

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY  
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**STUDENT  
CLUBS  
2025-2026**



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# **STUDENT CLUBS**

We are offering a variety of student clubs for the 2025-2026 school year. These clubs will meet every Friday during the regular school day. Clubs are limited and will be filled by seniority. Clubs with low enrollment may result in the club not running. Clubs will begin on Friday, September 19, 2025.

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## ***Afro American Culture Club (AACC) ~ (Dr. Campbell, Advisor)***

The goal of the Afro American Culture Club is to unite all students together by emulating character, leadership, poise, and solidarity from one creed, ethnicity, and nationality to the other. We believe that all people have the liberty to express their ideas, passions, and thoughts in a clear, concise, and professional manner.

Our endeavors include: bridging the gap between the academies and programs, as well as the hometown's within this population; discussing stereotypes, social norms, HBCU's/college acceptance, college essays, personality conflicts, academic excellence and perseverance at GCIT and abroad; prevailing through poverty; socioeconomic woes; global concerns; composing student directed activities that foster multi-cultural stances; and navigating field trips as one-body, one-mind, one-sound and one-heart.

## ***AOK (Acts of Kindness) Club ~ (Mrs. Kohn and Mrs. Megara, Advisors)***

The AOK Club will strive to make high school a little more pleasant for students and staff by conducting uplifting campaigns, activities, and projects. The focus is on how individuals can make a big difference by their everyday actions.

## ***Arts and Crafts Club ~ (Ms. Bagelmann, Advisor)***

Arts and Crafts Club is for students who enjoy hands-on activities and stretching their creativity in a relaxed, supportive environment. This is a space for students to explore new skills and experiment with a variety of crafts. We will try out crafts like sewing, knitting, origami, clay modeling, collage, drawing, painting, and more! Students may also bring their own skills to share with the group or suggest new skills to try out together.

## ***ASE & NATEF Test Preparation Club ~ (Mr. Andrews, Advisor)***

This club is designed for 11<sup>th</sup> grade Automotive Technology students who are planning to take the ASE exams. All eight areas will be reviewed. This club will also help students prepare for their automotive exit exams.

## ***Asian Heritage Club ~ (Ms. Matter, Advisor)***

The mission of the Asian Heritage Club is to create a welcoming space for all students to explore, celebrate, and learn about the diverse cultures, traditions, and history of Asia. We will strive to cultivate a deeper understanding and appreciation of the richness of Asian heritage while providing a platform for members to share their unique experiences and perspectives. Through education and community-building, we will aim to amplify the voices of young people, encourage open dialogue, and foster a sense of belonging, pride, and empowerment among students of all backgrounds.

### ***Astronomy Club ~ (Mr. Gaver, Advisor)***

The Astronomy Club is a club for students with an interest in all things astronomy. This club provides opportunities for members to discuss topics such as celestial events, space missions, historical achievements, and recent discoveries. Furthermore, this club will engage in various activities related to astronomy, as well as observe celestial objects. If you have a curiosity about the cosmos, this club is worth your consideration.

### ***Badminton Club ~ (Mr. Hahn and Mr. Ruczynski, Advisors)***

This club is for badminton enthusiasts. If you wish to join this club, you must be willing to learn the rules of play, strategy, and skills of the game. Students will be taught the rules, skills, and etiquette of the sport. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a badminton tournament that will take place throughout the entire semester. If you are interested in badminton and have a competitive attitude, this club is for you!

### ***Basketball Club ~ (Ms. Rhea and Ms. Wallace, Advisors)***

In Basketball Club, we will learn the rules of play, strategy, and skills of the game. Students will also be taught the etiquette of the sport. Students will have the opportunity to participate in basketball drills such as ball handling, passing, and shooting. We will also play small-sided games, as well as tournament style games. This club is for anyone who loves the game of basketball!

### ***Biology Tutoring Club ~ (Mrs. Harris and Mr. Torchia, Tutors)***

Students needing help in Biology classes can come for extra help regarding his/her subject matter. The teacher in the classroom will act as a de facto tutor for the duration of the club period, assisting in homework, classwork, and other assignments as needed. The opportunity for any assessment make-ups can be used during this time as well.

