a citizenship program and not chartered as a recruiting program for the military services and those students who participate in AFJROTC do not incur any obligation to the Air Force. AFJROTC objectives are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill a sense of responsibility; and develop character, leadership, and self-discipline through education and instruction in air and space fundamentals and the Air Force's core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. Colonel Violette (violetted@oths.us) and Senior Master Sergeant Neeley (neeleyb@oths.us) are the sponsors for AFJROTC.

Art Club: Art Club is open to all students. They do not have to be enrolled in an art class. The club is a social club for students to participate in a variety of art activities and receive opportunities to volunteer for special events that require young artists. Any OTHS student can join by filling out a short student information form and submitting a five-dollar entry fee to Ms. Linneman no later than Wednesday September 20th. Forms can be picked up in room 2414 at Milburn and 615 at Smiley. Meetings will be held in room 615 at the Smiley campus tentatively every third Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:00 pm. Ms. Linneman (linnemanj.oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity. Please email Ms. Linneman with any questions or concerns.

Asian Culture Club: The Asian Culture Club is open to anyone who would love to learn more about Asian culture. This includes all Asian ethnic groups including East Asia, Middle East, India, etc. This is a safe space to share and discuss about Asian culture including food, dress, games, music, holidays, and so much more. Mrs. Feldmann (feldmannm@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Athletic Leadership Council: The OTHS Athletic Leadership Council is an initiative that was started in an effort to provide mentoring for those who have been identified as people of influence within their respective OTHS athletic teams. Meetings are held throughout the school year with a focus on the following to PAVE the way to successful leadership: Principles (a fundamental, primary, or general law or truth from which others are derived), Action (what students will do to align with who they want to be), Values (qualities that represent our highest priorities and deeply held beliefs; focused on three pillars – compete fiercely, lead boldly, and love strong), and Examine/Evaluate (reflection on actions, challenges, and meeting intention. Mr. Patton (pattonc@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Band and Color guard: The OTHS Band program has over 250 students. Offerings range from curricular music ensembles to numerous extracurricular activities and ensembles. The following are the extra-curricular offerings for the fall: Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Madrigal Brass, Flute Choir, and Winter guard. Fall Marching Band and Fall Color guard are co-curricular. The following are the extra-curricular offerings for the spring: Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Flute Choir, Winter guard, Musical Pit. OTHS is the 2011 WGI Scholastic A World Champion. Winter guard begins in November and ends in April. This indoor color guard group rehearses an artistic show utilizing various color guard equipment and dance. Experience is encouraged but not necessary. The O'Fallon Band program is recognized as being a top comprehensive program in the State of Illinois, due to the musical numerous offerings and performance achievements of the ensembles. The band also takes a trip every other year (New York – 2014, Tournament of Roses 2015). Dr. Gustafson-Hinds (gustafson-hindsm@oths.us), Mr. Murphy (murphym@oths.us) and Mr. Carter(carterp@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Bass Fishing Club: The Bass Fishing Club will teach students about the sport of bass fishing both recreationally and competitively. Students will develop necessary skills, discover how to become effective leaders and selfless teammates, and learn to enjoy bass fishing. The club will have monthly meetings, club outings, and tournaments. The Bass Fishing club will represent our high school and the community of O'Fallon throughout the state of Illinois. Mr. Bartlett (bartlettr@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Book Club: OTHS Book Club is a student-led club meant to give book lovers at OTHS a space to share about favorite books, participate in reading-based activities, and hear about their peers' favorite reads and recommendations. We plan on meeting twice a month on Wednesdays on the Smiley campus. Any student can participate in the club, even if they are not able to attend every meeting. Ms. Weisenfelder (stephanie.weisenfelder@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Camera Club: Camera Club members have the opportunity to learn about anything they want to know about cameras and photography from Mr. Brooks. The club has a darkroom for film and computers for digital imaging. Sometimes the club goes to different locations to capture images. All students are eligible to participate in Camera Club. Club meetings are in room 613 at the Smiley campus and will be announced on Panter Beat. Mr. Brooks (brooksb@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Chemistry Club: The purpose of Chemistry Club is to provide students with the opportunity to experience fun labs outside of the classroom. The experiments completed and the demonstrations put on vary every semester as it depends on the concepts that club members want to explore. This club is open to all students and no prior background in chemistry is required. Meetings are held after school on select Fridays. Ms. Stamer (stamera@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Chemistry Team: The Washington University Chemistry Tournament (WUCT) is a national high school chemistry competition held on Washington University's Danforth campus in St. Louis, MO. We invite high school students across the nation to participate in a series of individual and team-based chemistry exams, engage with college students and faculty, and earn recognition at an awards ceremony. WUCT emphasizes real-world applications of science and encourages problem-solving and teamwork skills. Ms. Stamer (stamera@oths.us), Mrs. Lebryk (lebrykl@oths.us) and Mrs. Stewart (stewartm@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Chess Club-Chess is a popular game that dates back hundreds of years and is played all over the world. Players will learn the rules of Chess, strategies, and will have an opportunity to compete against other players in one on one and tournament play. Chess offers many benefits including socialization, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. (see https://www.gamesver.com/reasons-why-chess-should-be-taught-in-schools-benefits-importance/) Meetings can consist of strategy sessions led by students, tournaments, video analysis of famous professional chess matches, etc. Mr. Lands is the club sponsor (landsa@oths.us)

