

TCCHS CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

2019-2020

Academic-Focused Clubs

Book Jackets (Gold)

Sponsor: Mr. James and Mrs. Case

Book Jackets is a book club. We read and discuss books and compete in February in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl. The club meets in the Media Center. Team members should plan on after school practice for competition beginning in November.

Debate Club (Gold)

Sponsor: Mr. Bellamy

Students work together to learn basic debating skills, researching and writing casework, and compete in local, regional and national weekend debate tournaments. Events include Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Policy and Student Congress debate. The team meets during club periods and practices to prepare for weekend debate tournaments held at schools and colleges, leading to the Georgia state championship in March and potential national competition. If you are interested in the development of speaking and critical thinking skills in a rigorous and competitive environment, then debate is for you.

Environmental Ambassadors (Blue)

Sponsor: Mrs. Kornegay

The Environmental Ambassadors is a student-led group that promotes environmental awareness. The group sponsors the Y.E.S. (Youth Environmental Stewardship) pledge drive and promotes America Recycles Day and Earth Day. Anyone interested in raising awareness about environmental issues is encouraged to join the Environmental Ambassadors.

Mock Trial (Blue)

Sponsor: Mr. Bellamy

The Mock Trial Club is an association that looks at debatable cases of law. Both sides of a case are presented through witness affidavits, evidence and case law. The students who participate break down the case and act as lawyers and witnesses representing the two sides of the case. Students learn how to debate and how to put forward a case for their particular side: prosecution/plaintiff or defense. The Club supports formation of a competitive mock trial team that participates in competitions during the year, including a regional tournament in January. Here, members of the club are selected to put on the case at a Courthouse in front of a real judge in a real courtroom. If you are interested in learning more about the law and want to participate in lively debate, mock trial is certainly the club for you.

National Honor Society (Blue)

Sponsor: Mr. James

Invitations to join NHS will be mailed to students who have at least a 90% average and good discipline. Directions for joining will be attached to the invitations. Being involved with NHS requires good grades, good behavior, and community involvement.

Science Olympiad (Blue and Gold)

Sponsors: Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Briscoe

This club meeting is for members of the Science Olympiad team only. Science Olympiad consists of twenty-three different events in the areas of earth and space science, life science, physical science, technology and engineering, and inquiry. Members will continue their practice to prepare for region and state competition. The team is limited in size, see Mrs. Brady or Mrs. Briscoe for more information.

Sign Language Club (Blue)**Sponsor: Mrs. Stephens**

The Sign Language Club will learn the American Sign Language alphabet, basic words and phrases and more. Students will learn how to communicate with each other using ASL and develop a better understanding of those with hearing loss. We may have guest signers as we progress throughout the year.

Thomas University Pre-College Programs (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Ms. Vera Clark and Mr. Leon Smith**

The Thomas University Pre-College Programs Club encourages students to stay in school, graduate from high school and obtain college degrees. The Pre-College programs club provides workshops which include: College Admissions, Financial Aid, Test-taking, Study skills, Scholarship searches, High School Survival skills, College Survival skills and Community Service. Students will also have the opportunity to attend college visits.

Career Technical Student Organizations

Broadcasting (Gold)**Sponsor: Mr. R. Young and Ms. Maxwell**

This club gives the opportunity for students in broadcast production to work on special projects and organize special events for our school and community. Membership is limited to broadcast students.

FBLA (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Mr. Haskin, Mrs. Pierce, and Mr. Thompson**

FBLA provides innovative leadership development programs to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship. Participation in FBLA-PBL can have a direct impact on the direction and success of a young person's career. Millions of students have learned through active membership in FBLA-PBL about the world of business and what is expected of them in the workplace. We compete at regional, state, and national competitions involving over 140 different areas of competition.

Future Educators (Blue)**Sponsor: Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. A. Smith**

The Future Georgia Educators (FGE) is a student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers and is geared toward students in ECE III or the ECE internship class. They are a national community of more than 10,000 student and mentor participants in school-based, grow-your-own-teacher programs. Since over 60% of teachers teach within 20 miles of where they went to high school, every community has an interest in proactively recruiting and supporting their next generation of local educators. Dues for the club are \$15.

FCCLA: Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (Gold)**Sponsor: Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. A. Smith**

FCCLA is the only in school student organization with the family as its central focus. FCCLA provides opportunities for active student participation at local, state, and national levels including service learning, competition and leadership development.

FFA Leadership Team (Gold)**Sponsor: Mr. Gosier, Ms. N. Smith, Ms. Jackson and Mr. D. Young**

The FFA Leadership Team will meet to organize after school FFA meetings, practice Career Development Events, and coordinate other FFA functions. Officers and class representatives will be issued cards for club time.

Regular FFA club meetings will be conducted as scheduled after school.

HOSA (Blue)**Sponsor: Ms. Luke and Ms. Griner**

Future Health Professionals is a group that represents all those in health science or those interested in health careers after high school. Students attend local health facilities and interact in regional as well as state competitions to learn more and understand more about the available health careers.