### ***Book Club ~ (Mrs. Rocks, Advisor)***

The purpose of the Book Club is to come together as a group and discuss a specific book. Points that will be discussed will be the topic of the book, theme of the book, style of the book, and more. Students will also share their opinions, likes, and dislikes of the chosen book. Students will be asked to read a portion of the book each week to foster discussion. Books will be chosen based on student interest.

### ***Chemistry Tutoring Club ~ (Mr. Stires and Mrs. Kijewski, Tutors)***

Students needing help in Chemistry classes can come for extra help regarding his/her subject matter. The teacher in the classroom will act as a de facto tutor for the duration of the club period, assisting in homework, classwork, and other assignments as needed.

### ***Chess Club ~ (Mr. Duncovich, Advisor)***

Chess teaches foresight by having to plan ahead, vigilance by having to keep watch over the whole board, and caution by having to refrain from making hasty moves. Finally, we learn from chess the greatest maxim in life, that even when everything seems to be going badly for us, we should not lose our heart, but always hoping for a change for the better, steadfastly continue searching for the solution to our problems. Students of all levels are welcome!

### ***College Essay Writing Club ~ (Mr. Michalski, Advisor)***

The goal of the College Essay Writing Club is to familiarize students with the types of writing assignments and prompts that they will receive in college by teaching them how to build each of these types of essays from the ground up. The instruction of how to construct these types of essays will be taught by a college professor and will be based on actual curriculum materials that are being taught in College Composition/English I and II courses throughout the state of New Jersey. In this club, students will also be encouraged to bring any essays they are working on to be edited and revised by the club advisor/professor.

### ***Collision Repair/Custom Painting SkillsUSA Club ~ (Mr. Black, Advisor)***

We will be using this club to work with our Collision Repair students (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) in preparation for the upcoming SkillsUSA contests. Our areas of focus will be custom hood painting and collision repair skills. We will be selecting candidates for competition based on score from our in-house run off contests. We estimate a group of 10-12 students in the club. We are looking for students that are committed and motivated to represent GCIT.

### ***Community Yarn Works Club ~ (Mrs. Belding, Advisor)***

The focus of this club is knitting or crocheting items for themselves or for the needy in our community. Instruction for those that would like to learn to knit and/or crochet will be provided. Some crochet hooks are available, although a student may wish to bring in their own needles or hooks to meet the requirements of their particular project. We have donated yarn and will work on projects to fill the needs in our community. Ideas include small blankets, hats, amigurumi dolls for nursing home residents, migrant outreach, and others.

### ***Cosmetology Club ~ (Mrs. Mancini and Ms. Dykas, Advisors)***

This club is **only** for Cosmetology students. In this club, students share skills and talents related to the field of Cosmetology with fellow classmates and focus on community service. Students oversee projects that the entire Cosmetology Department is involved in. The student advisors assist by selecting an organization to receive the donated profits from the fundraising, plan, and organize the event. Some examples of our past community service projects are the Cosmetology Fashion Show, Tea Party, and Style-a-Thon. This is a great way to be involved while giving back to the community. **(This club is limited to the first 25 students to sign up.)**

### ***Crafty Card Creators Club ~ (Mrs. McCarthy, Advisor)***

Do you love to craft or create new things? In Crafty Card Creators Club, we will create personalized greeting cards from multiple media sources. We will utilize card stock, stamps, and ribbon to construct themed cards, such as birthday, thank you, get well soon, etc. Crafting can be a therapeutic escape; it allows us to focus on something beautiful while building our creative confidence!

### ***Creative Writing Club ~ (Mrs. Lynch, Advisor)***

The Creative Writing Club is for students who wish to write creatively and share their writing with their peers. Student illustrators will be invited to join allowing the writers to pair with visual artists and bring their works to life. A different type of creative writing will be introduced the beginning of each month. Students will work on their pieces and workshop them with peers and the advisor. Finished works will be shared at the end of each month. Guest authors will be invited to speak to the students and share how they got started and what it is like to work as an author/writer.

