

Chart Your Course

Student Activities

Toms River High School North

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Class committees and advisors

Every class here at North has a dedicated committee of students who work towards making their class' time here as memorable and fun as can be. This group of students plan class activities, fundraisers, proms and events while working closely with their class advisors. If you'd like to get involved in your class, get in touch with your class advisor!

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Student Life Clubs and Activities

School Store: (Mr. DeRiggi mderiggi4@trschoools.com) The school store is located in D Wing, across from our Guidance offices and next to the Blue Cafeteria. It is open during all lunch periods. Students are encouraged to become School Store helpers and can earn community service hours by working the store during lunch periods.

Writing Center: (Mr. Pape mpape@trschoools.com) The center is open every day and is located in the Media Center. We provide a free, one on one tutoring service for all North students. Just come to the center to get help on any writing assignment for any class: lab reports, science projects, English essays, research papers, open ended math responses. . . anything writing related!

Captain's Crew: (Mr. McCutcheon jmccutcheon@trschoools.com) The Captain's Crew is a leadership and service organization here at North. The members often serve as hosts for after school, evening and weekend 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 apply to work on the Crew at the end of their freshman year.

Anime Club: (Mr. Patten 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 OC Library on an annual Anime Night that is hosted by a celebrity in the anime world. We have parties that include cosplay, auctions, video game competitions and authentic Japanese snacks. Just show up to join!

Bible Studies Club: (Mrs. Plewik-Rodriguez mrodriguez@trschoools.com)

Bible Study Club meets every Tuesday. A weekly scripture is read, discussed in detail, students discover secrets of the Bible, historical findings, all while getting inspired, encouraged, and in some cases comforted. The Bible Club also has a link for students in Google Classroom. The online club gives students who are busy with after school activities a chance to join in on the conversation. Students can sign on by entering in the code **47pd1gg**.

The club does not serve as an advertisement for any religious denomination.

Book Club: (Ms. Ivarson kivarson@trschoools.com) Students who share a love of reading meet to discuss a different book each month. Titles for discussion are chosen by the membership and provided by our Teen Librarian Liaison from the Ocean County Library. This club meets after school on the second Thursday of each month, from September until May. New members are always welcome.

Buddy Club: (Mr. Krok jkrok@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!

Challenger League (Mrs. Maier rmaier@trschoools.com) Challenger League provides students the opportunity to work with our Special Needs community here at North and participate in various sports while earning community service hours.

Chess Club (Mr. Dispensiere adispensiere@trschoools.com) Toms River North's Chess Club is a welcoming place where anyone who wants to relax and have a friendly game of chess can participate. Beginning players are always welcome. The Chess Club meets every Tuesday throughout the school year.

Color Guard: (Mr. Powers 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.

Democratic Club (Mr. Patten jpatten@trschoools.com) Come join the North Democrats as we get involved in and learn about our nation's political landscape!

F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America): (Ms. Tesoro jtesoro@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. Morley cmorley@trschoools.com) The purpose of the Fishing Club is to promote the benefits of fishing, the outdoors, as well as conservation and preservation of these natural resources. The Club is open to all HS North students.

French Club/ French Honor Society: (Mrs. Welsh jwelsh@trschoools.com & Mrs. Korb skorb@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 Fête des Rois, etc.

Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA): (Mr. Patten jpatten@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) 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: (Mr. Muller 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.

History Club: (Mr. Fazzini dfazzini@trschoools.com & Ms. Douress bdouress@trschoools.com) History club meets once a month to look into the past. We have guest speakers come in to enlighten us about their specific expertise or experience of a historical event. We also go on trips to places such as Washington DC, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Come learn about the past so we can change the future.

Mariner Maniacs: (Mrs. Muller kmuller@trschoools.com , Ms. Douress bdouress@trschoools.com & Mr. Muller smuller@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: (Mrs. Cubberly scubberly@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) 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 dstolz@trschoools.com) The Military Club allows students with an interest in serving our country to learn about life in the military, practice drills, ceremonies, patriotism, confidence and unity. We attend ceremonies throughout the school and community.

