



# Chart Your Course

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**School Store:** (Mr. Bender, [dbender@trschoools.com](mailto:dbender@trschoools.com)) The school store is located outside the Gold Cafeteria. It is open during all lunch periods. Students are encouraged to become School Store helpers. Students who volunteer their time to work at the store during their lunch will earn community service hours.

**Writing Center:** (Ms. Keeton, [skeeton@trschoools.com](mailto:skeeton@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Joice, [njoyce@trschoools.com](mailto:njoyce@trschoools.com)) the center is located in the North Media Center and is open for students every day. We provide a free one-on-one tutoring service for all North students. Students that come to the Writing Center can work with a tutor on just about anything writing-related. We can help with lab reports and science projects, history essays and research papers, open-ended Math responses, and of course, English essays! Check out our E-board: WritingCenter

**Captain's Crew:** (Mr. McCutcheon, [jmccutcheon@trschoools.com](mailto:jmccutcheon@trschoools.com)) The Captain's Crew is a leadership and service organization at North. The members periodically serve as hosts for after school, evening, weekend, and summer activities as Mr. Keller's representatives. The Captain's Crew is also involved in school spirit activities and events at the Pine Belt Arena. Students may begin to apply at the end of their freshman year. Applications are available in the main office or in F-106.

**Class of 2016 (Seniors):** (Mrs. Eckert, [keckert@trschoools.com](mailto:keckert@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Greenhouse, [agreenhouse@trschoools.com](mailto:agreenhouse@trschoools.com)) We are a group of kids who meet to plan exciting events for the Class of 2016. We are solely in charge of raising money for the senior prom. All of our efforts with fundraising go towards making our senior year awesome. We are always looking for enthusiastic kids to help out. We need people who are creative and have great ideas to help our class be the best that it can be.

**Class of 2017 (Juniors):** (Ms. Mackin, [vmackin@trschoools.com](mailto:vmackin@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Oleksey, [doleksy@trschoools.com](mailto:doleksy@trschoools.com)) We are really looking forward to an awesome two years at North. We need people to get involved so that we can create a ton of memories and raise lots of money for our proms. This year we already have lots of events planned, so get involved!

**Class of 2018 (Sophomores):** (Ms. Burgess, [aburgess@trschoools.com](mailto:aburgess@trschoools.com) and Mr. Seiverd, [kseiverd@trschoools.com](mailto:kseiverd@trschoools.com)) We are looking forward to an awesome three years at North. We need people to get involved so that we can create a ton of memories and raise lots of money for our proms. This year we already have lots of events planned, so get involved!!

**Class of 2019 (Freshmen):** (Mrs. Albanese, [ralbanese@trschoools.com](mailto:ralbanese@trschoools.com) and Ms. Crystal Swancey, [cswancey@trschoools.com](mailto:cswancey@trschoools.com)) We are looking for motivated students who want to plan fundraisers and events to help raise money for prom. We have so much planned and it is going to be a lot of fun. This is a great club to get involved with.

## **Academic Clubs**

**Authentic Science Research:** (Mrs. Dixon, [pdixon@trschoools.com](mailto:pdixon@trschoools.com))

**Biology League I, Biology II:** (Mrs. Quinn, [jquinn@trschoools.com](mailto:jquinn@trschoools.com))

**Chemistry League I:** ( Mr. Baumgart, [rbaumgart@trschoools.com](mailto:rbaumgart@trschoools.com))

**Chemistry League II:** ( Mrs. Newman, [mnewman@trschoools.com](mailto:mnewman@trschoools.com))

**Earth Science League:** ( Ms. Burgess, [aburgess@trschoools.com](mailto:aburgess@trschoools.com))

**Mathmatics League:** (Mrs. Cubberly, [scubberly@trschoools.com](mailto:scubberly@trschoools.com))

**Physics League:** ( Mr. Manolio, [cmanolio@trschoools.com](mailto:cmanolio@trschoools.com))

## **Clubs**

**Anime:** (Mr. Patten, [jpatten@trschoools.com](mailto:jpatten@trschoools.com)) Anime Club meets weekly to view the Japanese art form commonly known as “anime”. Club members also share their love of Japanese literature known as “manga”. We collaborate with the Ocean County Library on a yearly “Anime Night” that is hosted by a celebrity from a current anime release. We have parties that include “cos play”, auctions, video game competitions, and authentic Japanese snacks! Everyone is welcome to join. All you have to do is show up to a scheduled meeting.