### ***Cursive Writing & Calligraphy Club ~ (Ms. Lisa, Advisor)***

Did you know cursive writing has brain benefits? This club is for students looking to learn the lost art of cursive writing and calligraphy. We will learn, practice and share different styles of cursive writing and calligraphy from each other. Come have fun every week practicing the art of writing in a decorative style. (A marble composition book is suggested for this club).

### ***Dance Dance Revolution Club ~ (Mr. March, Advisor)***

Dance Dance Revolution is a fast-paced, movement-based game designed to incorporate a cardiovascular component into a fun game. Students are expected to be ready to participate each week and the hope is to see growth over the course of the year by being able to complete more complicated songs or compete at higher levels. Students may be able to eventually call themselves DDR Champion!

### ***DECA Club ~ (Ms. Rideout, Advisor)***

**Membership required. Some competition fees and registration apply.** Students will use marketing strategies to organize and implement fundraisers. Students will learn how to compete in an articulate manner to represent GCIT at both regional and state level competitions throughout the year. Only students who intend to compete should apply; competitions are mandatory. Members can also participate in FBLA without conflict.

### ***Digital Mind Games Club ~ (Ms. Tomaszewski, Advisor)***

Digital Mind Games Club is the perfect place to challenge your brain while having fun! Each meeting, we will explore exciting online games that test your memory, logic, problem-solving, and quick thinking. Whether you love puzzles, strategy games, or friendly competitions, this club is a great way to sharpen your mind and have a blast with peers!

### ***Disney Movie Club ~ (Mr. Holland, Advisor)***

In the Disney Movie Club, we will look at different genres of Disney Movies. We will discuss the following: How do Disney movies have an impact on society? How is pop culture affected by Disney movies? Are people influenced by Disney movies? We will also discuss cross branding of Disney movies with merchandise, as well as placing related attractions in many Disney parks.

### ***English Tutoring Club ~ (Mrs. Botbyl, Tutor)***

Students needing help in English classes can come for extra help regarding his/her subject matter. The teacher in the classroom will act as a de facto tutor for the duration of the club period, assisting in homework, classwork, and other assignments as needed. This club could also serve as a place to practice for PARCC, SAT or other state mandated standardized exams.

### ***Entomology Club ~ (Dr. Anderson, Advisor)***

Are you fascinated with the diversity of life but can't go to the zoo all the time? All you need to do is look around and appreciate life on a smaller scale. In this club, you will go outside on club days (weather permitting) to collect insects and spiders from around the GCIT campus. On inclement weather days, you will learn how to preserve your specimens and incorporate them into your own personal collection or into the GCIT collection. Using microscopes and scientific keys, you will learn how to identify what you have collected to catalogue the insect biodiversity on campus. As we collect, you will also learn how to use the iNaturalist app to join the community of "Citizen Scientists" in Gloucester County by recording species and locations of your collected specimens. Who knows, maybe you will discover a new species!

### ***Environmental Club ~ (Mr. Mazahreh, Advisor)***

The idea of this club is to educate and discover how human behavior is affecting our environment in a negative way. We will use data and evidence to show how people are ruining our environment and how this impacts all aspects of life. We will look at how to conserve and sustain our important resources (air, water, and land) to reduce our carbon print and save the earth. We will study human behavior, eating, dressing...and its effect on our environment. We will look at the mission of some environmental organizations worldwide and what steps they are taking to save our planet.

### ***FCCLA Club (Family Career & Community Leaders of America) ~ (Mrs. Arnold, Ms. Oberfrank, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Sima, Mrs. Mizia, Mrs. Kijewski, Mrs. Hassan, Mr. Yost, Ms. Tartaglia, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Hill, Advisors)***

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a national youth leadership organization for young men and women in grades 6-12. It is a career technical student organization that has family as its central focus. FCCLA's mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer science education.

### ***Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Club ~ (Mr. Cop and Mr. Ferriano, Advisors)***

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives...one heart at a time. Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful platform of sport to reach every coach and every athlete. FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel.