Choir: The O'Fallon Choral Program is comprised of a wide range of talented singers, with roughly 100 students ranging from grades 9-12. There are four different auditioned and non-auditioned choirs that meet daily and rehearse a wide range of repertoire ranging from Renaissance music from the 1500s, to jazz and pop music from today. Select students who participate in the choral program may also participate in the vocal jazz ensembles and the annual Madrigal Dinner. Outside of class, students who participate in choir also participate in concert performances, community outreaches, and district and state-wide festivals and competitions. Any and all students are welcome to participate in this great program, regardless of experience or talent level. Choir is a curricular class that meets during the regular school day. To get involved, be sure to let your guidance counselor know you would like to enroll in choir when you sign up for classes. The sponsor for the choir program is Mrs. Polett, (polettH@oths.us.)

Circle of Sisters (C.O.S) Step Team: C.O.S. Step Team is a performance group that utilizes the art of STEP a form of percussive dance where participants use their bodies as instruments to create intricate rhythms and sounds. The C.O.S Step Team also performs hip-hop and majorette style dance, as well as Stomp and Shake Cheer in their routines. STEP offers students an opportunity to express themselves artistically, build teamwork skills, and promote school spirit. This inclusive group fosters unity, discipline, and leadership among students. The team meets twice weekly for practices and participates in performances and competitions on campus, as well as the community, and surrounding areas. Ms. Smith (smitht@oths.us) is the sponsor for this team.

Class of 2025: We will work at the class booth at the Homecoming BASH, walk with the class in the homecoming parade, and make signs for pep rallies. Seniors are encouraged to show their school spirit & class pride by participating in pep rallies. Mrs. Buehler (buehlerc@oths.us) and Mrs. Turner (turnerk@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Class of 2026: We will ensure spirit victory working at the class booth at the annual Homecoming BASH, attending and walking in the homecoming parade decked out in homecoming-themed Panther wear, and asserting their presence and school spirit (through making and bringing posters, chanting louder than the rest of the school, and covering themselves in blue and gold) at pep rallies. Mrs. Mister (misterk@oths.us) and Mrs. Sanchez (sanchezl@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Class of 2027: We will work at the class booth at the Homecoming BASH, walk with the class in homecoming parade, and make signs for pep rallies. Mrs. Scott (scottc@oths.us) and Mrs. Wilson (wilsonn@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Class of 2028: We will pump up the freshmen's school spirit by motivating students to walk in the homecoming parade and by proving their Panther pride at the pep rallies. All freshmen are eligible and encouraged to participate. Mrs. Schuhardt (schuhardtk@oths.us) and Mrs. York (yorkh@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Co-Op: Co-Op provides students with the opportunity to experience on-the-job education and training. Students apply for the program as juniors and, if accepted, enroll in the related course as seniors. Students are then released early from school (at 12:50 or 1:50) to gain on-the-job experience. Mr. Gibson (gibsonr@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Content Creators Club: The OTHS Content Creators Club mission is to teach, inform and prepare students for a digital world. In this club, students will learn the about a multitude of digital media platforms and how to efficiently navigate each one with ease and effectiveness. We want our members to be able to have the tools to feel comfortable and effectively use platforms to better their own lives and the lives around them. Items that will be covered on a year-to-year basis include, but are not limited to: photo and video editing, graphic design, social media presence, web page design, app development, digital and electronic current events, and digital and electronic troubleshooting. We have guest speakers from different local businesses and professions come speak to our club about what it takes to be on top of the digital world. Another aspect of the Content Creators Club will be the opportunity to build and design real world projects for customers. The members of the CCC will design, create and print posters, signs, t shirts, and other graphic design elements for customers. This will help teach them how to successfully manage and navigate a business in the digital media profession. Mr. Cox is the (coxd@oths.us) is the sponsor for this club.

