

CEDAR CLIFF HIGH SCHOOL • ALWAYS A COLT



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

2023-2024 HANDBOOK

How to become involved

Students will need to contact the advisor/coach of each club to sign up.

PLEASE NOTE: SOME ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN.

CLASS INFORMATION

CLASS OF 2024 – Senior Class

Advisor: Mrs. Karin Shaub

Asst. Advisor: TBD

Meets: As needed

CLASS OF 2025 – Junior Class

Advisor: Mr. Justin Weaver

Asst. Advisor: Ms. Whitney Sementelli

Meets: As needed

CLASS OF 2026 – Sophomore Class

Advisor: Mrs. Christina Burrows

Asst. Advisor: Mrs. Haley Haun

Meets: As needed

CLASS OF 2027 – Freshman Class

Advisor: Mrs. Kathy Young

Asst. Advisor: Miss. Melissa Bolen

Meets: As needed

ACTIVITIES

AEVIDUM

Advisor: TBD

Meets: TBD

Purpose: We are Aavidum. We create differently. We think differently. We do differently. Our mentors expect the unexpected. We are young. We are fearless. We are catalysts for positive change. We shatter. We transform. We make it alright to make it all right. Our message is loud. Our voices are louder. Our impact is loudest. Aavidum focuses on four pillars: Accept, Appreciate, Acknowledge, and Care. We strive to create a more positive school environment by using these pillars. Come join us and help spread our message! We are Aavidum, and "We've got your back".

All Things Cedar Cliff (ATCC)

Advisor: Mr. Murphy

Meets: Mostly Asynchronous/Varies

Purpose: Elevate School Spirit and student involvement through activities, challenges and entertainment. Also increase the spread of news to all in a simpler way.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Patricia Lackey

Meets: TBD

Purpose: Get involved with human rights organization to allow opportunities for students to organize, fundraise, advocate and volunteer efforts that are not always available at the high school level. This is your opportunity to expand your extracurricular profile and serve your community at the same time.

ART CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Thomas Nazario

Meets: TBD

Purpose: To further artistic growth for students.

ASL (American Sign Language)

Advisor: Mrs. Lauren Hyde

Meets: Thursdays

Purpose: To learn American Sign Language (ASL) together assisted by on-line course on StartASL.com this includes lesson and vocabulary videos and pre-planned units.

Braille Club

Advisor: Mrs. Mortelliti

Meets: Every Other Tuesday

Purpose: Teach peers about Braille. Use Braille to decode messages and look at ways to write and draw with Braille.

BRAIN BUSTERS

Advisor: Mrs. Audrey Plassio

Meets: Monday's beginning at 3PM from the middle of September through elimination. In addition, the team will travel to Lancaster for competitions.

Purpose: To prepare students for BrainBusters competitions, which occur once or twice per month until either elimination, or final round competitions in May.

CEDAR CLIFF COMPETITIVE CHEER

Advisor: Brandi Brillhart

Meets: TBD

Purpose: To provide a competitive cheerleading opportunity within CCHS which will allow interested students who tryout to attend various competition events throughout the year. Majority of the competitions are held in September/October through March/April. Fundraising opportunities will be available to cover the cost of music, entry fees and transportation.

CEDAR CLIFF FALL PLAY

Advisor: Makenzie Mettler, Mr. Topping

Meets: Rehearsals September through November during the production.

Purpose: To prepare and present a Broadway play in the fall. All students interested in performance and technical aspects (light/sound) are needed and welcome. Cast is selected by audition only for performance roles.

CEDAR CLIFF INTERFAITH ALLIANCE

Advisor: Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Reilly

Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 3pm-4pm

Purpose: To bring students together in order to understand, discuss and explore beliefs other than their own while also giving them the opportunity to share their own thoughts and beliefs. The purpose would not be to sway or change anyone's mind, instead to give everyone the opportunity to feel heard and communicate with others in a civilized fashion. To be open minded and understand that you can agree or disagree with someone's beliefs while still being willing to learn about it. Theists and Atheists are encouraged and welcome to come.

CEDAR CLIFF TRUE COLORS

Advisor: TBD

Meets: TBD

Purpose: This club is designed to create a safe space for students who identify as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender or any other non-heterosexual orientation, as well as their straight allies. This club can actively help organizations like the LGBTQ Center of Harrisburg, combat homophobia identified by the LGBTQ students, and provide a place and time to share stories and support for fellow LGB individuals. This club also provides a space for education about LGBTQ issues within the community. While the club is LGBTQ focused, straight-identifying individuals are more than welcome to attend to gain knowledge and awareness regards to LGBTQ issues.