**Book Club:** (Mrs. Vargas, [mvargas@trschoools.com](mailto:mvargas@trschoools.com)) we are a group of students who love to read for pleasure. Our plan is to meet and decide on one book to read a month. We will choose the book and borrow it from the library. We will distribute discussion questions and other important points for each student to think about while reading their book. Then we will meet again in two weeks to discuss the book as a group.

**Buddy Club:** (Mrs. Orbin, [korbin@trschoools.com](mailto:korbin@trschoools.com)) Buddy Club is for all TRN students! We meet monthly for socialization between our regular education students and our life skills students. Activities include karaoke, Bingo, board games, crafts, dance, and more! This is a great opportunity to become involved in a club that recognizes and celebrates North’s diverse population!

**Be Your Own Person (BYOP):** (Ms. Ridley, [mridley@trschoools.com](mailto:mridley@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Costanza, [tcostanza@trschoools.com](mailto:tcostanza@trschoools.com))

**Challenger League:** (Mrs. Maier, [rmaier@trschoools.com](mailto:rmaier@trschoools.com))

**Color Guard:** (Mr. Powers, [gpowers@trschoools.com](mailto:gpowers@trschoools.com)) The Toms River North Mighty Marching Mariners is looking for new members. Anyone can join as long as you can make practice times. We are a team sport that performs during the football games as well as competes in competitions year round both indoor and outdoor. The guard is composed of Dance Line, Rifles, Color Line, and Flags.

**F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America):** (Mr. Press, [wpress2@trschoools.com](mailto:wpress2@trschoools.com)) We compete against other schools in New Jersey in business related topics. There are two competitions. The first one is in January. The second one is an overnight trip in March. We plan on meeting the second week in September.

**Fishing Club:** (Mr. Vernachio, [bvernachio@trschoools.com](mailto:bvernachio@trschoools.com)) This club will allow students with an interest in fishing and the outdoors to convene, share information, social interactions and learn the components of this hobby. The club will look at fishing in its entirety with respect to opportunities that are available or are physically possible for a student that attends Toms River North High School. This includes, but not limited to saltwater opportunities like: surf fishing, ocean fishing, and estuarine fishing, or freshwater opportunities like bass fishing, trout fishing or fly fishing in some way. Besides learning the craft of fishing through sharing and guest speakers, we will have several field trips outside of school hours to put what we learned to use.

**Forensics Science Club:** (Mr. Gelnaw, [jgelnow@trschoools.com](mailto:jgelnow@trschoools.com) )

**French Club:** (Mrs. Welsh, [jwelsh@trschoools.com](mailto:jwelsh@trschoools.com)) French Club is for anyone interested in French Culture and Language. We will watch French movies; celebrate French Holidays, such as Mardi Gras, La Fete des Rois, etc.

**Gamers Club:** (Mrs. Burns-Dyson, [jburnsdyson@trschoools.com](mailto:jburnsdyson@trschoools.com) )

**Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA):** (Mr. Patton, [jpatton@trschoools.com](mailto:jpatton@trschoools.com)) The GSA encourages acceptance, promotes pride in the community and creates a safe environment for all students. We address the isolation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth, break down the silence they live in and give them a forum for discussion about issues of sexuality and safety. We are a place of support, respect, pride and safety, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity through education, support, social action and advocacy.

**German Club:** (Mr. Brunner, [ebrunner@trschoools.com](mailto:ebrunner@trschoools.com)) The German Club at HSN is an informal club that explores all topics that concern Germany and the German language. The club is run in English to accommodate non German-speaking participants. Usually one member will prepare a topic or the teacher will have a presentation prepared. We meet every two weeks or so. If you are interested in German culture, history, or the language, this is the club for you.

**Garden Club:** (Steve Muller, [smuller@trschoools.com](mailto:smuller@trschoools.com)) Garden Club operates and maintains the school greenhouse and several of its courtyards. This club is perfect for anyone who loves the outdoors and wants to have a hand in making our campus more beautiful.

**Knitting Club:** (Ms. Wright, [mwright@trschoools.com](mailto:mwright@trschoools.com)) We meet often at TRN. We have a great time knitting and chatting. Members can have experience or not. We are always looking for new people to join!

**Magic Club:** (Mr. Vernachio, [bvernachio@trschoools.com](mailto:bvernachio@trschoools.com)) Wow! How did he do that? Ever wonder how a magician can make things appear and disappear before your eyes. Have you watched magicians like Criss Angel or David Blaine in awe. Then this club is for you. Our afternoons will be spent "sessioning" like professional magicians. In these sharing and sessions you will see and learn some great magic. And with some practice you will be well on your way to entertaining family and friends. We will also share our magical prowess with children from local hospitals and community centers to brighten their days.