Culture Mix: The goal of the Culture Mix Club is to bring people together from diverse groups to address issues that affect all of us—both in the school and in the community. We hope that through discussion of our differences that we can celebrate the groups that make up O'Fallon Township High School and the surrounding community. We hope to promote understanding, cooperation, and communication among all groups. Ultimately, we believe that it is only in celebrating our diversity that we can recognize and embrace our similarities as people. All students are eligible to participate in Culture Mix.
Mrs. Magee (mageel@oths.us) is the club sponsor.

E-Sports: Introducing our dynamic and cutting-edge OTHS Panther E-Sports team, where passion meets precision and camaraderie fuels competition. Our team is a vibrant community of dedicated gamers, united by a shared love for digital sportsmanship and strategic gameplay. In the virtual arena, we cultivate not only formidable skills but also a sense of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. Our players, driven by a relentless pursuit of excellence, engage in thrilling battles across various gaming platforms, showcasing their talents and strategic prowess. As we embark on this exciting journey, we aim not only to dominate the e-sports scene but also to foster a supportive environment that encourages personal growth, friendship, and the development of crucial life skills. Join us as we redefine high school sports, bridging the gap between the digital and physical worlds, and proving that in the realm of e-sports, victory is not just a destination but a shared triumph for our dedicated team. Activity sponsors are Mr. Cox (coxd@oths.us) and Ms. Christensen (christensenm@oths.us)

Endeavours: Endeavours is O'Fallon High School's student literary and arts magazine. This is an annual student publication which features the crème de la crème of OTHS student literary and fine arts work. Freshmen through seniors may submit to the magazine on an annual basis. A team of student editors, led by a chief student editor, is selected each year to take charge of the magazine's publication. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to hold editor positions Mr. Sahr (sahrb@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Fall Play: The fall play is an annual production open to all OTHS students. Auditions are held the last week in August; performances are the first week in November. Rehearsals are held after school daily, but students need only attend on the days that their character is involved. Students interested in theater but not in acting might consider working in a crew capacity, such as in lighting, sound, paint, props, hair/costumes, or set. Ticket sales and ushering positions are also available. Make the best memories to last a life-time; get involved in the fall play! Sponsors are Ms. Knipp (othsthespians@gmail.com) and Mr. Bowman.

February Frolics: February Frolics is the OTHS all-school variety show and is held on a Friday and Saturday night in February each year. This production typically sells out with an audience of over 1200 students and fans. If you have a talent in music, dancing, acting, or comedy, you should audition for February Frolics! Auditions are open to all students and are held in January at the Smiley campus. Additional information for auditions will be available in December. Mrs. Polett (poletth@oths.us) and Mr. Prindable (prindablea@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes): FCA is touching millions of lives… one heart at a time. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities through various outreaches including Gatorade-Giveaways, Operation Christmas Child, outreach to Mercy Ministries, One Way 2 Play Drug Free, and Socks for Africa. All students are welcome to participate in FCA. Mr. Judiscak (judiscakj@oths.us) is the FCA sponsor.

First Priority: First Priority is open to all students and meets on a weekly basis. First Priority connects the church to the campus in honor of Christ. First Priority follows a "HOPE" guideline: 1. Help- Students are equipped to share the gospel 2. Overcome- Students are inspired to overcome their fear of sharing the gospel 3. Prepare- Students are given an opportunity to share their testimony and also serve the OTHS students. 4. Engage- Believing students are given the opportunity to invite non-believer friends to hear about the HOPE of Christ. Mr. Sewell (sewells@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

French Club: French Club is for students interested in learning more about France, the French-speaking world and their cultures. French club offers many food related parties, including cheese tasting, bûche de noel (Yule log cake), Carnival (Mardi Gras), and more! We also offer movie nights and excursions (as available) throughout the St. Louis area to exhibits, restaurants, and places that relate to French culture. Meetings are once a month after school in room 307 at the Smiley campus. All students are eligible to participate in French Club. To join, pick up a form outside of Madame Grossmann's room (Smiley room 307 or Milburn room 2407) and return it to her with $5 membership fee. Madame Grossmann (grossmanns@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

