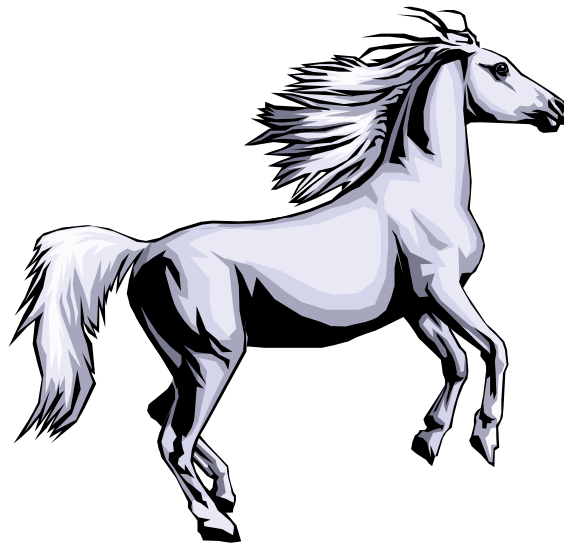


Mineola High School

Student Activity Guidebook



The Mission of the Mineola Union Free School District is to inspire each student to be a life-long learner, pursue excellence, exhibit strength of character and contribute positively to a global society.

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A Cappella Choir

Open to Grades 9-12. The A Cappella Group specializes in singing music without any instrumental accompaniment. This is an "audition-only" ensemble that is made up of approximately 24 of the most talented singers at the High School. While they perform music from all historical periods and of all varieties, their specialty is the brand of "pop a cappella" one currently finds on college campuses across the country. Major events include performances at Winter and Spring Concerts and numerous local venues.

Art Club

Open to Grades 8-12. The members of the Art Club often display their creativity by decorating showcases and holding periodic art shows. The Art Club painted the murals that decorate the cafeteria. Their dedication and hard work have added greatly to the attractiveness of our school. Major events include annual art exhibits and scenery design for school plays.

Asian American Cultural Alliance

The Asian American Cultural Alliance (AACA) aims to expose students in Mineola High School to Asian culture, traditions and customs through dialogue, experiences, and events. The mission of this club is to raise awareness and acceptance of diverse backgrounds and to promote a culture of unity and understanding across cultures. The AACA works to bring the community together by hosting events in conjunction with important celebrations such as Luna New Year, Eid and more. The AACA is open to any and all who are interested in bridging cultures.

Athletes Helping Athletes

Open to Grades 9-12. Student Athletes is a club that consists of approximately 40 members in 9th through 12th grades. The club's purpose is to work with 4th and 5th grade students throughout the district to discuss the benefits and positive lessons learned from athletics, and how these lessons can be used throughout life. The Student Athletes conduct three in-school visits and 10 after-school visits at each elementary school where they discuss topics like sportsmanship, teamwork, decision-making and fair play, as well as participating in activities that promote these topics. In order to be considered for the program, students must participate in at least one sport and maintain a minimum average of 85. The students attend three training sessions per year at Adelphi University. Major events include Super Saturday, Student Athlete Night, and athletic events where elementary students are guests.

Business Club

The Business Club is open to students in all grades interested in participating in a school-based student-run business called MusBuyTangs. MusBuyTangs' mission is to digitally design & create unique personal and gift items made by students and sold by students. Club members work together at weekly meetings in various "departments" focusing on designing, production, marketing, media, finance and inventory management. They also plan and attend various in-person selling events at school and plan for the future of the business. Additionally, club opportunities may include other skill-building biz opportunities like meeting with other school based-businesses, seminars with guest speakers, watching business-related shows like Shark Tank, and creating podcast episodes. As Juniors or Seniors, students often choose to extend their business experiences by enrolling in the Entrepreneurship or Accounting courses offered at MHS.

Cheerleaders

Open to Grades 9-12. The Cheerleaders' performances at Mineola football and basketball games are always filled with great spirit and are fun to watch. The girls display outstanding dedication, enthusiasm, and exemplify the spirit of Mineola High School. Major events include Football and basketball games, Pep Rallies and Cheerleading competitions.

Class Activities – Senior Class

The Senior Class holds many effective fundraisers such as Carnival Night. Senior-to-Senior Day brings our school and senior citizens together for a fun-filled day of sharing. The annual Senior Awards Breakfast is always a moving experience. The class takes a day trip guaranteed to provide a lot of fun and some fond memories. Major events include Senior-to-Senior Day, Homecoming, Carnival Night, Senior Awards Breakfast, Senior Day Trip, and Prom.