**Mariner Maniacs:** (Mrs. Muller, [kmuller@trschoools.com](mailto:kmuller@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Riccardi [mriccardi@trschoools.com](mailto:mriccardi@trschoools.com)) We are the fan club. Our job is to go around and cause a ruckus at as many sporting events as we can get to. We do cheers, dress alike, make posters, and just have a great time supporting Toms River High School North.

**Math Club:** (Ms. Diessner, [sdiessner@trschoools.com](mailto:sdiessner@trschoools.com)) Anyone interested in mathematics may join. We go over to High School East and have an individual and a group competition followed by juice and cookies.

**Medical Club:** (Mrs. Newman, [mnewman@trschoools.com](mailto:mnewman@trschoools.com)) Each year the club takes on the objective of its members. Members are interested in a career in the medical field usually. Members give presentations on medical topics; guest speakers are invited to present; members discuss pertinent topics. The club is as active as its members make it. We meet monthly.

**Military Club:** (Mrs. Stolz) Military Club allows students with an interest in serving our country to learn about life in the military, practice drills and ceremonies, patriotism, confidence and unity. We attend ceremonies throughout the community and school. [dstolz@trschoools.com](mailto:dstolz@trschoools.com)

**Multicultural Club:** (Mrs. Clendenin, [iclendenin@trschoools.com](mailto:iclendenin@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Vargas, [mvgargas@trschoools.com](mailto:mvgargas@trschoools.com)) The Multicultural Club serves to celebrate the diversity that exists at High School North. Through several annual activities, we present what is best about the different cultures that our students represent. These activities include a major fund raising event, a Saturday Afternoon of Entertainment for the residents of the Children's Specialized Hospital, a Spring Fling Senior Citizen Prom, Senior Citizen Teas- held once a month throughout the year, and teaching the 1<sup>st</sup> &/or 2<sup>nd</sup> grader students of Walnut St. Elementary School how to sing *Head, Shoulder, Knees, and Toes* in various languages. Since we work with the Care Givers Volunteers on several of our projects and they present recognition awards to students whose volunteer efforts demonstrate excellence and commitment. Last year, the Multicultural Club also participated in the Princeton Prize for Race Relations and is presently developing activities that will reflect the goals of serving the needs of our racially diverse community.

**National Art Honor Society (NAHS):** (Mrs. Girard, [ugirard@trschoools.com](mailto:ugirard@trschoools.com) )

**Nautical Star Theatre Company:** (Mrs. Little, [clittle@trschoools.com](mailto:clittle@trschoools.com) )  
<http://nauticalstartheatre.webs.com/>

~ **Fall Play:** The Fall Play is currently a festival of one act performances. It will integrate the use of both cast and crew to produce an entertaining evening of shows. (Mr. Guadagnino, [rquadagnino@trschoools.com](mailto:rquadagnino@trschoools.com)) <http://trnfallplay.webs.com/>

~ **Forensics:** The Toms River High School North Forensics Team is a competitive acting team who competes against other teams in the state of New Jersey. The team was initiated in the Spring of 2003 and has been going strong ever since. Members compete in: comedic monologue, dramatic monologue, comedic pairs, dramatic pairs, persuasive speaking, prose interpretation, poetry interpretation, impromptu speaking, improvisational pairs and more.  
<http://www.freewebs.com/forensicate/>

~ **Musical:** The Toms River High School North Musical has a long-standing tradition of putting on awesome shows. Musical rehearsals begin in October, usually ending with a January show date. We practice every day and have practices on the four Saturdays before the show weekend. We look for actors and actresses of course, but also dancers. Dancers are able to be in the show without needing to have any singing or acting ability at all. We also look for crew people (lights, building, set painting, stage crew, etc.) <http://www.freewebs.com/trnmusical/>

~ **Spring Play:** The Toms River High School North Spring theatre program takes place after the musical. Initiatives vary. In the Spring of 2009, a Night of One Acts was produced. Students played various roles in eleven different, brief plays. In the Spring of 2010, we produced *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, followed by *30 Reasons Not To Be In a Play* in 2011 and *Debacle* in 2012. (Mr. Reynolds, [creynolds@trschoools.com](mailto:creynolds@trschoools.com)) <http://trnspringplay.webs.com>

**PAWS:** (Mrs. Welsh, [jwelsh@trschoools.com](mailto:jwelsh@trschoools.com)) PAWS stands for Promoting Animal Welfare Society. We raise money to donate to various animal welfare organizations. We also bring in speakers from local animal rescue

groups to educate the members about important animal welfare issues. When possible, we also attend functions sponsored by local animal rescue groups.

