

# CLUBS @ SHS!

**Best Buddies** - Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Scarfo [mfish@southingtonschools.org](mailto:mfish@southingtonschools.org), [dscarfo@southingtonschools.org](mailto:dscarfo@southingtonschools.org)

The Best Buddies Program mission statement is: To enhance lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated enjoyment. Best Buddies is a friendship club. Students with disabilities are often left out because of their disability. In this club you will help to make a difference in someone's life just by being a friend.

**Book Clubs** - Ms. Fenton, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Simpson [kfenton@southingtonschools.org](mailto:kfenton@southingtonschools.org), [jpaul@southingtonschools.org](mailto:jpaul@southingtonschools.org), [ssimpson@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ssimpson@southingtonschools.org)

Love to read? Either join an existing club or start your own! You may even enjoy participating in a virtual book club experience with students from another school. See Mrs. Paul or Mrs. Simpson to join.

**Capital Area Math League** - Mrs. S. Hart [shart@southingtonschools.org](mailto:shart@southingtonschools.org)

Students from any level in math are welcome! We learn Math that is not usually taught in the classroom and travel to 6 different high schools in the area for competitive meets. Whether you score high or low, we always have fun!

**Chronicle, Yearbook** - Ms. Patterson [spatterson@southingtonschools.org](mailto:spatterson@southingtonschools.org)

Chronicle staff creates the entire yearbook with Lifetouch Publishing. Students are involved in all aspects of creation from graphic design and layout to writing, photography, editing, and more. Yearbook is a 'varsity sport' that can be listed on a resume or included in a portfolio. All work is done online and in collaboration with the advisor. Meetings are on Thursdays after school with flexible check-in.

**Coffee House** - Mrs. Jenkinson [pjenkinson@southingtonschools.org](mailto:pjenkinson@southingtonschools.org)

A student run performance put on one to three times a year in the auditorium featuring various musical and artistic acts.

**DECA** - Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Spinello [tbrooks@southingtonschools.org](mailto:tbrooks@southingtonschools.org), [sspinello@southingtonschools.org](mailto:sspinello@southingtonschools.org)

DECA is a student organization opened to any SHS student who has a career interest in marketing, management, or entrepreneurship. It prepares students to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders. Activities include state and national competitions, field trips, community service, operation of the school store, and social events.

**Drama Club** - Mrs. Bunel, Mrs. Reitsma [abunel@southingtonschools.org](mailto:abunel@southingtonschools.org), [sreitsma@southingtonschools.org](mailto:sreitsma@southingtonschools.org),

The Drama Club puts on two productions a year. The Fall production is a play and the Spring show is a musical. All students are welcomed and are encouraged to participate in all facets of play production.

**Emblem** - Ms. Haynes [thaynes@southingtonschools.org](mailto:thaynes@southingtonschools.org)

Emblem is the SHS school newspaper. Articles are published online at <https://shsemblem.wordpress.com>. Students are needed to write articles, take pictures, and create video broadcasts. We meet bi-monthly after school.

**Environmental Club** - Mrs. O'Brien [dobrien@southingtonschools.org](mailto:dobrien@southingtonschools.org)

Environmental Club is designed for students who have an appreciation of the outdoors and a concern for its well being. Environmental issues, places, and topics of interest will be explored. We meet Fridays at 2:15 in room C341.

**Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)** - Mrs. Osborn [mosborn@southingtonschools.org](mailto:mosborn@southingtonschools.org)

Activities evolve around school and community service. Members have a chance to interact with clubs throughout the state and travel to other states' leadership conferences. A variety of activities are held throughout the school year and holidays.

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** - Ms. Davey [cdavey@southingtonschools.org](mailto:cdavey@southingtonschools.org)

FBLA is a national organization for students in grades 7-12 interested in business related careers. Opportunities for students to develop vocational and career supportive competencies in areas such as: leadership skills, human relations skills, cooperative manners and etiquette, self confidence, responsibility, image awareness, motivation, and enthusiasm.

**Future Farmers of America (FFA)** - Mrs. DiGioia, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. O'Keefe, Ms. Shields, Mrs. Stannard [ddigioia@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ddigioia@southingtonschools.org), [omclaughlin@southingtonschools.org](mailto:omclaughlin@southingtonschools.org), [pokeefe@southingtonschools.org](mailto:pokeefe@southingtonschools.org), [jshields@southingtonschools.org](mailto:jshields@southingtonschools.org), [mstannard@southingtonschools.org](mailto:mstannard@southingtonschools.org)

The FFA organization provides leadership development for students enrolled in agricultural science. Members participate in activities to enhance agricultural technical skills, public speaking, and career awareness and preparation.