FOR (Friends of Rachel) Club: The FOR Club is a group of students who are interested in creating a positive school atmosphere. This club will lead activities promoting good character in advisories. Furthermore, they will welcome new students to our school, they will plan and implement projects to

promote good character throughout the school, and they will participate in a community service project. Any freshman through senior who displays good character is eligible to participate in this club. Freshmen who sign up are required to attend the leadership training portion of the Rachel's Challenge Program in August. Grade level sponsors are: Freshmen-Ms. Randle (randlek@oths.us) Ms. Dollison (dollisont@oths.us); Sophomores- Ms. Kassa (kassat@oths.us) and Mrs. Johnson (mia.johnson@oths.us) ; Juniors-Ms. Kraft (krafts@oths.us) and Ms. Buck (buckm@oths.us); Seniors-Ms. Von der Linden (vonderlindent@oths.us) and Ms. Buck (buckm@oths.us).

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America): Over 250,000 high school students all across the United States are members of FBLA. FBLA provides opportunities to volunteer, tour various businesses in the area, meet people, and have fun! FBLA gives its members the competitive edge through career exploration, self-improvement, and community service opportunities. Members are able to compete at the area, state, and national levels in over 50 different event areas including: Accounting, Broadcast Journalism, Business Calculations, Computer Applications, Computer Programming, Cyber Security, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Public Speaking, and Social Media Campaign ~ just to name a few! O'Fallon FBLA members have qualified for the National Leadership Conference every year since its inception—members have traveled to Anaheim, CA, Nashville, TN, Orlando, FL, Long Beach, CA, Chicago, IL, Dallas, TX, and Denver, CO! Any 9th-12th grade student who wants to get involved in an exciting, nationally recognized organization is eligible to participate in FBLA! Ms. Coffel (coffelc@oths.us), Ms. Hercules (herculesj@oths.us), and Ms. Haislar (haislarj@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Future Educators and Leaders: Our mission is to learn about the variety of educational professions and leadership positions that students could pursue in the future. We will focus on careers in education and serving others in our school and community. Anyone who wants to learn more about leadership skills, serving others in our school and community, and teaching and leading others should join our club! All students at OTHS are eligible to participate in Future Educators and Leaders. Mrs. Magee (mageel@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

German Club: The purposes of German Club are to bring students together who have a common interest in German language and culture and to offer opportunities for activities that promote these interests and the German program at OTHS. Activities from previous years have included: the German Film Series, trips to German restaurants, attendance at German-themed theater and symphony events in St. Louis, Jumpstyle and folk dance tutorials, trips to special exhibits, holiday events, and much more! Students who are enrolled in any German classes at OTHS are eligible and encouraged to join. (Students who are not currently enrolled in a German class may ask the sponsor for special permission to join.) Listen to the Panther Beat for meeting information. Ms. Hereford (herefordr@oths.us) is the sponsor.

Gold Rush: Gold Rush is a club that works to promote school spirit at OTHS. They also host the annual Panther Olympics during homecoming week. All students are eligible to participate in Gold Rush. Listen to the Panther Beat for meeting information. Mrs. Greene (greenek@oths.us) and Ms. Hattan (hattanj@oths.us) are the Gold Rush sponsors.

HANDS The HANDS Club provides special learners with opportunities to interact and socialize with trained peers in school and community activities. Bi-monthly events (e.g. movie nights, crafts, karaoke) as well as a lunch pal program are major components of this service-oriented group. Participation is open to all students who desire to improve inclusion across the OTHS campuses and strengthen social

language skills of unique learners while forming lasting friendships. Contact Mrs. Byrn at ByrnE@oths.us if interested. Be a Friend; Make a Friend.

Hispanic Students Association: The Hispanic Students Association (HSA) is an organization that is welcome to all ethnicities. The primary function is to promote the visibility and representation of our Hispanic community. We want to create a space for the Hispanic community to connect and form a community. Celebrating our cultural diversity is on the forefront of our organization's mind as we celebrate our culture through the different events we host throughout the year, (Ex: our Hispanic Heritage Event). Additionally, we hope to increase the relationships between our community and students at OTHS. Mrs. Magee (mageel@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