**Peer Leadership:** (Mrs. Riccardi, [mriccardi@trschoools.com](mailto:mriccardi@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Stolz, [dstolz@trschoools.com](mailto:dstolz@trschoools.com))

In meeting once a week we will focus on conflict management. Advisors mediate and try to steer everyone in the right direction. At the end we open up the floor to anyone who has specific problems or concerns they want to talk about. The whole club is centered around self-improvement. We try and help everyone to make better decisions and teach everyone healthy ways to deal with everyday problems. Not everyone has problems they want to talk about, and that's fine too, they can just come and listen and help others. Most importantly, anything they say in that room is confidential, and in the club's 20 years existence, there has never been a problem with that. Also, we pick a charity each year that we will help by fundraising for them. I feel this help them get a little perspective and helps everyone to feel good about themselves.

**Polaris:** (Mr. Domino, [adomino@trschoools.com](mailto:adomino@trschoools.com)) Polaris is the art and literature magazine of North. It features original artwork, poetry, short stories and photography from the student body of North. Any student may join Polaris, although you do not need to be a member to submit work. The student based staff of Polaris selects the best submissions, and they are published in the Polaris magazine, which is released in June. A strong art and writing is suggested for any student who wishes to join the staff. [www.freewebs.com/trnpolaris](http://www.freewebs.com/trnpolaris)

**Rock Band:** (Mr. Grill, [jgrill@trschoools.com](mailto:jgrill@trschoools.com) )

**SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions:** (Mr. Patten, [jpatten@trschoools.com](mailto:jpatten@trschoools.com) )

**Science League:** (Mrs. Newman, [mnewman@trschoools.com](mailto:mnewman@trschoools.com)) Compete during 4 competitions with between 50 and 150 schools in the state depending on subject area. Each competitor takes a multiple choice test and the final score for each school is based on the results of the multiple choice tests. This is a highly competitive exam. Lots of fun and a real challenge to prepare and get ready for the tests. Students are selected to this program by the board of club advisors. The first selection for students is the first week of January.

**Ski Club:** (Mr. Morley, [cmorley@trschoools.com](mailto:cmorley@trschoools.com)) Ski club is for Boarders and Skiers of various abilities to spend time with their friends on the slopes. There are six day trips and an overnight trip scheduled for the season. The trips are usually to different mountains to offer a variety of terrain. November 1 is the first trip sign up.

**Spanish Club:** (Mrs. Hyatt, [vhyatt@trschoools.com](mailto:vhyatt@trschoools.com)) The purpose of the Spanish club is to provide members extra opportunities to improve Spanish language skills in a fun way and to increase their knowledge of the Spanish speaking world. We do this through games, movies, music, crafts, tasting new foods, trips to restaurants, and other activities.

**Club Vent:** (Mrs Riccardi, [mriccardi@trschoools.com](mailto:mriccardi@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Brooks, [mbrooks@trschoools.com](mailto:mbrooks@trschoools.com) )

**Walkers Club:** (Mrs. Dowd, [ldowd@trschoools.com](mailto:ldowd@trschoools.com)) We meet after school and decide what charities and events we would like to participate in, we fundraise money throughout the year, and we go to charity events during the fall and spring months. We participate in beach sweeps, walks, and other fundraising events.

## **Community Service Based Clubs**

**Community Service Leaders**-(Mr. Morley, [cmorley@trschoools.com](mailto:cmorley@trschoools.com))

**Green Team:** (Mr. Gilman, [agilman@trschoools.com](mailto:agilman@trschoools.com))

**Interact:** (Mrs. Muller, [kmuller@trschoools.com](mailto:kmuller@trschoools.com)) Interact is a service based club, both local and international, which is affiliated with the Rotary International. We help our local community and our international community by sending care packages and monetary aide. Many of our initiatives will give students an opportunity to gain community service hours. After completing a required list of events and meetings logged, members will receive a pin indicating that the student is a part of the Rotary International.

**Key Club:** (Mr. Morley, [cmorley@trschoools.com](mailto:cmorley@trschoools.com)) Key club is the oldest student based community service organization in the world. We here at North donate time and money to organizations such as The Children's Specialized Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes, American Cancer Society, and many other local charities.