Class Activities – Junior Class

The Junior Class holds many fun and successful fundraising activities such as car washes and Sports Night. The major class event is the annual Junior Prom Fashion Show. Class officer elections and the end-of-the year picnic are held in the spring. Major events include fundraisers, Prom Fashions Show, serving at Seniors Awards Breakfast.

Class Activities – Sophomore Class

The Sophomore Class' major events center on the High School Ring Selection Committee, the sale of the rings, and the ring distribution party. The Sophomore Class holds several bake sales. Major events include class ring selection and design, Class Ring Celebration, Class Officer Elections.

Class Activities – Freshmen Class

Our Freshmen begin to assimilate into the high school scene by holding bake sales. Their officers participate in the school's Student Organization and on many of our sports teams. Major events include the Magazine Drive and Class Elections.

Class Activities – 8th Grade

On the first day of school, 8th Graders are treated to barbeque courtesy of the Mineola High School PTSA. Class officer elections are held early in the fall. A bake sale is held to raise funds for class activities. Most clubs at the high school are open to 8th graders as well as sports teams which hold their practices and games at the middle school.

Coding Club

Open to Grades 8-12. The coding club provides students with an interest in coding the opportunity to meet and learn more about coding. Students will explore topics and projects of interest, and students will also explore current career opportunities in computer science through guest speakers and possible field trips. All students in grades 8-12 are welcome, no experience or skill level necessary.

DECA Club

Open to grades 9-12. Mineola High School's DECA chapter aims to prepare students to become emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality + tourism, and business management. Students can participate in a variety of programs, such as a school-based enterprise, a stock market game, and various virtual challenges. Students will also have the opportunity to compete in regional events where they participate in team and individual role play events, give presentations, and more, to demonstrate their understanding of business principles and earn the ability to participate in more selective events.

Dignity Club

Open to Grades 8-12. "Increase the Peace" is a human rights club that trains students to run workshops throughout the Mineola School District. These workshops focus on acceptance of diversity, respect for all and resolving conflicts regarding race, religion, ethnic background, sexual orientation, age, appearance and other issues. Members are trained in a huge range of activities: planning events, leading a workshop, making posters, signs and videos, writing and performing skits and many other activities. After members are trained, they go to the elementary schools and the Middle School to present their workshops in classrooms. There is also an "Increase the Peace" elective course, however, you do not have to take the course to join the club and you do not have to be in the club to take the course. This is a great club to join if you want to make a difference and have fun, too.

Dreamer's Club

The Dreamer's Club is a club that creates a safe space for students who have a connection to immigration and for those students to wish to help newcomers become acclimated to the Mineola community. We want to create a safe environment for them to share their thoughts, experiences, and emotions, and also create a place where we will advise them and make them feel like they aren't alone. We want to make them feel like Mineola is their new home, and help them connect their pasts to their futures.

Environmental Club

Open to Grades 8-12. This club is dedicated to helping keep our community and world environmentally safe for all life. Its members will participate in various local activities to help improve our environment, educate themselves about the environment, and brainstorm ideas on how we can make a difference. Major events include Whale Watch, Earth Day exhibit, beach clean-up, plant sale, recycling materials, Pride Planting Day.

E Sports Club

Open to Grades 8-12. Mineola's Esports club will meet weekly to build a cohesive team, execute a plan for upcoming tournaments, and practice for the games. One tournament, NASEF, will be held in the Fall. NASEF is an Overwatch tournament which will include 100 clubs across the country. Mineola students will be allowed to participate in the tournaments from Mineola High School and only be required to travel if we reach the finals of the tournament.

Gay/Straight Alliance

Open to Grades 9-12. Several students formed this club in order to promote tolerance for diversity that exists within the school and community. An essential goal for this club is to provide a safe environment surrounded by acceptance for people of different sexual orientations. Major events include awareness activities such as Ally Week, Day of Silence, and leadership workshops with other Long Island schools. In addition, the GSA fundraises in order to raise money for the victims of gender bias crimes.