History Club: The History Club is an activity for individuals who are interested in expanding their knowledge of all forms in history; American, World, Contemporary, Ancient, etc. It is a forum that will provide a different approach to understanding history where a classroom setting is limited. The club will watch historical films, take field trips, research holidays and historical events, and conduct interviews of family members. All students are eligible to participate in History Club. History club typically begins meeting following Thanksgiving break; please listen for meeting dates on the Panther Beat broadcast. Mr. McGarrity (Micheal.McGarrity@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Illinois Music Honor Society: In a phrase, perform, lead, and serve. An Illinois Music Honor Society chapter opens up a world of opportunities for students who have already shown themselves to be academically capable and musically gifted. Through performance and community service, they'll develop confidence, creativity, critical thinking, compassion, and a host of other leadership skills sure to serve students well in school and beyond. Students must be enrolled in a music class to join. Dr. Gustafson-Hinds (gustafson-hindsm@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Interact Club: Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. At OTHS, we participate in Rotary's Highway 50 clean up twice a year, purchase gifts for "Secret Santa" for children of need in our community, as well as other small-scale community service projects. Opportunities are also available for students to participate in Interact related conferences and participate in an international service project. General member meetings are every other Tuesday in room 110 on the Smiley campus. All students are eligible to participate in Interact Club. Ms. Neeley (neeleyg@oths.us) is the sponsor.

Intramurals: Students will have the opportunity to participate in a number of alternative sports. The sports offered this year will likely be, but not limited to: Quiddtich, 3 on 3 basketball, Ping Pong, and Laser Tag. All students are eligible to participate in Intramurals. Limits on the number of teams/players will be determined for each individual sport. Mr. Henry (henryn@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Investment Club: The OTHS Investment club was created to help improve financial literacy within the student body. The objective is to provide opportunities for students from all backgrounds and socio-economic levels to learn finance and investing skills that will last a lifetime and empower students to take control of their financial future. Topics such as building credit, loans, taxes, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, precious metals, and collectibles will be presented, discussed, and analyzed. The club

tentatively meets the second Thursday of each month in Room 1103. Mr. Lands (landsa@oths.us) is the club sponsor.

Key Club is the largest and oldest student-led service organization in the world. It is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club and an OTHS faculty member. This club provides its members with opportunities to be servants within the school and their communities, build character, prepare for useful citizenship, and develop initiative and leadership. Key Club is open to all freshman through senior level. We hold monthly meetings and complete service activities throughout the year around our area community. Contact Ms. Hubler (hublerk@oths.us) for more information.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Club: The purpose of this club is to create opportunities to discuss and integrate African-American history and culture throughout the OTHS and Metro-East community. The members of the MLK Legacy Club will develop an annual calendar of events highlighting contributions of African Americans. On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 3:15pm., the team will inform and educate our community on specific aspects of African American Culture and its contributions to our collective American history. In addition, the club will support and promote community activities that highlight its diversity and give back to the community through service opportunities as well. The club is open to all students who have an interest in promoting positive images of African Americans through our school and community and are expected to participate and help with this effort.
Sponsor is Dr. Dawn M. Porter (drdawnportermlkclub@gmail.com).

Math Team: More than 60 students participate in math team at OTHS each year. Students are able to brush up on old math concepts, learn some new ones, and compete with and against the best math students in the area! OTHS's math team participates in nine contests each school year, beginning in September and ending in May. See the math team website for a full competition schedule. Math team members are invited to participate by their honors math teachers based on in-class performance and natural ability. Mrs. Schieppe (schieppel@oths.us) and Mrs. Range (ranget@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Mock Trial: The Mock Trial Team allows interested students to acquire knowledge of careers and topics related to law. Students can learn about trial procedures, case analysis, and trial strategy. Formal tryouts are conducted to select a team of ten students to represent OTHS at the Illinois High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association. The team receives guidance from a teacher coach and local attorneys but all of the arguments, questions and theories are the original work of the students. The competition consists of a law test and participating in two trials. There is an annual field trip to serve as jurors for law school students at Washington University. Guests are also invited to provide students with information about careers in law related occupations.

Model United Nations: Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations that educates students about diplomacy, international affairs, and public speaking. Students "represent" nations from across the world and participate in simulated sessions of United Nation's committees. This activity involves research into international issues as well as debate and communication skills. MUN enhances a student's understanding of international relations and global affairs while also teaching teamwork and collaboration skills. We meet after school several times each semester. New students will be assigned mentors to assist students in preparation and participation. Model UN participants will have the opportunity to participate in conferences held at McKendree University in November and March. All

students are eligible to participate in Model UN. Mrs. Turner (turnerk@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