**FIRST Robotics Team** - Mr. Barry [team195@cox.net](mailto:team195@cox.net)

Preparing for the US First Robotics Competition (FRC) in March is the main focus of the club. Students design and help build a robot which will give the team the best chance of winning a Robot-Human Athletic Contest.

**French Club** - Mr. Brulotte, Mr. Nobou [rbrulotte@southingtonschools.org](mailto:rbrulotte@southingtonschools.org), [pnobou@southingtonschools.org](mailto:pnobou@southingtonschools.org)

French Club is a group of students who continue to learn about the French language and culture in an informal setting. Activities include games, songs, guest speakers, and celebrations of the French way of life.

**Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)** - Ms. Foresman [aforesman@southingtonschools.org](mailto:aforesman@southingtonschools.org)

Provides support for advocates of the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students. It also addresses homo- and transphobia in the school setting. As an open and diverse group, it is open to all people regardless of sexuality or gender.

**German Club** - Mrs. Ringstad [ringstad@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ringstad@southingtonschools.org)

German Club will meet once a month in Room C347. German language students are invited to attend. Meetings focus on celebrating traditional customs and events from the German-speaking countries.

**Green Knights Eco Club** - Ms. T. Curtis [tcurtis@southingtonschools.org](mailto:tcurtis@southingtonschools.org)

We strive to make Southington High a more environmentally conscious school. We work with teachers, students and staff to recycle plastics and cans both within the classrooms and the cafeterias. We promote environmentally friendly practices and look to educate others on the importance of taking care of our world.

**Guitar Club** - Mrs. Jenkinson [pjenkinson@southingtonschools.org](mailto:pjenkinson@southingtonschools.org)

Guitar Club exists for the delight of anyone fascinated by the instrument. Participants range from experienced to novice, from recitalists to spectators. Our goal is to learn, enjoy, and grow from everything that is guitar.

**Interact Club** - Mr. Dubinsky, Ms. Sparks [jdubinsky@southingtonschools.org](mailto:jdubinsky@southingtonschools.org), [ksparks@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ksparks@southingtonschools.org)

This club is sponsored by the Southington Rotary Club. Open to all students who want to get involved in community service activities. Get involved with projects that impact the community in a positive way. Dues are \$10 per year and are used to help fund the club's activities.

**Italian Club** - Mrs. T. Riccio, Ms. Tavera [triccio@southingtonschools.org](mailto:triccio@southingtonschools.org), [ktavera@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ktavera@southingtonschools.org)

This club promotes appreciation of Italian traditions and culture through student participation in school and community outreach activities. Members participate in the Southington Italian-American Festival, Carnevale, and other appropriate activities as they arise.

**Key Club** - Mrs. Hosmer [bhosmer@southingtonschools.org](mailto:bhosmer@southingtonschools.org)

KEY= Kiwanis Educating Youth. The club performs 6-8 service projects each month; walkathons, food drives, toy collections, fundraisers for various charitable organizations, cleanups, etc. Dues are \$18.00 for returning members and \$26.00 for new members. Membership is open to all students willing to make a commitment to community service.

**Latin Club** - Ms. Foresman, Ms. Gray [aforesman@southingtonschools.org](mailto:aforesman@southingtonschools.org), [rgray@southingtonschools.org](mailto:rgray@southingtonschools.org)

Students will explore the ancient Greco-Roman world through various games and activities as well as by developing projects for State Latin Day. Latin Club will meet once a month.

**Model UN** - Ms. Fenton, Mr. D. Hart, Ms. Sparks [kenton@southingtonschools.org](mailto:kenton@southingtonschools.org), [dhart@southingtonschools.org](mailto:dhart@southingtonschools.org), [ksparks@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ksparks@southingtonschools.org)

We represent two countries, along with about thirty other high schools. We visit the actual UN in October and talk to the actual representatives of our countries. We then research and propose solutions to regional and global problems. In December, the club goes to the University of Hartford where we participate in a student run mock UN session, debating the resolutions we and the other schools wrote.

**Multiracial Student Union** - Mrs. Paul [jpaul@southingtonschools.org](mailto:jpaul@southingtonschools.org)

The Multiracial Student Union is a group of students who are dedicated to raise awareness through education in order to change public perceptions about race.