SkillsUSA (Blue)**Sponsor: Mr. Barrett and Mr. Clapper**

SkillsUSA is a nationally recognized club that helps develop career technical students. We have 2 divisions depending upon which class the student is enrolled in: Metals and Automotive. We meet as a group then have breakout sessions with one of the 2 fields of study. We have competition teams that compete in Regional Competitions and can qualify for State and Nationals as well.

Work Based Learning Workshop (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Mrs. Miranda and Mr. D. Young**

The Work-Based Learning Club is only for students who are in the work-leave program. Participation is required to remain in the work-based learning program. Students will work on the completion of assignments to meet the standards of the Career Related Education curriculum.

Fine Arts-Focused Clubs

National Art Honor Society (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Ms. Young**

The National Art Honor Society is open to students 9th - 12th grade that have completed at least one semester of high school art with a B or higher. Students must also have and maintain at least a 3.0 scholarship GPA average to join and remain in NAHS. We will be volunteering monthly to assist members in the community and participating in art related activities. If interested please email Ms. Young at cyoung@tcjackets.net. Annual dues are \$25. This will cover NAHS national membership, club t-shirts, and sponsor a Sway-J team at Christmas.

Games Club (Gold)**Sponsor: Ms. Desaulniers**

Members of the Games club will meet together to explore common interests in the gaming world. The maximum number of members is 24 and members are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Members will work on increasing their behavioral and social skills by interacting as team members while playing board games. Chess, checkers, Life, Sorry, Monopoly, Uno, Mahjong, and Dominos are just some of the games available. Computer games and individual games are not part of this club and instead, indoor team sport is stressed. Members will be required to participate in Shop with a Yellow Jacket this year.

Thespian Officers Club (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Ms. McMullen**

This club is designed to serve the elected thespian officers throughout the school year with inductions, planning events, and keeping points up to date.

Foreign Language-Focused Clubs

French Club (Blue)

Sponsor: Ms. Arno

The mission of the French club is to promote learning and appreciation of the French culture, language and history. The goal is to foster fellowship, creative expression, and cultural awareness of francophone cultures through planned activities, guest speakers, art exhibits, and attending cultural events. Dues will be \$10. French Club Activities: Watch French Movies, listen to French Music, French cheese tasting, prepare and eat French cuisine, Mini Tour de France, Play French games and field trips.

Junior Classical League and German Club (Blue)

Sponsor: Mr. Burton

The purpose of this club is to encourage an interest in and an appreciation of the language, literature and culture of ancient Greece and Rome and to impart an understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of Classical antiquity. Members will have meetings devoted to movies with classical themes, songs and music, pizza night, togas, board games such as chess, and competitions (certamen) against the other language clubs. The German members will likewise promote a positive understanding of the culture and influence of the German-speaking world through activities and travel. Dues are \$7.00 USD.

Spanish Club (Gold)

Sponsor: Mr. Paulino

The purpose of the Thomas County Central High School Spanish Club is to promote a better understanding and awareness of Hispanic culture and to encourage good citizenship through various activities during the year. To encourage good citizenship and service to the community, the club will make treats and thank you cards for teachers of Thomas County Central High School. Students must be enrolled in Spanish to be eligible for membership. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Members who are not in good academic standing will not be allowed to participate in any activity that would cause them to miss any class time or take away from their study time. Additional activities include watching Spanish shows, listening to Spanish music, preparing and tasting Spanish foods, and playing Spanish games like monopoly and scrabble.

Student Travel Club (Gold)

Sponsor: Mrs. Arno

This club is **only** for the students who have signed up for the next international trip.

Service-Focused Clubs

4-H (Blue)

Sponsor: Mrs. Wynn

Our mission is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished through “hands on” learning experiences, focused on agricultural and environmental issues, agriculture awareness, leadership, communication skills, foods and nutrition, health, energy conservation, and citizenship.

Cool to Be Kind Club (Blue)

Sponsor: Ms. Guy and Mrs. Beethe

What is Cool 2 Be Kind? Cool 2 Be Kind (C2BK) is a national student-run anti-bullying club that started in San Clemente, CA after a kind student named Daniel Mendez was driven to end his life as a result of bullying. Cool 2 Be Kind wants to change the culture of schools everywhere. Bullying is never cool! Everyone has a part in stopping bullying, and everyone can make a difference.

INSPIRE (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Mrs. Moore**

INSPIRE is an acronym for Illuminating, Navigating, and Successfully Propelling Ingenuity through Real Experiences. The goal of this organization is to equip students with the tools that they will need to be successful both in and out of the classroom. Students will engage in mentorship, test preparation, and life skills activities that will aid them as they navigate through high school and post-secondary education. Candidates for INSPIRE will be invited into the organization based on a strict set of criteria that has been set forth by the club sponsors.

Interact Club (Gold)**Sponsor: Mr. Rinehart**

Interact clubs organize a variety of projects and activities that depend primarily on the interests of club members. Within the Interact program, all clubs work to enhance leadership skills, serve their community, and expand international understanding. Together, these efforts ensure a balanced club program and provide important experience and opportunities for each Interactor's personal development.