National Honor Society: The National Honor Society recognizes students for achievement in 4 areas: Leadership, Character, Service, and Scholarship. Leadership: All members are required to actively participate in multiple activities in & out of the classroom. Character: All members must follow the OTHS Code of Conduct. Service: All members are required to serve 15 hours of community service. Scholarship: All members are required to maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students will be Eligible for induction into the OTHS Chapter of NHS when the following criteria are met: 1. Student has a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or higher after completing his/her 5th, 6th, or 7th semester. 2. Student is academically eligible at the end of 5th, 6th, or 7th semester. 3. Student's coursework includes at least 5 courses in any given semester of mathematics, science, social science and English classes that will enable acceptance at a post-secondary four-year institution. 4. Student has behaved responsibly and has had no major violations of school policy or Level 1 or 2 Code of Conduct violations. Mrs. Ritzel (ritzelt@oths.us) is the NHS sponsor.

Outdoors Club: The OTHS Outdoors Club promotes interest in the outdoors by providing opportunities to participate in various outdoor activities and to teach participants to become stewards of the environment. These goals are achieved through club meetings, outdoor activities and other educational events and service learning projects. Activities include kayaking/canoeing, rock climbing, archery, paddle-boarding, hiking, geocaching and biking. Mr. Bartlett (bartlettr@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Panther Beat Broadcast Club: The Broadcast club produces a daily announcements show and monthly broadcast that airs during advisories and on O'Fallon's public access cable channel. The group also live streams OTHS athletic events to the web, and maintains a student-produced news website, othstoday.com. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors need to take at least one semester of Beginning Video Production class in order to participate. Once trained in the class, they are welcome to freelance as members of the club. Freshmen are welcome to ride the activity bus and assist after school behind the scenes with the taping of the daily broadcast in room 103, assist with the live streaming of athletic games, and report from the Milburn campus. Freshmen interested in reporting from Milburn should attend a special training session. The date for training will be announced on the Panther Beat. Sponsors are Ms. Strubhart (strubhartk@oths.us) Mr. Cox (coxd@oths.us) and Ms. Stephens (stephensj@oths.us).

Panther Connect: Panther Connect is a student-led group centered on mental wellness and making real-life personal connections. It provides students an opportunity to "unplug" from our artificially connected world and, instead, to get to know others, build genuine relationships, and even get to know themselves better along the way. Panther Connect student leaders meet 2-4 times per month to socialize, support one another, and plan fun, stress-relieving activities for the school community that are conducted throughout the year. This group focuses on mental-health awareness, positivity, empowerment, and providing safe spaces for students to be their authentic selves. Ms. Neeley (neeleyg@oths.us) is the sponsor.

Peace of Mind Yoga Club: Peace of Mind is a place where our students can gather to work on mindfulness, positive coping mechanisms, and begin to understand how a consistent yoga practice can benefit their overall health. We will create a community that focuses on self-growth, self-care and

building awareness of our body, breath and mind connection. Students can develop new relationships with their peers and also themselves. If you have a Body, you can practice yoga, we would love to meet you. The sponsor for this club is Mrs. Buettner (buettnerk@oths.us)

Philosophy Club: Activities will include student led studies of notable philosophers from history (Aristotle, Plato, Nietsche, Kant, etc.) along with discussions of notable topics (nature vs. nurture, interactive dualism, morality, justice and law, religion, existentialism, etc.) to introduce students to classical thought. Members will be asked to conduct research into these individuals, their beliefs and to connect these classics to contemporary issues. Discussions will be shared at each club meeting.

Pride (formerly GSA): Pride is a student organization intended to provide a safe and supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT+) youth and their straight allies. The goal of the organization is to make the school community safe and welcoming to all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Pride participates in national campaigns to raise awareness and other fun activities members are interested in. All students are eligible to participate in Pride. Meetings will be held at Smiley directly after school. Meetings will be announced on Panther Beat and will be posted in the daily bulletin on the OTHS website. Mrs. Shearman (ShearmanC@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Prom Committee: The Prom Committee is responsible for helping with various aspects of the junior-senior prom including assembling decorations on the day of prom as well as distributing invitations and creating locker signs in the weeks leading up to the prom. Current juniors and seniors are eligible to participate. Listen to the Panther Beat for meeting information. The sponsor is Ms. Seipp (seippj@oths.us).

