

CLUBS @ SHS !

Aspiring Medical Professionals Plus (AMP+) - Mr. DeStefano ddestefano@southingtonschools.org

This club welcomes any student interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. AMP+ will feature having guest speakers, fundraisers and site visits for the purpose of learning more about what it takes to become a medical professional. The goal of this club is to help members better understand the different components of the medical field and health related sciences.

Best Buddies - Mrs. Albert salbert@southingtonschools.org

Our mission statement is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. We sponsor fun, social activities after and occasionally outside of school. Best Buddies is a friendship club; you will help to make a difference in someone's life just by being a friend.

Classics Club - Ms. Foresman, Ms. Gray aforesman@southingtonschools.org, 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.

Dance Team - Mrs. Forgione, Mrs. Koczera cmforg@aol.com, donnakoczera@me.com

A group of dancers that participates in a choreographed dance and perform at sporting events throughout the school year. In a dance routine, the squad will incorporate a specific dance style, technical work, and depending on the routine, pom-poms.

Debate Club - Mr. Armintrout karmintrout@southingtonschools.org

Debate club teaches skills of persuasion, public speaking, and developing arguments. Along with developing skills that will be helpful in college and future careers, members will be able to participate in Connecticut Debate Association competitions.

DECA - Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Spinello tbrooks@southingtonschools.org, sspinello@southingtonschools.org

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Activities at Southington High School include state and national competitions, leadership conferences, community service, operation of the DECA School Store as well as the Southington Drive-In concession stand, Reel Good Snacks, and social events.

Drama Club - Mrs. Bunel, Mrs. Reitsma abunel@southingtonschools.org, sreitsma@southingtonschools.org

Drama Club is dedicated to enriching both students and the community at large through the celebration of and engagement in the dramatic arts. The club promotes learning about theater through activities, community outreach, fundraising events, and productions that enhance the educational goals of the theatrical discipline. It also strives to foster an appreciation of all forms of the performing arts and to provide opportunities for artistic growth within the organization itself as well as within the community.

Emblem - Ms. Haynes 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.

Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) - Mrs. Osborn mosborn@southingtonschools.org

The National student organization for Family & Consumer Sciences. Activities relate to family, school, and community. Students plan a variety of activities throughout the school year.

FFA - Mrs. DiGioia, Mr. McLaughlin, Ms. Hodges, Mr. O'Keefe, Mrs. Stannard ddigioia@southingtonschools.org, omclaughlin@southingtonschools.org, nhodges@southingtonschools.org, pokeefe@southingtonschools.org, 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.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - Mrs. Cooney jcooney@southingtonschools.org

A national organization for students in grades 9-12 interested in business related careers. FBLA provides career readiness and leadership development opportunities for high school students through academic competitions at the state and national levels. Many educational and community service programs are also offered to members throughout the school year.

FIRST Robotics Team - Mr. Barry team195@cox.net

Students build a robot of their own design under the mentorship of professional engineers. They compete with their robots at local and global level competitions. The program runs from September through June and requires a high level of commitment. Applications are available throughout the summer at Team195.com and are due the first week of September; not all who apply are accepted.

French Club - Mr. Brulotte, Mr. Nobou rbrulotte@southingtonschools.org, 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.

Gamers' Club (formerly Super Smash Bros. Club) - Mr. Shurtleff cshurtleff@southingtonschools.org

Gamers' club is a club for gamers of all types. Video games, board games, card games, and more! This club provides a healthy environment for people of all backgrounds to enjoy the competition and fun provided by games of all varieties.

Game Maker's Guild - Mr. Courtemanche kcourtemanche@southingtonschools.org

Students will work together to design their own video games. This club is mainly targeted at students in computer programming courses to apply these skills in a fun and challenging way. We will also look for other students to help with art work, story design, and playtesting.

Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) - Ms. Foresman 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.

Green Knights Eco Club - Mrs. Dougherty bdougherty@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 cafeterias. We promote environmentally friendly practices and look to educate others on the importance of taking care of our world.

Interact Club - Mr. Dubinsky jdubinsky@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 \$15 per year and are used to help fund the club's activities; amount includes an Interact t-shirt.

Italian Club - Mrs. Tavera-Collins, Mrs. T. Riccio ktavera@southingtonschools.org, triccio@southingtonschools.org

Promotes appreciation of Italian traditions and culture through student participation in school and community outreach activities. We meet monthly and students do not need to take Italian to participate! Ci vediamo!

KEY Club - Mrs. Hosmer, Mr. Nobou bhosmer@southingtonschools.org, pnobou@southingtonschools.org

KEY= Kiwanis Educating Youth. The club performs 6-8 service projects each month; babysitting for 4 elementary school PTOs, food drives, toy collections, fundraisers for various charitable organizations, annual Kiddie Carnival and Halloween party/activities, etc. Membership is open to all students willing to make a commitment to community service.