### ***Fitness Club ~ (Mr. Peifer and Ms. Minix, Advisors)***

This club allows students to explore the fitness center and learn new or refine weight training skills. Students will learn specific principles to gain strength and build muscle, along with how to improve cardiovascular endurance. Students will get the opportunity to apply the skills they learn in the fitness center.

### ***Fundraising Club ~ (Mrs. Souders, Advisor)***

Students will assist with fundraisers in which they can earn money to use for payments toward junior and senior trips. Students will help with fundraising ideas, as well as distributing information about upcoming fundraisers to their classmates.

### ***Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club ~ (Ms. Scott, Advisor)***

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) offers students great opportunities to develop their business skills while interacting with peers. Students will fundraise and engage in community service while building teamwork and organizational skills. Becoming an Officer in the FBLA Club is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their leadership skills and make a meaningful impact within the organization. One of the most exciting journeys for students in FBLA is competitions. Students will compete in Regional competitions with the goal of advancing to State and then Nationals. Competitions are based on a variety of business categories.

### ***Gardening Club ~ (Ms. Farrell, Advisor)***

The Gardening Club is for students who have a passion for gardening or would like to learn about gardening. Students will discuss common terms, techniques, and practices to enhance gardening skills. Students will also have the opportunity to share their ideas, experiences, and tips for creating a garden.

### ***History Club ~ (Mr. Kijewski, Advisor)***

The History Club is a video-based club which covers important events in history. Students will be presented with thought-provoking material and asked to draw links with the present day. The videos presented in club will cover a wide range of subject matter and eras, assessing history through the eyes of documentarians.

### ***History Tutoring Club ~ (Ms. Norris, Tutor)***

Students needing help in History classes can come for extra help regarding his/her subject matter. The teacher in the classroom will act as a de facto tutor for the duration of the club period, assisting in homework, classwork, and other assignments as needed.

### ***Homework Club ~ (Mrs. McConnell, Mr. Connor and Mr. Okoniewski, Advisors)***

Homework Club offers students additional time to complete homework they may have missed or complete assignments that may require additional time or help. Students may also bring make-up work or extra credit work to complete during club time. **(This club is limited to 12 students per advisor.)**

### ***HOSA – Health Occupation Students of America Club ~ (Mrs. Melniczuk and Ms. Boskey, Advisors)***

HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education. HOSA's mission is to promote health career and leadership opportunities to students interested in healthcare. In HOSA, students prepare for their chosen competitions through study or hands-on activities. These competitions range from knowledge tests to skills tests. We welcome anyone pursuing a career in healthcare to join this club.

### ***Independent Fitness Club ~ (Mr. Ruczynski, Advisor)***

This club is designed for students who are enrolled in Independent Fitness III or IV **(it is strongly encouraged that you join this club if you are enrolled in one of these courses.)** The goal of this club is to keep the students up to date on assignments and announcements, so they stay informed. If you enroll in this club, you will be given the opportunity to complete your assignments for the class during club time and you will be able to complete your required fitness testing during this time. You will also be given the opportunity to work out on days that a fitness assessment is not scheduled. This is an excellent opportunity for students to improve upon their fitness test score and overall grade in the course!

### ***Independent Reading Club ~ (Mr. Morris, Advisor)***

Do you love to read and just don't have the time between schoolwork, extracurricular activities, or jobs? Use the club hour to read for pleasure! This club will offer a quiet, relaxing space to get some reading done. Free from talking or distractions, join this club if you just need some silence and "you" time in your life away from your phone, your commitments, and your worries.

### ***Intro to Cosmetology Club ~ (Mrs. McIntyre, Advisor)***

This club is designed for a student **NOT** in the Cosmetology program. If you ever wondered how to do a braid, style hair, or paint your nails, then this is the club for you. Students will study the fundamentals and concepts that can be applied for personal use. Competencies include but are not limited to safety and sanitation, personal care, braiding, creative styling, basic styling techniques, up do, blow drying styling, thermal curling, pressing, basic manicure, hand and arm massage, paraffin manicures, and nail art. **(This club is limited to the first 23 students to sign up.)**

### ***Italian Tutoring Club ~ (Ms. Portuese, Tutor)***

Are you having trouble in your Italian classes? Do you need help understanding certain concepts better, need help with your homework, or maybe you need help studying for a test? Come in for tutoring so you can start having success in your Italian classes.