Robotics Team (aka Team 1208, aka the Metool Brigade): The OTHS Robotics Team participates in the First Robotics Competition (FRC). We design, build and operate a 140 lb, 5-foot-high robot. Each competition season presents a new challenge for robot design. Students have the opportunity to work in computer programming, electronics, mechanics, construction, graphic design, and administration. Our team and robot participate in a worldwide competition with over 2600 teams. All students are eligible to participate in Robotics. Robotics team sponsor is Mr. Malvik (malvike@oths.us)

Scholar Bowl: Scholar Bowl is a competitive academic team. The team plays 5 on 5 matches with other schools using questions taken from several academic and cultural disciplines. Any student can play provided they come to practices, are involved in fundraising, and stay eligible. Scholar Bowl meets on Thursday's for practice (starting the first Thursday of October) and have matches on Thursdays evenings (beginning in late November). Tournaments are on Saturdays (4 or 5 tournaments throughout the year). We also participate in Hi-Q, which is a televised competition held by SIU-Carbondale (3 Monday evenings in November and December, if we continue to win matches). The sponsor is Ms. Bostick (bostickb@oths.us).

Science Olympiad: Science Olympiad is a team competition where students compete in events pertaining to science. There are many different areas of competition, so there is something for everyone! The competitive events encompass all disciplines of science, including life science, earth and space science, physical science and chemistry, technology and engineering, and inquiry and nature of

science. The Science Olympiad team will compete at the regional competition and possibly the state competition. Mrs. Stewart (stewartm@oths.us), Ms. Stamer (stamera@oths.us) and Mrs. Lebryk (lebrykl@oths.us) are sponsors for this activity.

Sign Language Club: OTHS American Sign Language Club is a space for students to meet new people, learn the language, and become immersed in Deaf culture. Students will learn their alphabet, numbers, basic signs, and conversational phrases. Students will engage in vocabulary lessons and play games to put their new skills to use. Meetings will be announced through daily announcements and Panther Beat. Ms. Adams (adamsm@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

SkillsUSA: Skills USA is geared toward occupational competitions ranging from Construction related fields to Culinary Arts. The club generally meets during the spring semester. Regional contests are in February with the State contests in Springfield, Illinois in late April. Participants must be 16 years or older to compete at the regional and state levels. Mr. Vosse (vossek@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Spanish Club: Spanish club is an activity in which students can learn more about the Spanish language and cultural aspects of Spanish Speaking Countries. This is done through activities and events such as: restaurant trips, movie nights, scavenger hunts, cooking lessons, pot luck dinners, holiday celebrations, arts & crafts, breakfast in Spanish, dance lessons, and more! All students are eligible to participate in Spanish Club. Listen to the Panther Beat for meeting information. The sponsor for this activity is Mr. Sanchez (sanchezj@oths.us).

Speech and Acting Team: Members of the Speech and Acting Team participate in competitive speech and acting events. Speech events include Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Informative Speaking, Oratorical Declamation, Original Oratory, Radio Speaking, and Special Occasion Speaking. Acting events include Dramatic Duet Acting, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Duet Acting, Humorous Interpretation, Original Comedy, Poetry Reading, and Prose Reading. All students are eligible to participate in Speech and Acting Team. Practices begin in September. Regular season competitions start in November. The state finals are in February. Mrs. Flowers (flowersl@oths.us) is the sponsor.

Sports Medicine Club: Members of the sports medicine club will discuss career fields related to sports medicine. Team doctors, physical therapists, and other professionals will share information about the professions with membership. Students will also have the opportunity to shadow the OTHS Athletic Trainer at sporting events, and members will participate in volunteer and service activities.

Sports Psychology Club: It is the vision of the Sport Psychology club to help students to evaluate who they really are and what their potential in life might be. It is important to understand the importance of team work and individual responsibilities in reaching maximum potential. It is important that student athletes learn responsibility, humility, and careful decision making in every area of their life. All students are eligible to participate in the Sports Psychology Club. Listen to the Panther Beat for meeting information or contact Mr. Turkington for individual help. Mr. Turkington (turkingtonj@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Spring Musical: The Spring Musical is an annual performance of a Broadway show performed by OTHS students in grades 9-12. Any and all students are invited to audition and perform. Both on stage and off stage roles are available. Off stage roles allow students to learn the more technical side of putting on a

stage performance. Duties include but are not excluded to; running the spot lights, helping with sound and lighting, or designing and setting the stage for various scenes. Those who participate in on stage duties, such as acting or singing, will be expected to attend all rehearsals. Auditions for the spring musical will be held in January, rehearsals begin in January, and the performances are in March! Ms. Knipp (othsthespians@gmail.com) is the sponsor for this activity.