CARA (Colts Anti-Racist Alliance)

Advisor: Mr. Dan Reilly

Meets: TBD

Purpose: CARA strives to create a school community where diverse voices feel safe, heard, and valued. We educate ourselves and other about anti-racism, participate in local activism and strive to create a school community where everyone feels like they belong.

CHESS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Dan Murphy

Meets: Tuesdays after school 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Purpose: Learn and play Chess along with a variety of board games that are available according to the students interests. All ranges of age and experience are welcome.

DEBATE

Advisor: TBD

Meets: TBD

Purpose: To teach competitive scholastic debate. To encourage able students to develop inductive and deductive reasoning and to argue affirmative and negative points effectively.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Justin Weaver

Meets: Varies, depending on student needs.

Purpose: Promote environmental awareness in the school and to learn about Pennsylvania's nature.

FICTION ADDICTION BOOK CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Kaitlyn Nye

Meets: Fridays Bi-Weekly

Purpose: To read and discuss books teenagers would enjoy reading. They will casually analyze the books they read. This club is for those who enjoy fiction novels.

FRIENDS FOREVER

Advisor: Ms. Donna Ball, Mrs. Nicole Mortelliti

Meets: Meeting every 2 weeks and special events as scheduled. Students participating in the club are asked to meet membership requirements including meeting with your buddy on a regular basis. An informational meeting for students interested joining will be held the last week of August.

Purpose: Friends Forever is an organization that works to create long lasting friends between students with intellectual, physical and social disabilities and students in the general education environment. Activities include events such as bowling, snow tubing, picnics and much more.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Fatiha Zaami

Meets: Monthly after school. Some evenings and Saturday activities.

Purpose: To foster the appreciation of the French language and culture through various activities.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders Of America)

Advisor: Mrs. Aubrey Wagner

Meets: Monthly

Purpose: Inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders in society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.

GIRL UP

Advisor: Mrs. Patricia Lackey

Meets: Thursday after school

Purpose: This club is an international organization founded by the United Nations. Girl Up clubs serve to raise money for adolescent girls, host celebrations for International Women's Day, complete club challenges and activities and plan events with other clubs in the area. Students will learn leadership skills needed to advocate for gender equality and be provided with opportunities to join National Girl Up events. The main purpose of this club is to give adolescent girls a platform for social change.

HELPING HANDS

Advisor: Mrs. Eisner (CC teacher), Mrs. Derrickson (Highland teacher)

Meets: Monday & Wednesday

Purpose: Tutor Highland Elementary School students in subjects needed.

IDYLLIC

Advisor: Mr. Thomas Nazario

Meets: Every Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm

Purpose: To create a space where individuals interested in fashion can come together to make their visions come to life. It will also give people interested in pursuing a career in the fashion industry the opportunity to build up a portfolio.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Shawna Thomas

Meets: 1-2 Times Monthly (CC & RL students)

Purpose: Promote summer educational travel as transformative and opportunity to learn and engage with other cultures, history to support student personal and academic growth. Done through ACIS also will support efforts of foreign language teaches in promoting student travel and learning inclusion will be supported with year long planning and fundraisers so that social-economic barriers to travel can be diminished. Will also engage in community outreach particularly to parents of student travels for good will and engagement.

JROTC Club

Advisor: COL Diminick, 1st SG Sullivan

Meets: Drill Team color Guard will normally meet Wednesday after school. Raider Team normally meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday before school.

Purpose: **All students who are enrolled in JROTC are eligible.** Motivate and lead young Americans to become better citizens through participation in JROTC extra-curricular activities. Color Guard and Drill Team will have opportunities to perform at school and community events as well as to compete in area meets. Raider team will prepare for area and regional meets that are normally scheduled in the spring. Additionally, all JROTC students are eligible to participate in the spring Military Ball and parades (Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.)

KEY CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Catherine Yohe, Mrs. Jennifer Higgins

Meets: 2nd (7:05 A.M.) and 4th (6:30-7:30 P.M.) Thursday of the month.

Purpose: Community service projects with emphasis on fund raising for a different organization each school year. Sponsored by Kiwanis. **KEY** stands for **Kiwanis Educating Youth**.

Mini-THON

Advisor: Mrs. Jennifer Higgins, Mrs. Meghan Cummings

Meets: Times vary according to the time of year.

Purpose: Four Diamonds mini-THON[®] is for students to be empowered as leaders in the fight to conquer cancer. Students gain skills in communication, critical thinking and problem solving, while promoting teamwork, creativity and spirit within the school. All students are invited to participate.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mr. Thomas Nazario

Meets: Monthly meetings or as needed.

Purpose: Recognition and promotion of academic art achievement and art related services at school and in the community. Requirements: 10, 11 and 12th grades, completion of Art I, overall GPA of 85+, and Art GPA of 93+.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mrs. Rebecca Hoch

Meets: First and third Tuesday mornings of each month at 7:10 A.M. Only opened to Juniors and Seniors who meet, and maintain, specific service and academic requirements.

