

WINTERS MILL HIGH SCHOOL



**CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS
2025-2026**

Forward

This booklet is prepared for the students and parents of Winters Mill High School. It is intended to both enrich school life and give students and parents a better understanding of their school.

Included in this booklet are a listing, description, and meeting times of the various clubs and organizations at Winters Mill High School.

Winters Mill High School and the Board of Education of Carroll County does not endorse, and should not be identified or associated with the goals, objectives, activities, or opinions of any religious, political, or advocacy related student group meeting on or away from school property.

How do I start a new club?

If a student or a staff member has an idea for a new club, a proposal form must be completed and returned to Mr. Knill. Proposal should include the following information:

1. Purpose and description of the club
2. Name and signature of a staff member willing to serve as the club advisor

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Club and Organization Descriptions

Academic Challenge Team

The Academic Challenge Team is an academic trivia competition team. We compete against the other CCPS high schools and have four matches each year. There are practices one day a week during FLEX and Thursday after school. If you like the game show Jeopardy or It's Academic, this team is for you.

Best Buddies Club

Best Buddies is a friendship club designed to improve the school environment by promoting unique friendships between students with and without disabilities. Students are "matched" in a one-to-one friendship with another student.

"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Black Student Union

Winters Mill's Black Student Union/Cultural Differences Unite is a space where students can celebrate culture, build new connections, and have opportunities to grow into leaders- all while having fun. We're here to uplift Black voices, embrace all cultures, and create opportunities for everyone to be heard, seen, and supported through events, conversation, and new friendships.

Book Club

Do you like romance? Action, adventure? How about supernatural/horror? Maybe Manga and graphic novels are more your thing? You should join the Book Club. In this club, you'll find other book minded students to share your interests with. If you have an open mind and love to read, this is the club for you.

Car/Truck Culture Club

The car/truck club will meet twice a month to allow students to share their interest in cars and trucks. We are hoping to organize a car show. Sharing what each person is working on or their likes/dislikes about cars and trucks will build a stronger community.

Chess Club

The Winters Mill Chess Club is focused on providing a space for students interested in chess to come together. While there will be opportunity for students to learn and grow their skills, the primary focus of the club is playing the game. The club meets twice a month during flex, with periodic after-school tournaments.

Class Government

The students in each class elect an executive board. These officers serve the class by planning dances, proms, fundraisers, community services activities, and various events throughout the four years. A new executive board is elected each year. The officers work with the advisors to develop unity and school pride among the class. All students are encouraged to take an active part in their class by serving on committees and attending functions planned by the executive boards.

Crochet Club

The club's focus will be to bring students together to develop their crochet skills and work on projects.

Drama Club

This organization is composed of students interested in any aspect of theater – performance or technical. Students will learn the fundamentals of performing as well as working collaboratively on costumes, lighting, and props. All members will enhance their knowledge and skills in theater through games, specialized workshops, and performances. Students will raise funds to support participation in such activities as Theatre Fest!, field trips, and shows. There is no requirement to enroll in a drama class, simply show up and enjoy unique experiences and lots of new friends!

Falcons of Strength

Falcons of Strength is a group of diverse students and adults with the mission to ensure that during the rough times in life, no one at our school gets so overwhelmed or hopeless that they want to give up. We work to spread hope, help, and strength to our entire school community and connect students to help when they are struggling. Falcons of Strength works to break the silence when our students are in pain so they can get the help they deserve. Our goal is to build resiliency skills in our community through school wide campaigns.

Falcon Fan Club

This group of WMHS students works to support our Falcon teams/events.

NEHS (Formerly Falcon Talon Newsletter)

The Falcon Talon is the National English Honor Society chapter here at Winters Mill. Our mission is aligned with the national organization's goals: to recognize students for their high achievements in English language arts; to build a community of academic achievers; to stimulate and include a myriad of cultures; to encourage interest within the English Language Arts discipline; and to foster literacy on campus and in the community. Members are eligible for numerous grants and scholarship opportunities and will be expected to participate in student-led literacy initiatives and service activities. Students seeking membership must have passed their 9th grade English course with a B or higher and have maintained a 3.0 or higher overall GPA.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

FCA is open to any student. The purpose of FCA is to discuss how God affects the lives of its members through competition and sport. The club will focus on participating in activities to serve the community and spread the word of God. Activities with other FCA chapters are planned throughout the year. **FCA is not a Winters Mill High School sponsored activity.**

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

The FBLA is open to students who are interested in pursuing a business related career. The FBLA Club provides members the opportunity to develop leadership, communication and teamwork skills through school and community service projects; and participation in regional, state, and national competitions. All students are expected to contribute to the well-being of the club by participating in FBLA activities (for example, working in the school store after school or during special events such as back to school nights). We encourage all students who would like to learn more about how business operates to join the Winters Mill FBLA.