**Student Council:** (Ms. Caulfield, [acaulfield@trschoools.com](mailto:acaulfield@trschoools.com) and Mrs. Coe, [kcoe@trschoools.com](mailto:kcoe@trschoools.com)) Student Council is a representative structure for students through which they can become involved in the affairs of the school, for the benefit of the school, our community and its students. Members learn skills that are an extension of their formal education. Student Council provides students with opportunities to earn community service hours. All students, in good standing with the school, are welcome at the general meetings. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month. Officers are elected each spring for the following year.

**TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More):** (Mr. Patten, [jpatten@trschoools.com](mailto:jpatten@trschoools.com)) We are a peer education group. We make presentations to fourth and fifth grade students in the Toms River district. We educate them on many topics including self esteem, decision making, and team building. Students are required to get 14 hours of community service once they join. They can do this by covering elementary school PTO events, school events, etc. At the end of the year, 12 scholarships are distributed to graduating seniors. In exchange for student's commitment to program, there are many trips taken throughout the year, like trips to Broadway, Dorney Park, Medieval Times, Fun Nights in the Bubble and other special events. Students can join at the end of every year.

## **Community Service Based Honor Organizations**

**International Thespian Society:** (Mrs. Little, [clittle@trschoools.com](mailto:clittle@trschoools.com), Ms. Swancey, [cswancey@trschoools.com](mailto:cswancey@trschoools.com)) The Toms River High School North chapter of the International Thespian Society began in 2009-2010. The International Thespian Society is a theatre honor society. It is a group of students who have a love of all aspects of theatre. For every theatre opportunity that they participate in, they earn points towards their membership. A member must have a minimum of 12 points to join the club, a 3.8 cumulative grade point average, and a minimum of 10 community service hours. They must also have an administrator sign off on their application along with 4 teachers, 3 academic and 1 elective. They must also complete an essay about why they would be an asset to the organization. During the school year the Thespians participate in an overwhelming number of community service projects including a traveling theatre, community events, and Trick-or-Treat So Kids Can Eat. <http://trnthespians.webs.com/>

**National Honor Society:** (Mr. Schneider, [lschneider@trschoools.com](mailto:lschneider@trschoools.com)) NHS members are selected by application only. Applicants must meet the academic requirements and the community service requirements. During the year, NHS plans Battle of the Bands, The Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the holiday Toy Drive.

## **Teams**

**Chess Team:** (Mr. Dispensiere, [adispensiere@trschoools.com](mailto:adispensiere@trschoools.com)) The TRN Chess Club is a place where students of any ability can come and play chess. As the winter season approaches, some of the more competitive players often opt to join the chess team which competes in the Shore Chess League. Chess Club continues throughout the year.

**N' Step:** (Ms. Palumbo, [apalumbo@trschoools.com](mailto:apalumbo@trschoools.com)) N' Step is a group of students, primarily girls, who are outspoken and boisterous. They enjoy dancing and stepping. They perform at the seasonal pep rallies and during basketball halftimes. The students create their own routines which include a mix of step and hip hop dancing.

## **Classes**

**Chorus:** (Mr. Loeffler, [cloeffler@trschoools.com](mailto:cloeffler@trschoools.com)) The Chorus is a great class for anyone who loves music and wants to become a better singer. We sing in various competitions throughout the year and share our talents with the community. We also have choral concerts twice a year.

**Mighty Marching Mariner Band:** (Mr. Powers, [gpowers@trschoools.com](mailto:gpowers@trschoools.com)) Band meets every day period 8. We also meet after school and at night for practices. We go to every home and away football game and every year we take an overnight Band Trip. We work very hard over the summer to prepare our field show for the upcoming year. We also march in various parades in the local area.

**The Captain's Log Newspaper:** (Mrs. Dougherty, [hdougherty@trschoools.com](mailto:hdougherty@trschoools.com)) Anyone is welcome to submit an article to the school newspaper, even if they are not in the class/club. See the club advisor to participate.

**Orchestra:** (Mrs. DeGoey, [sdegoey@trschoools.com](mailto:sdegoey@trschoools.com)) Orchestra is a class that meets every day. We perform in concerts over the course of the year including our annual Halloween Concert which is free to our audience and involves trick-or-treating for young children throughout the halls of North.

**Treasure Chest Yearbook:** (Mr. McGovern, [jmcgovern1@trschoools.com](mailto:jmcgovern1@trschoools.com), Mrs. Little, [clittle@trschoools.com](mailto:clittle@trschoools.com)) Students who wish to be a part of the yearbook must fill out an application in the Guidance office.