Latin Club - Ms. Foresman, Ms. Gray aforesman@southingtonschools.org, 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.

Love Yourself: Journey - Mrs. Gamzon agamzon@southingtonschools.org

Our mission is to show every individual that they matter, aid individuals on their journey to find self love, and promote self-positivity at SHS. The group uses music to introduce others to artists that promote this positivity and looks at their lyrics in hope that others can find hope, inspiration and meaning in them to help them get a step closer to self love. The group will also share stories of others who have faced similar struggles and strategies used to overcome these difficulties to help an individual feel better and make positive choices.

Math Team - Ms. Cumpstone, Mrs. Isner mcumpstone@southingtonschools.org, kisner@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!

Mock Trial Club - Ms. Gilbertie rgilbertie@southingtonschools.org

Do you like to debate? Prove your point? Be a part of a team? Join Southington High School's new and exciting club: The Mock Trial Club! Whether you're interested in law or just want to have some fun, come check out what is sure to be an enjoyable club.

Model UN - Mrs. Dougherty, Mr. Hart, Mr. K. Murphy bdougherty@southingtonschools.org, dhart@southingtonschools.org, kmurphy@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 position papers and resolutions we and the other schools wrote.

Multicultural Student Union - Ms. Mithcell, Mrs. Donohue, Ms. Crouch, Mr. Aroian, Mr. Pepe, Mrs. Holst-Grubbe, Mr. Halloran, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ricco cmitchell@southingtonschools.org, pdonohue@southingtonschools.org, scrouch@southingtonschools.org, raroian@southingtonschools.org, fpepe@southingtonschools.org, dholstgrubbe@southingtonschools.org, mhalloran@southingtonschools.org, lclark@southingtonschools.org, triccio@southingtonschools.org

The Multicultural Student Union is a group of students who are dedicated to raising awareness through education and community service in order to change misperceptions about race, ethnicity, and culture.

National Honor Society (NHS) - Mrs. T. Riccio 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

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 - Ms. Benitez, Mr. Vargas gbenitez@southingtonschools.org, nvargas@southingtonschools.org

Rugby Club consists of both a boys' and a girls' team. Both teams compete against school sponsored clubs and town park and recreation programs from 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.

Ski Race Team - Mrs. Bass jbass@southingtonschools.org

SHS Ski Race Team is a club offering male and female students practice and competition against other teams from around the state. Students interested should be at least an intermediate level skier. All practices and races take place at Mt. Erred@southingtonschools.org Southington in January and February. Information is available in November.

Ski and Snowboard Club - Mrs. Havanec phavanec@southingtonschools.org

This club offers students reduced rate skiing, rentals, and lessons at Mt. Southington on Mondays in January and February. It also runs Saturday or Sunday day trips to ski areas up north. Information is available to students in November.

Southington Activists for Gender Equality (SAGE) - Mrs. Tran mtran@southingtonschools.org

SAGE is a politically active group, working to strengthen the feminist community at SHS and in the Southington community. Members, both male and female, seek to redefine current perceptions of Feminism and strive to promote gender equality by creating an environment that both provokes and fosters discussion. SAGE reaches out to local organizations, hosts special events, and supports gender studies education. Join us and help change the world!

Spanish Club - Ms. Bellis kbellis@southingtonschools.org

Spanish Club enhances the total language experience through participation in enrichment activities and promotes understanding of the Hispanic culture.

STEPS Student Council Think Tank - Ms. Bellis kbellis@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.

Students Taking Active Roles/STAR Club - Mr. Davis gdavis@southingtonschools.org

Facilitated by the U.S. Army and modeled after Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC). The STAR Club provides lessons and activities related to student leadership, responsible citizenship, and character development. The U.S. Army working with SHS staff, will assist students in developing skills that will enable and encourage them to take *active roles* in their own lives, within their families, school, and community. (Not an active military recruiting effort. Does not require military obligation.)

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) - Mrs. Kirsche, Mrs. Peschel-Luise skirsche@southingtonschools.org, kluise@southingtonschools.org

The mission of Southington WISE is to recruit, support, and retain a diverse population of students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields (STEM); to link students with resources and opportunities that will support their academic and personal pursuits; and to develop relationships among students with similar interests while building a community based on mutual respect and affirmation of diversity. We meet every other Thursday in Room C108 after school.

World Language Honor Society - Mr. Bartoletti vbartoletti@southingtonschools.org

The societies for each language - French, 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 mmontagna@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.