Student Council: Student Council, which includes all class officers and representatives, leads and sets the example for students of OTHS through our character and attitude, organizing of events, promoting the general welfare of the school, and bettering the surrounding community. Student Council is made up of an appointed Executive Council, elected class officers, and elected representatives. All students are eligible to run for Student Council. Students are elected by fellow classmates based off a completed petition, interview process, and an election. Elections for freshmen are held at the beginning of the school year, and sophomore, junior, and senior elections are held second semester for the following year. Mrs. Szedlar (madison.szedlar@oths.us) and Ms. Randle (randlek@oths.us) are the sponsors for this activity.

Tabletop Club: Creative problem solving, teamwork, and fast math skills all come together in a unique combination when looking at Dungeons and Dragons and other Tabletop Role Playing Games. The aim is to build a community and solidarity among the members of Tabletop Club, giving people an opportunity to explore this remarkably interesting world of TTRPGs without the pressure of finding a large enough friend group. The club meets weekly in the school cafeteria to learn about the games, how to play, and build relationships. All students are welcome and eligible to participate in the Tabletop Club. Mr. Martin (martinm@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Thespian Society: The OTHS Thespian Society (Troupe #5822) is a division of the larger governing body, The International Thespian Society. The Thespian Society recognizes excellence in student theatre and inducts students who have shown involvement in the Fall Play and/or the Spring Musical. Throughout the course of the year, Thespians attend meetings, elect officers, perform skits, and help promote OTHS productions. Joining the Thespian Society is by invitation only. When a student has acquired 10 Thespian points (as set forth in the International Thespian Handbook), he/she receives an invitation. Freshmen-Seniors may be invited to join. Ms. Eve Knipp (othsthespians@gmail.com) is the sponsor for this activity.

Threads: Threads is a sewing and design club-an after-school activity for designing and sewing clothing and accessories. We hope to create an environment conducive to learning sewing and design skills, receiving helpful feedback from other students, and completing sewing projects to be displayed in a fashion show at the end of the year. Fabric can be supplied by the students if needed, or possibly through fabric donation. Fashion and Design club hopes to be an activity to develop creativity, teamwork skills, life skills relating to sewing, and a fun environment for students to take part in and to make friendly connections. The sponsor for this club is Mr. Sewell (sewells@oths.us)

Treat Yourself (& Others): Self Care Club: The mission of this group is to learn and practice self-care techniques to help reduce stress and promote positive mental health individually as well as collectively. The club will be a safe space for students to decompress from the stressors in their life and will help students get into the habit of practicing selfcare and compassion through exploring various creative and community-based coping techniques and activities (e.g. self-reflection, sharing experiences). This will be in part through engaging in various activities (e.g. community-based activities (letter writing to soldier and/or the elderly, jewelry-making, drawing/coloring, playing board/trivia games, going for walks (if permissible), a book club, and related discussions). Ms. Hubler (hublerk@oths.us) is the club sponsor.

Ultimate Frisbee Club: Students will come out and learn how to play ultimate frisbee. You will be taught rules and techniques of the game, so you don't have to know anything ahead of time to participate. All students are allowed to play. Ultimate Frisbee takes place during the spring season. Mr. Henry (henryn@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Wellness Club: The purpose of the club is to increase the promotion of wellness within O.T.H.S. and our community, through activities, materials, demonstrations, and information that enables one to think critically in all areas of wellness and be able to make proper decisions regarding their overall health. We welcome and embrace the challenges of developing and maintaining one's physical, mental, and social needs in life. We encircle all who are willing to be a part of our club. Everyone is eligible to participate in the club. Meetings will be held as needed. Students will be expected to participate and help with various activities as well as attend presentations. We want to "Make a Difference Today." Mr. Lands (landsa@oths.us) and Mr. Zinck (zinckj@oths.us) are the sponsors.

Winter Guard: an audition based competitive activity where dance and manipulating equipment such as flags, rifles and Sabres is involved. No experience necessary! Consists of a Jv and varsity team. Mr. Langham (langhamj@oths.us) is the sponsor for this activity.

Young Conservatives Club: The O'Fallon Young Conservatives Club is open to all students looking to become active politically. Our mission is to make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party among members of the OTHS campus and community; to engage in and promote meaningful and civil conversation over political topics; to aid in the election of Republican candidates at all levels of government; to encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at the local, state, and national levels; to develop political skills and leadership abilities among Republican students as preparation for future service by them to the party and the community. Our club will have current government officials come and speak, converse in healthy political dialogue, and further explore the values held by conservatives.