### ***Key Club ~ (Ms. Arseneau and Mrs. Damminger, Advisors)***

Key Club is a service organization which is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. Key Club's objective is the development of initiative, leadership ability, and good citizenship practices. This club functions not only on the local level, but also on a district and international level. Students will be encouraged to participate in many Key Club volunteer projects. Dues in the amount of \$20 are required.

### ***Law Enforcement Club ~ (Mr. Grant, Advisor)***

This club will explore the many careers in law enforcement and the duties and responsibilities of police officers. Guest speakers may be invited to speak to the Club. Various videos will be shown that will demonstrate the skills of officers in action.

### ***LEGO Club ~ (Mr. J. Kahan, Advisor)***

LEGO Club is a student-led initiative where students will have fun and make lasting friendships while building LEGO creations. The goal of this club is to build murals and build a GCIT LEGO replica. Students can also explore the world of LEGO Robotics and design personal LEGO creations with specialized software. Students can participate in different competitions and will strive to submit their designs to LEGO HQ. **Please note, students will have to supply their own LEGO products. Fundraising may occur in an effort to increase club supplies.**

### ***Math Tutoring Club ~ (Mrs. DelGiorno, Mrs. Worthington and Ms. Greenidge, Tutors)***

The Math Tutoring Club will offer students tutoring for all levels of Math.

### ***Microsoft 365 Leadership Club ~ (Mrs. Jacob, Advisor)***

Are you ready to unlock the full potential of Microsoft's suite of productivity tools? Whether you're a student looking to enhance your skills for school projects or preparing for future careers, our club is the perfect place for you. Join us as we delve into the world of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, and more. From mastering document formatting to collaborating seamlessly with classmates, we're here to support your journey every step of the way. Let's dive into the power of Microsoft 365 together and elevate our productivity skills to new heights!

### ***Mind Flex Club ~ (Mr. Heil, Advisor)***

Based on the popular National Geographic television series, Brain Games, students will explore the power of the mind. We will put our brains to the test using interactive illusions, puzzles, and experiments to better understand the mystery of how the mind processes information from the world around us.

### ***Morning Mindset Club ~ (Ms. Perez and Mr. De Donatis, Advisors)***

The goal of this club is to learn about Mindset/Mindshift – “How we perceive our mind and the world”. Morning Mindset Club offers a safe space to chat about our thoughts, daily school life, and personal experiences (if you feel comfortable to share). Our goal is to see students reach a level of resilience at the level of the mind, where their lives change, and they positively affect others around them. As I like to say, “Where they become the change we wish to see in the world!”. Students can achieve this feeling. Once they experience and witness the changes in themselves, they will want to share their experiences with friends, family, and their community. And, even if they do not share NOW, their lives will unfold in such a way that they will become positive, resilient, and encouraging human beings.

### ***National Honor Society for Dance Arts Club ~ (Mrs. Stahl, Advisor)***

The mission of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts is to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in students studying dance. In addition, the honor society is set up to foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige.

Induction into the NHSDA is earned through the accumulation of points awarded for meritorious work in dance that meets the honor society's general guidelines and on the basis of GPA. In addition, the prospective student's demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership in the many aspects of dance (e.g., choreography, performance, mentoring, production) are factors in the determination of eligibility for induction.

Students applying this year must have dance experience at GCIT and an outside studio. Students must be able to produce written documentation on all experiences. Upon acceptance, students will also have to pay a nominal fee.