Nautical Star Theatre Company:

~ **Musical:** (Mrs. Little, clittle@trschoools.com and Ms. Huey jhuey@trschoools.com) 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 or February 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.)

PAWS: (Mrs. Welsh 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.

Photography: (Mr. Brunner ebrunner@trschoools.com) Come study and learn about the fine art of photography!

Polaris: (Mr. Domino 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 background is suggested for any student who wishes to join the staff.

Republican Club (Mr. Patten jpatten@trschoools.com) Come join the North Republicans as we get involved in and learn about our nation's political landscape!

Robotics Club (Mr. Seiverd kseiverd@trschoools.com & Ms. Rapolla nrapolla@trschools.com) Interested in designing a customized robot? Join Ironmariners and become part of a select group of students that participate in the FTC robotics competition.

Roots and Shoots (Mr. Seiverd kseiverd@trschoools.com) Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's (JGI) global youth-led community action program, comprised of thousands of young people inspired by Dr. Jane Goodall to make the world a better place. The program builds on the legacy and vision of Dr. Jane Goodall to place the power and resources for creating practical solutions to big challenges in the hands of the young people.

Sign Language Club: (Ms. Towery gtowery@trschoools.com) The Sign Language Club provides an opportunity for all students to learn sign language and about the Deaf Community in a fun and exciting environment. The club is a place for newbies and experienced signers to learn, socialize, and have fun by attending monthly meetings. Conversational sign language, songs in ASL, information about the Deaf community and culture, will all be explored.

Spanish Club: (Mrs. Gural agural@trschoools.com, & Ms. Simons ksimons@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.

Student Council: (Ms. Caulfield caulfield@trschoools.com & Mrs. Coe 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) 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.

Walkers Club: (Mrs. Stolz dstolz@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 Clubs

Community Service Leaders (CSL) (Mr. Morley cmorley@trschoools.com)

Community Service Leaders is a community service club. We are a student run/student led group whose main focus is on local charities and organizations. CSL is a way to help our community, and earn volunteer hours.

Green Team (Mr. Gilman agilman@trschoools.com)

Green Team = "We Belong to the Earth. The Earth does NOT Belong to Us." We learn the facts about global warming - what is causing it, why it is getting worse and will continue to get worse, and what we can do about it. Which is where the Green Team comes in. Our primary function is to collect the recycling. But we also do what we can to raise awareness to the problem of global warming, and the need to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We keep up-to-date with new data and new actions around the world.

Interact Club (Mrs. Muller kmuller@trschoools.com) is a service based club, both local and international that is affiliated with Rotary International. We help our local community and our international community by sending care packages and monetary aid. Many of our initiatives give North students a chance to earn volunteer hours. After completing a required number of events, students will receive a pin indicating membership in Rotary International.

Key Club (Mr. Morley cmorley@trschoools.com) Key Club International, (Kiwanis Empowering Youth) founded in 1925, is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. Often referred to as simply Key Club, it is a student-led organization whose goal is to encourage leadership through serving others. We here at North donate our time and money to organizations such as Children's Specialized Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes and the American Cancer Society.

International Thespian Society: (Mrs. Little clittle@trschoools.com and Ms. Huey jhuey@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 community events and Trick-or-Treat So Kids Can Eat.

National Honor Society: (Mr. Smith (bcsmith@trschoools.com) & Mrs. Snowden (psnowden@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 North's Got Talent, The Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the holiday Toy Drive.

Teams

Chess Team / Club: (Mr. Dispensiere (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. Politano (jpolitano@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

Authentic Science Research: (Mrs. Girtain (cgirtain@trschoools.com)) ASR is a three year program in which North students are paired with a University mentor to complete a complex research based science project.

Chorus: (Mr. Loeffler (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)) 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)) 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)) 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: (Mrs. Macnab smacnab@trschoools.com , Mrs. DeRiggi lderiggi@trschoools.com , & Mrs. Oleksy doleksy@trschoools.com) Yearbook is a class that takes the place of a study hall. Students work hard throughout the year by creating yearbook layouts and pages in our online yearbook program, deciding and incorporating the theme of the yearbook throughout the entire book, taking pictures at school events and much more. To join yearbook have a say in completely customizing YOUR book, please see your guidance counselor for details.