I Am That Girl

I Am That Girl is a national not-for-profit that aims to empower young women with a message of self-worth and community. The national webpage (www.iamthatgirl.com) identifies the IATG mission by "addressing the emotional, mental and physical well-being of girls" through four main points – 'That Girl' loves herself, supports other girls, gives back and speaks her truth. Our chapter uses the broader IATG mission as a springboard to engage in discussion and action. In our first year ever, we examined female power and friendship through social, political and cultural lenses. We use a multi-media, solution-oriented mindset to have complex conversations in a safe space. We gave back by hosting a letter-writing campaign to support young women in need of a lift. This group is new and therefore quite malleable – where would you like to take it? ALL girls grades 9-12 are welcome at IATG. We are a peer-lead club, and our future path will be carved by the girls who join us.

Jazz Band

Open to Grades 8-12. The Jazz Band meets one afternoon per week and consists of the advanced Jazz musicians in the school.

Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble performs both in the school and around the community. The band also attends in-school workshops with professional Jazz musicians. Major events include Winter and Spring Concerts, Music Awards Night and Jazz Night.

Key Club

Open to Grades 8-12. The Key Club in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club of the County Seat, has expanded into one of Mineola High School's most dedicated and active organizations and participates in numerous activities. Key Club is an international student-led organization which gives its members opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. The highlight of the club's activities is the annual Silent Auction, which raises money for many charitable causes including scholarships. The Key Club's successful service projects have proven that Mineola High School students care for their school and community and their hard work has set an example for others to follow. Major events include the Light in the Night Walk, Lupus Walk, Christmas presents for kids, Toiletry Drive, collecting jeans for homeless teenagers, fundraisers for cancer research, Salvation Army bell ringing and much more.

Latin Club

Latin Club welcomes all students interested in learning more about Roman civilization, language, and literature. Members of Latin Club participate in and host events of classical interest, such as our annual December Saturnalia celebration, mini catapult making contest, Roman gingerbread *village* contest,

and more! Other club activities include watching films with classical themes and playing competitive *Certamen*.

Literary Society

Open to Grades 8-12. The Literary Society meets to discuss the classics of our literary world. This usually involves discussions concerning the worlds' greatest books and their authors. If you enjoy reading, discussing ideas, and sharing your thoughts with others, then this is the club for you.

Marching Band

Open to Grades 8-12. The Mineola Mustang Marching Band (including Color Guard) begins to prepare for the upcoming season in August by attending Band Camp and they continue working on their competitive routine when they return to school. The achievements of the Marching Band are always creative and exciting to watch. In October, the Marching Band hosts a major competition. We all feel a great sense of pride whenever we hear the Mineola Mustang Marching Band perform. Major events include band camp, Homecoming Parade, football games, parades, Pep Rallies, and marching band competitions.

Math Olympiads – 8th Grade

Math Olympiads is a club for 8th grade math students who wish to participate in Long Island's Math Olympiad Contests. Once a month, from November to March, students participate in contests at Mineola High School. Contest results are then compared with students across Long Island and awards are presented. This club stimulates an enthusiasm and joy of mathematics. It fosters mathematical creativity and strengthens problem solving skills.

Mathletes

Open to Grades 9-12. Mathletes is a club for interested math students who wish to participate in the Nassau County Interscholastic Math League Competitions. Once every month, from October to March, contests are held throughout Nassau County where students compete by answering challenging mathematical questions. Mineola students compete at Chaminade, Garden City, Herricks and Mineola High Schools. The contest held at Mineola is a team competition where students work together to find solutions to the problems. In the other competitions, students work on the problems individually and the highest scores of team members are counted toward the overall score for the Mineola Team. It's all fun and educational.

Mock Trials

The Mineola High School Mock Trial Team is a team which promotes a more comprehensive understanding of the American Judicial System, particularly the trial process. Over the course of the school year, we deal with a hypothetical case which we analyze in order to create arguments and trial strategies from both the perspective of the prosecution/plaintiff and the defense. We present the case for each side against other schools' mock trial teams in a simulated trial competition organized by the New York State Bar association. This competition takes place in February.

National Art Honor Society

Open to Grades 9-12. The National Art Honor Society is designed to inspire and recognize high school students who have shown outstanding ability and appreciation of art. The NAHS strives to aid members in working toward the attainment of the highest standards in art areas and bring art education to the attention of their school and community. Students must complete an application, be enrolled in an art class, and be passing all other subjects. Applications are available through the Art teachers.