### ***Next Step Network Club ~ (Ms. Jankowsky, Advisor)***

The rumors are true...you're growing up and that first job is on the horizon! The key to success? A powerful resume and the professional skills that set you apart as a top candidate. If you need guidance on networking, creating an impressive resume, and getting a head start on your career, this is the place to be. Learn how to build your LinkedIn profile and get valuable support for college admissions. Ready to take the next step? Let's make it happen.

### ***NHS/NTHS Club ~ (Ms. Snodgrass and Mr. Maisey, Advisors)***

**Membership required.** The National Honor Society (NHS) is the premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students based on four fundamental virtues: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) honors the achievements of top CTE students, provides scholarships for the pursuit of higher education, and is founded on the basis of seven virtues: responsibility, scholarship, skill, honesty, citizenship, leadership, and service. Students may submit a folder for membership consideration in the fall of their Junior or Senior year. Information is posted on our web page. Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected. Members are also expected to perform 15 hours of community service through one of the many GCIT and GCSSSD organizations, as well as participate in one honor society sponsored service project for each year they are a member.

### ***One More Page Club ~ (Ms. Capelli, Advisor)***

One More Page Club is a book club that promotes the love of reading through various fun reads and discussions. From a variety of best-selling, stand-alone books to series, readers will have the ability to dive into literature like never before! Join us in this safe space as we choose a book to read together and interconnect our lives to the pages we explore. We even occasionally watch a film adaptation for comparison!

### ***Ornithology Club ~ (Ms. Farina, Advisor)***

Do you have an interest in birds? Whether you are an experienced birdwatcher or just curious about nature, the Ornithology Club provides a fun and educational space to connect wildlife and fellow enthusiasts. The Ornithology Club will focus on engaging activities like birdwatching, studying biology, and improving bird habitats, while also fostering a sense of scientific investigation. The club will engage in hands-on activities such as identifying local bird species, maintaining bird feeders, and exploring conservation efforts to protect bird habitats and raise awareness about environmental issues affecting avian population. Depending on the weather, we will be outside. Please bring a pair of binoculars if you have them.

### ***Peer-to-Peer Club ~ (Mrs. Griffin, Advisor)***

Do you keep up with current events affecting you and your peers, as well as the community around you? Are you tired of the negativity? Do you have a passion for finding positive ways to enact change? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the Peer-to-Peer Club is for you. Peer-to-Peer is a student- led club that aims at "changing the conversation" and creating positivity in our school and surrounding communities. We will explore current issues and develop solutions in an effort to build and maintain a positive school environment, as well as pour positivity into the communities around us. Students will develop useful skills such as identifying a problem, developing a solution, and implementing that solution in a positive manner to create positive change by bringing awareness to the issues at hand through positive discussions and actions.

### ***Philosophy Club ~ (Mr. Roff, Advisor)***

The GCIT Philosophy Club seeks to foster philosophical discussion among interested students in an informal, student-friendly environment. The club aims to provide students with an outlet for discourse about philosophical questions that are important to them. Throughout the school year, the Philosophy Club will view selected entries from the PBS on-line video series, "Crash Course Philosophy with Hank Green". Additionally, there will be some focus on constructing, defending, and defeating logical arguments.

### ***Premiere Pro Movie Editing Club ~ (Mr. McCleery, Advisor)***

Did you know that with your GCIT email account, you have free access to Adobe Premiere Pro? This club will allow students the opportunity to learn and/or refine their Adobe Premiere Pro editing skills. All areas of non-linear video and audio editing will be explored, from importing and cutting raw footage to creating layers, nesting, and adding keyframes to create visually interesting projects. You can also make a "demo reel" of the work you created in class.

### ***Public Speaking and Confidence Club ~ (Ms. Palomo, Advisor)***

Discover the art of confident self-expression and acquire essential communication skills vital for success in high school and beyond. Cultivate confidence, forge meaningful connections with peers, and unleash your potential as a dynamic public speaker.

### ***Reading and Writing Club ~ (Mrs. Plefka, Advisor)***

During the Reading and Writing Club, students will be offered assistance in two areas:

1. Comprehension - Comprehending any literary piece they may have difficulty reading.
2. Writing - Whether it is essay writing, research paper writing, story writing or simply conveying one's thoughts onto paper.