FFA

The FFA is a national organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Local, state, and national activities and award programs provide opportunities to apply knowledge and skills acquired through agriculture education. FFA is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and

career success through agricultural education. FFA is open to any student who has previously or is currently taking an agriculture class and has an interest in plants, animals or natural resources. In addition to FLEX Day meetings, FFA will meet after school as announced.

Future Falcons in Med

This group of Falcons will increase the awareness of Medical related topics and current events.

Gardening Club

The Winter's Mill Gardening Club is a group of students dedicated to protecting, maintaining, and beautifying the school's environment. Our mission is to restore and maintain the courtyards and provide a calming and open space for everyone, as well as build relationships among students. We will have a variety of events throughout the school year that bring opportunities for anyone looking to join.

Gay and Straight Alliance (GSA)

Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) / Togetherness, Encouragement, Acceptance, Motivation (TEAM) is a student organization meant for LGBTQIA+ youth and their allies to discuss and cope with gender, sex, or orientation based discrimination while also working to make Winters Mill High School a more accepting environment for all students and staff. We provide mutual support, engage in community service, give voice to the issues affecting our community, and engage in advocacy to build understanding among the larger community.

Hispanic-Latino Student Union

The Hispanic/Latino Student Union is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community through service, cultural celebration, and education. We strive to uplift our local communities by engaging in meaningful service projects, while honoring and exploring the diverse traditions, histories, and voices within the Hispanic and Latino diasporas. Through collaborative events, educational outreach, and cultural exchange, we aim to empower students of all backgrounds to learn from one another, embrace diversity, and become active agents of unity and understanding for the WMHS community.

Key Club @wmhskeyclub

The Winters Mill Key Club is part of Key Club International, the largest high school service organization in the world. It is sponsored through the local Kiwanis Club; however it is organized and run completely by its members. The Winters Mill Key Club is active in the high school and local community by assisting with improvement projects, fund-raising initiatives and social events. Our service projects include weaving Homeless Mats, supporting the Food Bank and other projects that members suggest. Membership is open to any student who wishes to help serve their school and community through volunteer work and earn Service Learning Hours. Students must earn a minimum of 1hr/month to maintain membership.

K-Pop Club

The K-pop club is a place where you can develop an understanding of Korean culture and traditions such as K-pop choreography, Korean martial arts (taekwondo) K-Dramas, and traditional foods! There will be exciting events within the club such as choreography competitions, Korean food tastings, and celebrating traditional Korean Holidays! (More events are in the making!) The club will take place during advisory/flex.

Mock Trial

Mock trial is a competition in which students simulate a real trial. If you become a part of the team, you along with your teammates will practice and prepare for a simulated courtroom experience. In this experience students act as lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom officials to present a hypothetical case. If you are interested in law or

simply want an opportunity to work with others and gain new experiences, please come join us! We start meeting and practicing in the fall after school two days a week, if you play a fall sport you can still join and participate in later meetings. These practices culminate in January with a competition against other Carroll County high schools.

National Art Honor Society - @wmhsartdept

The Winters Mill High School Chapter of the National Art Honor Society inspires and recognizes students who have shown outstanding ability in the visual arts. The NAHS program provides an opportunity for students to further their artistic talents, foster excellence in the arts, and gain leadership roles. The NAHS strives to aid members in working toward the attainment of the highest standards in art areas, and to bring art to the attention of the school and community. NAHS members are involved in a variety of activities and events including art production, creation of school murals, art shows, art department field trips, community service projects, art-related fundraisers, and induction ceremony for new members.

Membership is based upon art scholarship, service, and character. Interested students must submit a membership application. In order to be eligible for NAHS, a student must:

1. Have completed one semester of art.
2. Have a minimum art scholarship average of a B
3. Pay annual dues of \$15
4. Participate in activities, meetings and fundraisers.