National Honor Society - Computer Science

The Computer Science National Honor Society is comprised of students in grades 10-12 who have an enthusiasm for computer science, exhibit academic excellence, and who serve their community. To be eligible students must have by the end of their sophomore year an overall average above 89.5, students must take college-level computer science courses with a 90 or above average and complete an application. The members promote and organize computer science activities for all students, helping underscore the importance of the discipline in the school and the community.

National Honor Society

Open to Grades 11 and 12 who meet specific criteria. The National Honor Society is comprised of students who have demonstrated outstanding abilities in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Seniors and Juniors who maintain at least an 89.5 GPA and no discipline action against them will be eligible for admission. Over the years, the members have taken part in such projects as holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive, giving gifts to children in Mercy Hospital at Christmas, and establishing a service to assist the elderly in the Mineola community. They also have volunteered to help the participants in the Special Olympics, and often serve as ushers for Open House at Mineola High School. Major Events Open House guides, coat drive, and induction ceremony.

Political Action

The Political Action Club is a club that encourages political discussions and understanding. Different than a debate club, where students attempt to persuade others to the political side, the PAC goal is to promote understanding of different points of view in a safe environment. In the past decade, politics have been about personal attacks, xenophobia, with emotion, the PAC encourage students to use logical and reason to come up with logical conclusions. We run a voter registration drive at the school and promote political awareness. We have had many guest speakers including local politicians, election workers, and a chief of staff campaign. Members of the club have gone onto work on or intern on recent election campaigns, and have ambitions of being election officials themselves.

Portuguese Club

The members of the Portuguese Club study and discuss Portuguese and Portuguese-American culture. The group seeks to educate other members of the school community about the Portuguese-American experience in the United States as a whole and in Mineola in particular. To this end the club has a staff handbook that may be distributed to new staff to give them basic information about the Portuguese-American community in the Mineola School District as well as some basic terms and phrases that may be helpful for teachers and administrators. The club also seeks to incorporate the Brazilian-American experience into its mission.

A second purpose of the Club is to serve as a service organization to the community as a whole. In the past the club has raised monies for and donated to the American Red Cross, East Timor, Newsday Adopt-A-Family, Corpus Christi Parish Outreach, Key Club Toy Drive, and several other worthwhile endeavors. The club has also been involved in organizing student exchanges with a schools in Portugal. Worthy senior members of the club may be rewarded with awards and symbolic scholarships at the Senior Awards Breakfast. The club of course is open to all students who wish to contribute to the success of the club.

Robotics

The Mineola High School Robotics Team is an extracurricular club that involves students applying Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (Stem) skills to construct a robot to compete in the First Tech Challenge (FTC). The club starts in September and members work to design, build, and program a robot to participate in the competition, which usually take place in late February and early March. Each year in September, the FTC releases a video which describes the various tasks which the robot must perform to earn points. Meeting days will be determined by the members of the club for each year.

SADD

Open to Grades 9-12. The main purposes of SADD are to help students save their own lives and the lives of others, to educate students concerning the dangers of drinking and driving, and to increase public awareness of this problem. In the beginning of the year, the members of SADD tie ribbons to the high school fence and to cards in our parking lot to remind students and faculty not to drink and drive. Also, at Homecoming, SADD members hold an annual bake sale and distribute pamphlets to educate all who attend about this important subject. To increase community awareness during the holidays, SADD decorates shopping bags from Waldbaums with festive pictures and reminders to be safe. The members hold a Holiday Awareness week in school. During this week, public service announcements are made, posters are displayed, a bake sale is held, and students try to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving, especially during the holiday season when many are on the road. In the spring, SADD takes part in the Creativity Contest and hold a second Awareness Week before the

Prom. Along with the events listed above, SADD works to find new opportunities for success by sending students to local conferences and holding discussions of new ideas at meetings.

Science Bowl

Open to Grades 9-12. The members of this club represent our school in an academic competition format known as Answer Wise. Tryouts are conducted in October to determine the starting team. Practices are held on a weekly basis in preparation of the opening competition held in November. Contests continue on a monthly basis until the team either loses or goes to the final round. Major Event Competitions are held against other schools in a question and answer format, which is usually broadcast on television via Channel 21, WLIW "The Long Island Challenge".