TCCHS Jacket Spirit (Gold)**Sponsor: Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Graham**

If you are interested in helping promote school spirit, decorating the halls with banners, helping teachers with door decorations, and other spirit related activities, then TCCHS Jacket Spirit is the place for you! We will meet on club days. TCCHS Jacket Spirit is open to all students grades 9-12. Dues are \$10 and include a t-shirt.

Key Club (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Mrs. Ponder and Mrs. Burnette**

Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership. The club's vision is to "develop competent, capable, and caring leaders through the vehicle of service." Activities this school year include many community service projects with a goal of building good character. Dues of \$10 for international and state membership are required each year. All meetings will be held in Mrs. Ponder's room C11. T-shirts will be provided.

Leo Club (Gold)**Sponsor: Ms. J. Jones**

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. This club is limited to 20 students.

Perfect Pals Club (Blue)**Sponsor: Ms. Garland**

The Perfect Pals club is a peer mentoring club for students with disabilities. Peer mentors will assist with Special Olympics and other activities that take place throughout the year. They will also help our students with disabilities to integrate into the school population while learning valuable information about different disabilities.

Recycling Club (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Mr. Powell**

The Recycling Club will recycle paper, newspaper, magazines, plastic bottles and aluminum cans here at the school. We will research and learn more about recycling and educate the student body on the importance of recycling. This club will meet both weeks with a limit of 20 students for Blue week and 20 students for Gold week.

Student Council (Gold)**Sponsor: Ms. Carver**

Student Council is an elected organization. Only students who participated in elections and met requirements to serve as class officers or senators may participate in Student Council. Student Council serves to improve our school by promoting student interest and working with school administration. Student council promotes the development of leadership skills and personal growth through community service projects.

Talented 10th (Blue)**Sponsor: Coach L. Williams**

The Talented Tenth club is as a mentorship and development program with a focus on the TCCHS African American male population. Through positive communication and association with other like minded male influences, we intend to facilitate better performance and achievement outcomes. The club will host events, participate in college visits, and a number of other development initiatives to engage and grow our black male population.

Sports-Focused Clubs

Bass Fishing (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Coach T. Wilson**

The TCCHS Bass Fishing Club is built on fun and fellowship. We are dedicated to advancing the sport of bass fishing and developing young people through the sport of fishing. The club will focus on successfully selecting, rigging and fishing various bass lures; Learning about the bass habitat and how to find bass; Selecting the right fishing tackle and equipment to catch bass; Using electronics and maps to find fish; and Learning professional tips from top touring BASS & FLW Pro Anglers. We offer something for every angler. If you love to bass fish, this club is for you!

FCA (Blue and Gold)**Sponsor: Coach Henderson, Mrs. NeSmith, Mrs. Wilkes, Coach Payne, and Coach Duplantis**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a club whose mission is to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. Highlights of the year include an annual Powder Puff game, FSU Game Day, Fields of Faith, FCA summer camps for the football, boys and girls basketball, and wrestling teams, and many other volunteer opportunities in our community.

After School Clubs

The following organizations will not meet during club time, but are also available to students. Please see the teacher sponsor for meeting dates and times.

Chick-fil-A Leader Academy (See Col. McLeod for Meeting Times)**Sponsor: Col. McLeod**

The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is for students who already consider themselves to be a leader or who have a desire to become a leader. It is a year-long program for freshman through seniors that prepares students for a successful future as a dynamic leader. The program features monthly leadership labs that focus on core leadership principles and culminates in a community service impact project. Leader Academy focuses on the following leadership insights: vision and values, servant leadership, teamwork, communication, innovation, and impact. Service Learning credit will be awarded for the three community service projects scheduled during the course of the year. The program is limited to 30 students. *This group will not meet during club time, but interested students should contact Col. McLeod for more information.*

High School High Tech Program**Sponsor: Ms. Kinneer**

The goal of the Georgia High School High Tech Program is to provide information and services to students with all types of disabilities to assist them with identifying a realistic vocational goal and transitioning to post-secondary education and gainful employment. This club is available to students who qualify. Check with the club sponsor for more information.

Odyssey of the Mind**Sponsor: Ms. McMullen**

Odyssey of the Mind is the ultimate competition in creativity. It requires that students solve a problem without any assistance from teachers or parents. It involves every academic subject area. Students use language arts to write their scripts, develop characters, act out the solution, and sometimes formulate ideas based on literature they have studied. They use math skills in a number of ways, including but not limited to measuring and calculating angles on their sets and props. Science and technology are used to formulate hypotheses and to experiment with different ideas that may solve a problem; some problems require technology and science solely to solve their problem. Students also use social studies by studying and referencing history, politics, pop culture, etc. to solve their problems. In addition, all problems involve the fine arts of drawing, painting and acting. For some problems, music and dance are a required element.

Quiz Bowl**Sponsor: Ms. Ponder**

Quiz bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge, including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture. Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.