Purpose: To recognize and promote outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service within the school, and larger community. This is a commitment of time and service and should not be regarded lightly. Applications are mailed the summer of sophomore year to students whose GPA's are at least 95%. Members are screened by a faculty advisor who reviews and verifies grades, leadership, and character requirements.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY WORLD LANGUAGE

Advisor: World Language Department

Meets: TBD

Purpose: For Students in Grades 11-12 (French, German, Spanish) recognize excellence in the study of a World Language and commitment to the study of the language of its culture. Student must have completed a **Level III or higher** course of his/her world language at the high school level. Student must be currently enrolled in a level IV or V class of that same world language. Student must currently have a 93% minimum average in the Honors level (IV or V) of the language course as well as earned at least a 93% average as the final course grade of the previous level (either III, or IV). Students must have maintained a 93% overall average at the end level IV in order to wear the honors cord at graduation. All criteria must be met and maintained. All members of a World Language Honor Society are evaluated each year to ensure that they continue to meet the grade criteria outlined above. Failure to maintain the specified grade requirements will result in dismissal from the World Language Honor Society, and the student's name will be deleted from the list of World Language Honor Society Members. The student will then be unable to include his/her membership in the World Language Honor Society on his/her college application.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Matt Uibel

Meets: Twice per month

Purpose: To create an appreciation for the components and discipline of photography through photography outings and guest speakers.

PING PONG CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Justin Phillips

Meets: Monday & Wednesday

Purpose: To let students enjoy the game of ping pong after school.

SALT AND LIGHT

Advisor: Mr. Lincoln Hokenbrough

Meets: TBD

Purpose: To reach, equip, and encourage youth in their walk with Jesus.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Advisor: Mr. Andrew Moore

Meets: TBD

Purpose: To compete in a variety of scientific categories such as food chemistry, health, science, and forensics. Some of the activities require building items while others are mainly tests. The group will compete at a regional competition in March and has the potential to move onto the state level competition. Only fifteen members are allowed to compete, but others are welcome as observers and to participate in the club itself.

SPANISH CLUB

Advisor: TBD

Meets: Monthly after school. Some evenings and Saturday activities.

Purpose: To foster the appreciation of the Spanish language and culture through various activities.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Advisor: Mr. John Cook

Meets: Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m.

Purpose: To give all students a voice in school policies. School spirit continues to be a focus, along with unifying the school community. Officers are chosen the prior school year and representatives are acquired through an election at the start of the first semester of the school year.

The Pad Project

Advisor: Mrs. Julian, Ms. Crilley

Meets: Twice a month before school in library.

Purpose: To collect donations of feminine products, (tampons and pads) also to raise money for the organization The Pad Project. This will help provide these products to women in other less fortunate countries. Donating funds to this organization would help them get access to a good education along with other aspects of the organization that are displayed on their website: thepadproject.org. The club will make carts or caddies to store the products in our school restrooms for fellow classmates.

TSA (Technology Students Association)

Advisor: Ms. Amy Dando

Meets: October through December two times per month December-February-once a week or as needed to prepare for competition.

Purpose: TSA helps students to explore, understand and use technology and to help students develop a better understanding of how to live in a technical world. The TSA offers experiences in team building, service and competition (Regional, State and National levels of competition) in over 31 different events in the areas of technology education. <http://www.tsaweb.org>

VIDEO GAME CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Haley Haun

Meets: Thursdays 2:45-4pm

Purpose: To make new friends as we play games on various console. Whether you love Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart or Indy games this club plays with multiple systems. Come out and test your gaming skills with your peers! Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic: The Gathering players are welcome as well.

WRITING CLUB

Advisor: TBD

Meets: TBD

Purpose: To share writing technique and written pieces.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Advisor: TBD

Meets: As needed

Purpose: Increase awareness of political issues and policies. Volunteer on campaigns and assist the local Democratic committee.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS

Advisor: Mr. Matt Uibel

Meets: As needed

Purpose: Increase awareness of political issues and policies. Volunteer on campaigns and assist the local Republican committee

MUSIC

CHAMBER SINGERS

Advisor: Mr. Matthew Topping

Meets: Throughout the year during flex.

Purpose: To prepare and perform a wide variety of complex choral literature suited to the chamber choir. This is an honor choir and rigorous curricular class with several rehearsals and/or performances outside of the school day required per semester. Selection to the Chamber Singers is made each Spring by audition only.

CHORALE

Advisor: Mr. Matthew Topping

Meets: Throughout the year during flex.

Purpose: To prepare and perform a wide variety of literature suited for treble voices. This is an honor choir and rigorous curricular class with several rehearsals and/or performances outside of the school day required per semester. Selection to the Chorale is made each Spring by audition only. The ability to sing in the Soprano or Alto range is a requirement for all members.