Science Club

Open to Grades 9-12. The mission of the Science Club is to provide an environment where students of any age or ability can come together to further their interest in science, share that interest with others, and explore current areas in cutting edge research. A current theme for the club is computer engineering and has as one of its goals to study and create robotic creatures that mimic living organisms. Students travel to SUNY Stony Brook twice each month to hear lectures on topics in Physics and Astronomy, including nighttime observations at the SUNY Stony Brook Observatory.

Science National Honor Society

Open to Grades 11 and 12 who meet specific criteria. Students are invited to become members of the Science National Honor Society near the end of their junior year and must have an overall average above 89.5, as well as an overall science average above 90. This honor society is designed to recognize high school students who have shown outstanding ability and achievement in the sciences. The members promote awareness of science and science activities. In the past they have organized various science activities after school (such as isolating their own DNA, making ice cream and assisting the Science Bowl team) and organized trips to local university (Hofstra, Adelphi and Rockefeller) to participate in seminars.

Spring Musical

March production open to Grades 10-12; May production open to Grades 8 & 9. The annual Spring Musical is truly one of the best events of the school year. The shows are of a high caliber, and one often feels as if they are watching a Broadway production. These performances have brought the High School nothing but praise. Those involved are to be commended for their talents and their effort. Major events include two assembly programs for middle and elementary school students, senior citizen performance on Senior-to-Senior Day and two evening performances.

Stage Design

March production open to Grades 10-12; May production open to Grades 8 & 9. The Stage Design Crew meets four to five weeks prior to the fall play and spring musical. The stage crew is responsible for the construction of the set skeleton and any extra props that need to be fabricated. Student crewmembers are taught basic woodworking and metalworking skills. Crewmembers are taught how to use basic hand tools and power tools necessary for set construction. Major events include the fall play and the spring musical.

String Ensemble

Open to Grades 8-12. Mineola High School's String Ensemble consists of the advanced string players from the Orchestra. Members perform regularly at community and school events including the Winter and Spring Concerts, String Night and at special Board of Education meetings. They also perform at local schools and hospitals. This talented ensemble is an entertaining addition to the Fine Arts Department.

Student Newspaper

Open to Grades 8-12. The Question Mark has been a long-standing tradition at Mineola High School that has given students a voice not only in the high school but in the community as well. Even though the focus and theme of the paper changes each year with the vision of the editor-in-chief, it still offers the opportunity for all students to respond, react, provoke, question, and praise the varying aspects that make Mineola the community it is today. The paper serves as a conduit from the students to the

community. The staff, solely comprised of Mineola High School students, regularly discusses, editorializes and reports on issues of concern at the high school. The newspaper hopes to give Mineola students as accurate and as realistic a journalistic experience as possible.

Student Organization

Open to Grades 8-12. The Student Organization is the student government at the High School representing the concerns of the student body. The entire student body elects the Executive Board, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board of Education Representatives. Each Social Studies class elects two representatives to attend the monthly meetings conducted by the Executive Board. The meetings provide a forum for students to address issues, determine goals and discuss projects. The officers communicate the concerns of the students to the High School administration. Major events include organizing spirit days, teacher/faculty athletic events, fundraising for families in need of assistance, food drives, fundraising for senior scholarships.

Student Service Center

Open to Grades 9-12 with specially designed introductory projects for 8th graders. The Student Service Center provides various services to the school and the community. Through different programs, the Center helps high school students, the elderly, elementary school students, and people in need on Long Island and in New York City. Meeting dates for the programs are posted on the calendar in the showcase in the lobby outside the Student Service Center Office. Students also receive notices and reminders in homeroom.

The Student Service Center runs the following programs:

Leadership Council: Helps run the Student Service Center's programs by leading a program or special project and participating in the monthly council meetings.

Peer Support Programs:

Peer Tutors: Student tutors help other high school students who have come to rely on this program to succeed in their courses. Students find it very rewarding to help someone learn. Tutors also work with middle school students.

Working with Children:

Future Teachers: Volunteers in this program help elementary school students at various activities at Jackson Avenue, Hampton Street, Meadow Drive, and Cross Street schools. This includes assisting at evening programs, and babysitting for PTA meetings. The club also makes monthly visits to a local after school program where student volunteers assist with homework and craft projects with the elementary students. There are also visits to local colleges and teacher preparation classes.

Ronald McDonald House: This program is held at the Ronald McDonald House at Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York. Once a month, students can visit and prepare meals for sick children and their families. The Student Service Center founded the dinner program at Ronald McDonald House.