**National Honor Society** - Ms. Disantis, Mrs. T. Riccio [cdisantis@southingtonschools.org](mailto:cdisantis@southingtonschools.org), [triccio@southingtonschools.org](mailto:triccio@southingtonschools.org)

National Honor Society extends special recognition to students who combine outstanding scholarship with demonstrated leadership, extensive service, and good character. Students may be selected for membership in February of their junior year or October of their senior year.

**Powder Puff** - Mr. Kemp [ckemp@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ckemp@southingtonschools.org)

Powder Puff is a senior activity that promotes the values of hard work, class spirit, and good sportsmanship to its female members through the use of an organized flag football program. Practice sessions are held on Saturdays from September to November and culminate in a highly competitive contest against a local rival school just prior to Thanksgiving Break.

**Rugby Club** - Mr. Carvalho, Mr. Drogosek, Mr. Vargas [ccarvalho@southingtonschools.org](mailto:ccarvalho@southingtonschools.org), [jdrogosek@southingtonschools.org](mailto:jdrogosek@southingtonschools.org), [nvargas@southingtonschools.org](mailto:nvargas@southingtonschools.org)

Rugby Club consists of both a boys' and a girls' team. Both teams compete against outside competition that includes school sponsored clubs and town park and recreation programs around the state. The mission of the club is to get in shape, have fun, make new friends, develop discipline, as well as to learn rugby and compete at a high level. Games are played during the spring season. No experience is necessary to join.

**Senior Next Steps** - Mrs. Barth, [sbarth@southingtonschools.org](mailto:sbarth@southingtonschools.org)

A unified social group welcome to all students. Come make new friends at SHS while participating in activities such as arts and crafts, food creation, and open gym, along with field trips to the bowling alley or an apple orchard. We meet two times a month.

**Ski Racing Team** - Mrs. Palmer, [kpalmer@southingtonschools.org](mailto:kpalmer@southingtonschools.org)

The Ski Racing Team is a club offering male and female students practice and competition against other teams. Students interested should be at least an intermediate level skier. All practices and races take place at Mt. Southington.

**Spanish Club** - Ms. Bellis, Ms. Marquardt [kbellis@southingtonschools.org](mailto:kbellis@southingtonschools.org), [amarquardt@southingtonschools.org](mailto:amarquardt@southingtonschools.org)

The purpose of this club is to enhance the total language experience through participation in enrichment activities. The Spanish Club promotes understanding of the Hispanic culture.

**STEPS Student Council Think Tank** - Mrs. Steinberg [jsteinberg@southingtonschools.org](mailto:jsteinberg@southingtonschools.org)

Meets formally once a month throughout the school year to plan and implement school related activities that will enhance school climate, reinforce developmental assets, and promote community service. We have been responsible for such school activities as a week of caring, student/faculty volleyball tournament, and a variety of community service events. This is a very unique organization because it is designed to represent the general consensus of the student body.

**Super Smash Club** - Mr. Shurtleff [cshurtleff@southingtonschools.org](mailto:cshurtleff@southingtonschools.org)

Students gather to enjoy the video game 'Super Smash Bros.' This includes all versions of the game including; N64, Gamecube, Wii, and Wii U. Come join our community of gamers and participate in tournaments and friendly competition. All grades and levels of skill are welcome!

**Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)** - Ms. Miller, Mrs. Peschel-Luise [lmiller@southingtonschools.org](mailto:lmiller@southingtonschools.org), [kluise@southingtonschools.org](mailto:kluise@southingtonschools.org)

A club for girls who are interested in Math and Science. The club's purpose is to increase awareness and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math for girls. We participate in group activities, invite speakers, and learn about career areas in STEM. We meet every other Thursday in Room C108 after school.

**World Language Honors Society** - Mr. Bartoletti [vbartoletti@southingtonschools.org](mailto:vbartoletti@southingtonschools.org)

The societies for each language - French, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish - recognize students' excellence in the language and their desire to promote the language and culture through service.

**Writers' Club/Literary Magazine** - Ms. Montagna, Mr. Langlois [mmontagna@southingtonschools.org](mailto:mmontagna@southingtonschools.org), [rlanglois@southingtonschools.org](mailto:rlanglois@southingtonschools.org)

This club meets every other week in room C350, and anyone is welcome. Each spring, Writers' Club publishes a literary magazine online. People who enjoy writing for fun or are thinking of pursuing a career in writing should join this club.