CONCERT CHOIR

Advisor: Mr. Matthew Topping

Meets: Throughout the year during flex.

Purpose: To prepare and perform a wide variety of mixed choral literature at several concerts throughout the academic year. This is a curricular class with a minimum of one rehearsal and one performance outside of the school day required per semester. The ability to match pitch and sing in tune is a requirement of all members.

MUSICAL

Advisor: Mr. Matthew Topping

Meets: Activities for the musical run year-round. The large-scale Spring show is auditioned in the fall, with rehearsals from January through mid-March concluding with four public performances.

Purpose: Presentation of a full-scale Broadway musical. There are many opportunities for students both on the stage and behind the scenes including singing, dancing, acting, stage crew, scenic design, costumes, lighting, audio, painting, and much more. The cast is selected by audition only.

Chamber Orchestra

Advisor: Ms. Morgan Hackett

Meets: October-May, after school

Purpose: To prepare and perform a higher level of repertoire arranged for string orchestra and string quartet. The ensemble rehearses and performs outside of the school day, and selection is by audition or invitation.

Orchestra

Advisor: Ms. Morgan Hackett

Meets: As scheduled

Purpose: To prepare and perform a variety of repertoire arranged for string and full orchestra. Students are expected to have some experience playing a string instrument (violin, cello, string bass) or be willing to take lessons outside of the school day.

CONCERT BAND

Advisor: Mr. Donovan Donnelly

Meets: As scheduled

Purpose: To prepare and perform a variety of level appropriate repertoire for symphonic band. This band is geared toward 10-12th graders and typically performs two concerts a year.

INDOOR PERCUSSION

Advisor: Mr. George Clements/Mr. Dimitri Saliaris

Meets: November-May, TBD

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for interested students to learn and perform percussion ensemble techniques and music and perform competitively.

JAZZ ENSEMBLES

Advisor: Mr. George Clements

Meets: November – May, TBD

Purpose: To provide an outlet for students interested in learning about and performing Jazz. Selection for jazz ensembles is by audition.

MARCHING BAND

Advisor: Mr. Rob Starrett

Meets: August – November, Performances Fri/Sat

Purpose: To provide competitive performance and learning opportunities incorporating music and movement. Introductory rehearsals begin at the end of each preceding school year.

WIND ENSEMBLE

Advisor: Mr. George Clements

Meets: As scheduled.

Purpose: To prepare and perform a variety of repertoire for symphonic band to an advanced level of proficiency and musicality. This ensemble performs outside of the school day multiple times a year. Selection for wind ensemble is by audition only.

INDOOR GUARD

Advisor: Ms. Aylin Vural

Meets: November – April, TBD

Purpose: To provide an outlet for students interested in color guard (silks, rifles, sabers, etc.) with the opportunity to learn and perform competitively during the winter months.

ATHLETICS

BOWLING CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Robin Adams FV/FC (can be reached at radams@wssd.k12.pa.us)

Meets: Contact advisor. Meets for practices and games.

Purpose: Bowling League – This club is a competitive league for those who enjoy Bowling.

E-SPORTS

Advisor: Mrs. Haley Haun

Meets: Practices are TBD, Overwatch games are Thursdays and League of Legends games are Wednesdays.

Purpose: Cedar Cliff's e-Sports team participates in the NASEF league. There are 2 seasons in which we compete using high quality e-Sport computers. Overwatch is the Fall season which runs September until November. League of Legends is the Winter season which runs December- March. Our goal is to form a team, gain valuable 21st century skills, compete against other High School teams, get coached by a semi-professional, and increase student engagement! Both seasons do have play-offs based on our competitive score.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Soccer – Boys
Soccer – Girls
Tennis – Girls
Volleyball – Girls

COACH

Miss. Brandi Brillhart
Mr. Jason Yinger
Mr. Justin Weaver
Mr. Colin Gillen
Mr. Scott Lackey
Mr. Noah Whelan
Mr. Nick Hammaker
Mrs. Kaitlyn Nye
Mrs. Anne McGinnis

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball - Boys
Basketball – Girls
Swimming – Boys and Girls
Wrestling

COACH

Mr. Kevin Rutherford
Mr. Scott Weyant
Mr. Joseph Chubb
Mr. Rick Tamanosky

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Lacrosse – Boys
Lacrosse – Girls
Softball
Tennis- Boys
Track – Boys
Track – Girls
Volleyball – Boys

COACH

Mr. Justin Secret
Mr. Kyle Gettz
Ms. Whitney Sementelli
TBD
COL Joseph Diminick
TBD
Mr. Brian Osborne
Mr. Matt Uibel