We Care Children's Programs: Students who volunteer in this program will assist at fundraisers for disadvantaged youth sponsored by the Bar Association of Nassau County. Student volunteers assist young children in building Ginger Bread Houses for the holidays at a "fun day" during February vacation.

Volunteering with Senior Citizens:

Computers: This group is made up of students who volunteer to teach computer skills to senior citizens in the community who want to become computer literate.

Lunch Bunch: This program is open to students in grades 8-12. Students who participate in this program, enjoy eating lunch four to six times a year with local senior citizens. It is informal and fun to talk and get to know each other over lunch.

Nursing Home Visitors: This program gives students the opportunity to visit the elderly residents of Sun Harbor Manor who always look forward to our friendly visits. This is one of our oldest and most rewarding programs.

Community Support Programs:

SPARC: Get involved in monthly meetings with students from five different schools from Long Island and New York City. Together, students will work on community service projects to help the homeless, the environment and people in crisis.

INN Youth Board/ Hunger Awareness Advisory Board: Volunteers participate in the INN Youth Board, a consortium of students from many Long Island High Schools which plan activities and programs to support the Mary Brennan Inn (soup kitchen and food pantry) in Hempstead. Students participate in food drives, fundraisers and other programs to benefit the INN.

8th Grade Monthly Service Programs: “8 Ways to Serve” Each month 8th graders are given the opportunity to participate in an after-school service project which focuses on helping the environment, veterans, children and the hungry.

TEDx

All over the world, innovative educators and students are hosting TED-Ed Clubs in schools — an initiative that trains young people in how to present an idea in the form of a short, TED-style talk. Past talks have featured student ideas about bullying, technology, climate change — and more. Schools from across the globe are invited to connect and share their ideas with each other — and some students are even invited to present their talks on a TED or TEDx stage.

Thespians

Open to Grades 9-12. The Mineola High School Thespian Troupe #276, a chapter of the International Thespian Organization, consists of students who are interested in the theatre and fine arts. Membership is based upon an accumulated number of points resulting from involvement in various aspects of theatre. The members of Thespians provide us with our annual Fall Play and Spring Musical. The actors always demonstrate poise and talent. Major events include the Fall Play, Spring Musical, Thespian Dinner, a Thespian Trip, and a performance for Senior Citizens.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Honor Society is a program of NAfME, National Association for Music Education, which focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy. Tri-M is the only national honor society for student musicians in grades 9-12. Chapter members regularly participate in community service activities and music-enriched events.

TV Production

Open to Grades 9-12. The television production club provides students with an opportunity to create and edit videos using current technologies and methods used by professional film makers. Students in this organization work in all areas of TV production and also gain field experience on various video projects throughout the entire school district. All students in grades 9-12 are welcome to participate.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble – “The Dynamics”

Open to Grades 8-12. The Dynamics are an auditioned group of talented singers who perform mostly Jazz and Pop music. They meet after school to rehearse for their varied performances, and add to the cultural enrichment of Mineola High School and the community. Major events include performances at the Winter and Spring Concerts.

Winter Guard

Open to Grades 8-12. The award-winning MHS Rockettes a performance ensemble and one of the top five color guard programs in the nation. We are a proud part of the Mineola Fine & Performing Arts department. Our fall and winter guards perform year-round and represent our school and community. The Rockettes regularly appear at Mustang football games, pep rallies, field shows and at Walt Disney World in Florida. We compete at the top level and count professionalism, sportsmanship and performance as the most important parts of the experience. Auditions and practices begin in the spring for the fall production with the marching band and Rockettes attend Band Camp in August. Auditions are open to grades 8 through 11. The winter guard audition is held separately in November and is open to the current grades 8 through 12.

World Language Club

Open to grades 8-12. The World Language Club provides students with the opportunity to experience a taste of the many traditions, languages and cultures from around the world. Some activities this year include: celebrating special days from different countries, field trips, competitions, foreign movies, organizing the return of "International Idol" to our annual "Multicultural Night, among others. The World Language Club is available to all students, regardless of their grade and Foreign Language in which they are enrolled.

Yearbook – Signet

Open to Grades 9-12. The members of the Signet staff strive to raise money to help offset the cost of the school yearbook. Their efforts help produce an outstanding, yet affordable yearbook. Major events include fundraising, sale of Signet, solicit boosters and ads, and candy sales.