*Members may remain active during such time when there is no art on their class schedule as long as they fulfill all of the other requirements each year.

National Honor Society WMHSNHS_

The Winters Mill Chapter of the National Honor Society is chartered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The official National Honor Society Handbook establishes the following goals: "The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools."

Student academic eligibility is determined on the following bases. Students must:

1. Be at least a sophomore who has attended any Carroll County High School for one or more semesters.
2. Have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.75

All students who meet academic eligibility requirements will be notified and provided with:

- A. A Student Activity Information Form,
- B. Four Sponsor Forms,
- C. Carroll County Public School's NHS Eligibility, Selection, and Membership Guidelines
- D. Optional Essay Form
- E. Required Student/Parent Signature Form

A Faculty Council composed of five voting members and chaired by the adviser (non-voting) will review all eligible students' documentation in order to assess their leadership, service, and character.

After the administration has reviewed the list of eligible students and has indicated whether any name should be withdrawn as the result of disciplinary infractions, remaining candidates receiving a majority vote of the Faculty Council will be invited to be inducted as members of NHS. **All** eligible students will be notified in writing of the Faculty Council's decision. Additional information regarding membership eligibility, selection criteria and procedures, and maintenance of membership is available from the advisors.

Paws for a Cause Club

Students will help organize fundraisers and awareness for animals in need. Members will share adoption and foster opportunities with the school community.

Peer Facilitators

Peer facilitators assist school counselors with peer mediations, new student orientation, marshalling, and various other activities initiated by school counseling. Selection as a facilitator is based on student interest, teacher recommendation, attendance, and acceptable academic performance. Students may apply for these positions in the spring. You must currently be a Peer Facilitator to attend this club.

Pickle Ball Club

Come out and play pickle ball! We hope to promote physical activity and friendship through practices and friendly competition. This club is open to everyone and no prior pickle ball experience is required.

Radio Controlled Car Club

The RCC Club is all about the fundamentals of how radio-controlled cars work and how they can be used. We'll be meeting after school on Mondays in Mr. Gochenaur room from 2:30 to 3:30. We'll also be using robots that JROTC were given to further other education of radio-controlled devices.

Ski Cub

Students will head to local ski locations and hit the slopes.

STEAM Club

Students will gather and choose a STEAM project to work on either individually or as a team using available materials or repurposed materials. A project example, select a task and make a rube Goldberg machine.

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the representative organization for the entire student body of Winters Mill High School. The organization will initiate, and coordinate student activities and leadership in the school. Students are elected to represent their peers in the student government; however, any student may participate in student government activities or bring issues to the organization. Membership to this organization is determined by vote from the student body. The SGA Executive Board meets afterschool on Wednesdays in the media center and the SGA General Assembly the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Winters Mill High School Chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society was formed to inspire and recognize students who have shown outstanding ability in music. Membership is open to upper-level music students with a 3.0 unweighted GPA, by induction. The Tri-M Music Honor Society has chapters nationwide and is sponsored by NAFME (National Association for Music Education). The purpose of Tri-M is to:

1. Recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in the field of music (instrumental and/or choral)
2. Serve as an inspiration for students to strive for higher goals in music.
3. Foster excellence and a dedicated spirit in the pursuit of music.
4. Assist students in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in their school and community.
5. Bring music to the attention of the school and community.

Ultimate Frisbee Club

The purpose of the club is to create a fun and engaging community for people who would like to play ultimate frisbee. The goal is helping each person be the best player they can be. We are looking for beginners to advanced players.

Yearbook Club - @wintersmillyearbook

The Yearbook Club has been designed to provide students with the skills and the ability to apply those skills to the actual production of our Winters Mill High School yearbook and collaborates with the Yearbook Production and Honors Yearbook Production courses. Students learn about teamwork, responsibility, brainstorming, content, writing, headlines, captions, editing, photography, design, graphics, advertising and distribution. The Yearbook Club strives to maintain a tradition of excellence in which our school can take pride. Through mastery of all these areas of publication and production, students will be encouraged to pursue technology courses for future educational and career opportunities. **Admission to the Yearbook Club is application only.**