Grammar issues will also be tackled, and general help given for homework and/or make-up classwork. Vocabulary games are also played.

### ***Reading the Movies Club ~ (Mrs. Garbarino, Advisor)***

Students will be exposed to a wide array of films in order to evaluate the decisions of the film making crew. We will analyze the choices of the writer, director, videographer, as well as many others and discuss the overall success of the film. The students will write various film comparisons and reviews, participate in debates, and create presentations after the conclusion of each film.

### ***Robotics Club ~ (Mr. Takach, Advisor)***

GCIT's Robotics Team is affiliated with Vex Robotics, an organization with the purpose of promoting Science and Technology as well as professionalism and respect. Our main focus is to build a robot from October through February. Robots weigh about 20 pounds and are built to compete in a sports-type game. Season competitions are 1-day events, held on weekends. Students can focus on mechanical design and construction, CADD, programming, business, and fundraising. Students learn teamwork skills of patience, cooperation, and gracious professionalism. They learn to be self-motivated and to take responsibility for getting tasks completed on time. Community service is included, with the team involved in fundraising and other events throughout the school year. **This club will only meet after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, not during the Friday club period.**

### ***Science Fair Club ~ (Dr. Thomas, Advisor)***

Did you ever think of an idea or an invention that you thought could change the world but never saw it through? This club is designed to give you the space, feedback, and resources to forge your idea into something tangible. By exploring and understanding what has been done in the past, you will use the scientific method, constructive feedback from peers, teachers and professionals in the field, and the lab resources at GCIT to propose a hypothesis, run experiments, and publish your results to bring your idea to fruition. Who knows, maybe you could be the next Musk, Tandon, Daly or Jobs!

### ***SkillsUSA Community Service and Competition Club ~ (Mrs. Terpolilli, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Ruczynski, Mrs. Smyth, Mr. Roskiewich, Mr. Woodrow, Ms. Hill, Mr. Eppolite, Mr. Heck, Mr. Hoolahan, Mr. S. White, Mr. Crowley, Ms. Mendel, Mr. Takach and Mr. Haase, Advisors)***

This club will be open to **ALL STUDENTS**. Students will have the opportunity to help prepare and participate in various community service activities. Students will also be preparing for upcoming SkillsUSA trade-related and leadership competitions that are held each year in early spring. Advisors will assist and guide students as they prepare for their competitions.

- SkillsUSA – Welding – Mr. Roskiewich
- SkillsUSA – Engineering/Manufacturing – Mr. Woodrow
- SkillsUSA – Engineering/Manufacturing – Mr. Heck
- SkillsUSA – Plumbing – Mr. Hoolahan
- SkillsUSA – Carpentry – Mr. S. White
- SkillsUSA – HVACR – Mr. Crowley
- SkillsUSA – Electrical – Mr. Takach
- SkillsUSA – Robotics and Automation Technology – Mr. Haase
- SkillsUSA – Cosmetology – Mrs. Terpolilli
- SkillsUSA – Chapter Excellence – Mrs. Smyth
- SkillsUSA – Health Science/Knowledge Bowl – Mr. Eppolite
- SkillsUSA – Misc. Academies – Mrs. Grant

### ***Small Engine Club ~ (Mr. Knorr, Advisor)***

This club is for Automotive Technology students contemplating a career in a small engine industry. Students will repair and maintain equipment on "live work" jobs and shop equipment as needed.

### ***Soccer Club ~ (Mr. Tesfazghi, Advisor)***

The Soccer Club offers a number of opportunities for students in recreational and competitive soccer. The club assists in developing soccer techniques and builds strength of character to students. It will also promote successful group dynamics in pursuit of a common goal among students, discipline, fitness, and camaraderie.

