

Upper School Activities 2025-2026



Awareness, Compassion, and Engagement (ACE) Orgs

All ACE Orgs meet regularly throughout the year. These are social impact organizations that are proposed, designed, and led by juniors and seniors. Participation is required of all Upper School students. Note that some ACE Orgs require extra meeting times outside of Community Time.

- Brushbook
- CEO (Castilleja Entrepreneurial Club)
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Disabilities Advocacy Coalition
- Engineering for Equity
- Gators for the Bay
- Green Team
- Halford
- Hope Against Hunger
- Housing Hearts
- Invisible Ink
- Pediatric Care Connect
- Reproductive Justice
- Unity in Sports
- Veterans Advocacy Alliance
- Water for the World
- YOUth and MEdia
- Youth Vote Coalition



Academic Enrichment Activities

All upper school students must participate in one Academic Enrichment Activity (AEA) during Community Time. Some require additional meeting time during lunch and after school.

- Artistic Advocacy Alliance
- ASTRA Astronomy Club
- BLAST Science Club
- COMET Math Team
- Counterpoint Newspaper
- Investingators
- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- National History Day
- Paintbrush Yearbook
- Rock Band
- Society for Women Engineers
- Speech & Debate
- STEMx
- Women in Business
- Women in Politics

Athletics

Teams compete on a seasonal basis after school, with occasional early dismissals before the school day ends. All sports are a five-day commitment with 2-2 ½ hour practices a day, depending on the sport. Each sport will require some weekends. Competitions will take place throughout the season.

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| Basketball | Softball |
| Beach Volleyball | Swimming & Diving |
| Cross Country | Tennis |
| Flag Football | Track and Field |
| Golf | Volleyball |
| Lacrosse | Water Polo |
| Soccer | |

Affinity Groups

Upper School Affinity Group meetings are held during the 60-minute ACE Center time block, which takes place within community time. These groups follow a rotating schedule so students can participate in multiple groups. In addition, all affinity groups have the flexibility to organize extra meetings and events outside of this schedule.

Black Student Union (BSU)
Christian Affinity Group
Chinese+ Affinity Group
Disabled/Neurodivergent (D/ND) Student Affinity Group
Jewish Student Association (JSA)
Korean American Student Association (KASA)
LatinX Affinity Group
Middle Eastern Affinity Group (MEAG)
Mixed Students Affinity Group
Muslim Student Association (MSA)
Questioning, Queer, Here (QQH) LGBTQIA+
South Asian Affinity Group (SAAG)
Southeast Asian/Pacific Islander (SEA/PI)
Taiwanese Affinity Group (TAG)

Peer-to-Peer Support

Students mentor and support each other across grades levels in different ways, both inside and outside the classroom.

All Student Body (ASB) Government
Changing pACE
New 9 Mentors
Peer Advisors
Peer Tutoring
Teacher Assistants (TAs)

Interest Groups & Collaborative Extracurricular Teams

Interest Groups are proposed by students during the first week of the school year, and approved by the ACE Center. Collaborative Extracurricular Teams meet outside the school day and work toward performances or competitions. Below is a list of this year's groups.

AI For Good	Girls for Justice
Animation and Video Editing	Glee
Art4hearts	HEAL
Ashes & Ink Book Club	Lei Pono
Authors for Nature	Math Circles
Badminton Club	MUSE (Middle Upper School Ensemble)
Beekeeping Club	Music Analysis Club (MAC)
Biomed Innovators	Neuroscience Club
Caledonia Literary Magazine	Penpals Club
Casti Bhangra	Platform27
Casti Coders	Pop Culture 212
Casti Cookbook	Science Journal Discussion
Classic Lit	Science Olympiad
Climbing Club	National Science Bowl
Codebusters	Sustainable Fashion
Curieus	Take Back the Night
Current Events Club	Tap the Gap
Deliberative Democracy Lab	Teen Lifestyle Medicine Club
Entrep In Action	Theatre Advisory Board
Environmental Engineering	Waves for Change
Film club	Wharton Investment Competition
Formula 1 Club	Women Engagement in Research and Data Science
Future Physicians of America Club	Writer's Workshop
Gaming Club	
Gatorbotics	