### ***Song Writing Club ~ (Mr. Taylor, Advisor)***

This club is designed to develop songwriting using both lyrics and music. We will explore melody, harmony, and lyric writing. We will also discuss how to record using technology, market, and set up performances for your music. Please bring guitars if you have them, preferably acoustic. There will be a keyboard for use. We will work on a project in the second semester. **(This club is limited to 15 students.)**

### ***Spanish Tutoring Club ~ (Mrs. Eppolite, Ms. Bazurto and Ms. Petrillo, Tutors)***

Are you having trouble in your Spanish classes? Do you need help understanding certain concepts better, need help with your homework, or maybe you need help studying for a test? Come in for tutoring so you can start having success in your Spanish classes.

### ***Student Council Club ~ (Mrs. Devito, Mrs. Yanni and Mr. Bates, Advisors)***

GCIT Student Council desires to promote and provide leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower student leaders to serve their school and community. Student Council Club plans, makes decisions, and volunteers at events such as Spirit Week, Powderpuff, Homecoming, and various other fundraisers throughout the year. Class representatives for each grade level must be enrolled in Student Council Club, as well as the Executive Board.

### ***Tabletop Gaming Club ~ (Mr. Favat and Mr. K. Kahan, Advisors)***

Dive into the world of strategy, fantasy, and adventure with the Tabletop Gaming Club! Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious beginner, we welcome all who enjoy games like **Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons & Dragons, Games Workshop** tabletop strategy games, **Pokémon, YuGiOh**, and more. Our club provides a fun, collaborative space to develop your problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills through engaging gameplay. Join us to learn new games, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and explore a variety of tabletop experiences. New to tabletop gaming? No problem! Club members and advisors are eager to teach you the ropes with the available decks, rule books, and equipment.

### ***Technology Student Association Club ~ (Mrs. Smith and Mr. D. White Jr., Advisors)***

The Technology Student Association is a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) focused student organization dedicated to helping students explore a wide variety of education and career opportunities. Students participate in STEM-related trainings, competitions, and service events in pursuit of growth within their career fields. This club is open to all students at GCIT interested in pursuing technology-related education. From computer programming to video game design, to aeronautics, to music production, and even children's book design, TSA has something for every technology student.

### ***Test Retakes and Tutoring Club ~ (Mrs. Sleiminger, Tutor)***

This club is designed for students who need to retake tests and quizzes, providing the time and a quiet space to support success. Tutoring and academic support will also be offered to students needing assistance in their classes.

### ***Thespian Club ~ (Mrs. Lynch-Walsh, Ms. Knoblock and Mr. Wenzel, Advisors)***

Members of the International Thespian Society are comprised of actors, dancers, singers, and technicians committed to excellence in the Arts. During club time, they will be given the opportunity to prepare and critique college audition material, as well as develop cabaret and competition pieces. They will work to support such charities as Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat and Equity Fights Aids.

#### **Club members must be:**

- Students currently inducted into Troupe 5480.
- Students applying this year AND have one-year experience in some capacity of performance or technical work on a show at GCIT. These students must also audition and pay a nominal fee.

### ***Virtual Reality Club ~ (Mr. Burns, Advisor)***

In this club, we will learn how to develop virtual reality (VR) games and how to utilize 3D software such as Unity and Blender to create applications on VR.

### ***Walking Your Way to Fitness Club ~ (Mr. Mroz, Advisor)***

Interested in getting those steps in? Looking to tour the beautiful grounds of GCIT? Well, this is the club for you! Join the Walking Club and insert 30 minutes of walking into your Friday routine. Both indoor and outdoor walking (weather permitting) will add a little pep to your step in the morning and encourage a healthy lifestyle. No experience necessary.

### ***YOGA Club ~ (Ms. Lindsey, Advisor)***

In this yoga class, students can expect a welcoming and supportive environment where they will learn the fundamentals of beginner yoga, meditation, mindfulness, gratitude, and journaling. Through gentle movement and breathwork, they will improve flexibility, strength, and relaxation while also developing tools to manage everyday stress. This class goes beyond physical postures, offering a holistic approach to well-being by fostering self-awareness, emotional balance, and personal growth. Whether seeking stress relief, mental clarity, or a deeper connection to oneself, students will leave each session feeling refreshed, grounded, and empowered.