

# TCCHS CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

## 2021-2022

### Academic-Focused Clubs

#### **Book Jackets (Blue)**

**Sponsor: Mr. James and Mrs. D'Souza**

Book Jackets is a book club celebrating some of the latest young adult (YA) books. Each 9 weeks, we will cover a new book. Students will receive a copy of the book and we will discuss it during club meetings. The club meets in the Media Center.

#### **Colloquium (Blue and Gold)**

**Sponsor: Mr. Donovan**

Modelled loosely after Mortimer Adler's "Great Books of the Western World," Colloquium provides college-bound students with an opportunity to consider and discuss the ideas that have shaped our world. Each meeting will center on a major work of philosophical significance. As a group, we will consider questions such as: What is beauty? Where does morality come from? Can society exist without art? Though students will be encouraged to read the material prior to the meetings, participation in the club does not require a commitment to reading every text, only a commitment to engaging with the ideas under consideration. Students in Colloquium will also be invited to take part in two Symposia (one mid-year, one at the end), in which they present their own research, art, music, or any other intellectual pursuit of which they are proud.

#### **Debate Club (Blue)**

**Sponsor: Mr. Bellamy**

Students work together to learn argument and speaking skills, research and write cases to compete in local, regional, and national weekend debate tournaments. Events include Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Policy, and Student Congress debate. In addition, the team meets during club periods and practices to prepare for weekend debate tournaments held at schools and colleges, leading to the Georgia state championship in March and potential national competition. The debate club meets the interests of students who want to improve speaking and critical thinking skills in a rigorous and competitive environment. Dues are \$20 per year, and students must commit to attend a minimum of two competitions and require overnight travel.

#### **Environmental Ambassadors (Gold)**

**Sponsor: Mr. Faucett**

The Environmental Ambassadors is a student-led group that promotes environmental awareness. The group sponsors the Y.E.S. (Youth Environmental Stewardship) pledge drive and promotes America Recycles Day and Earth Day. Anyone interested in raising awareness about environmental issues is encouraged to join the Environmental Ambassadors.

#### **Girls Who Code (Blue)**

**Sponsors: Mr. Thompson, Ms. Thompson, and Ms. Case**

Girls Who Code is an organization that strives to close the gender gap in technology. It is more than coding; GWC is a place for girls to discover their strengths, to build friendships, and help change the world. We believe being brave is about being resilient, persistent, and ambitious. We believe that diverse ability, culture, identity, and opinion makes our organization stronger. We're not just preparing our girls to enter the workforce - we're preparing them to lead it, to improve it, to completely and totally transform it.

**Mock Trial (Gold)****Sponsor: Mr. Bellamy**

The Mock Trial Club develops a legal case for trial through witness affidavits, evidence, and case law. Students act as lawyers and witnesses. Students learn how to put forward a case for their particular side: prosecution/plaintiff or defense. The Club supports forming a competitive mock trial team that participates in competitions, including a regional tournament in January. Selected members of the club present the case in a courtroom to legal experts. The mock trial club meets the interests of those who want to learn more about the law and want to participate in lively debates and legal arguments. Dues are \$20 per year, and students must commit to attending several after-school mock trial rehearsals during November through January and the region competition.

**National Honor Society (Gold)****Sponsor: Mr. James and Mrs. Barwick**

Invitations to join NHS will be mailed in the fall to juniors and seniors who have at least a 90% average and good discipline. Directions for joining will be attached to the invitations. Being involved with NHS requires good grades, good behavior, and community involvement.

**Poetry Out Loud (Blue and Gold)****Sponsors: Ms. J. Mitchell and Ms. S. Mitchell**

Calling all literature buffs, poetry lovers, and performers! In this club, students select a famous poem to memorize and perform as dramatic or humorous interpretation. Poems range from classical to contemporary works. Club leaders and members will help you prepare for the POETRY OUT LOUD school competition where you will perform your chosen poem. Winners will advance to the region/ state competitions and can win cash prizes! This club and competition are in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Sign Language Club (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Mrs. Stephens**

The Sign Language Club will learn the American Sign Language alphabet, basic words and phrases and more. Students will learn how to communicate with each other using ASL and develop a better understanding of those with hearing loss. We may have guest signers as we progress throughout the year.

**Thomas University Pre-College Programs (Blue and Gold) Sponsor: Ms. Vera Clark and Mr. Kendrick Duncan**

The Thomas University Pre-College Programs Club encourages students to stay in school, graduate from high school and obtain college degrees. The Pre-College programs club provides workshops which include: College Admissions, Financial Aid, Test-taking, Study skills, Scholarship searches, High School Survival skills, College Survival skills and Community Service. Students will also have the opportunity to attend college visits.

**Yes I Can (TU GEAR UP) (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Mr. Jose Batista**

The Yes I Can! Scholars (YICS) Club, is part of the GEAR UP program. The goal is to work with students who want to go to college or technical college but may need a little help with getting ready. This club is for students who have the desire to do something with their lives after high school graduation and have the ability to do college-level work. YICS can help you determine the career you want and the college that will help prepare you for it. Students are expected to also participate in the Scholarship Club, which helps with scholarship searches, applications, and essays. We also provide FREE test prep courses (ACT/SAT); assistance with college applications; encouragement/advisement into dual enrollment; and college visits. Also, through Peace Jam, we offer students a chance to do service-learning that will positively impact and improve their own communities.

## Career Technical Student Organizations

### **Broadcasting (Blue)**

**Sponsor: Mr. R. Young and Ms. Maxwell**

This club gives the opportunity for students in broadcast production to work on special projects and organize special events for our school and community. Membership is limited to broadcast students.

### **FBLA (Blue and Gold)**

**Sponsor: Mr. Haskin, Mrs. Pierce, and Mr. Thompson**

FBLA provides innovative leadership development programs to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship. Participation in FBLA-PBL can have a direct impact on the direction and success of a young person's career. Millions of students have learned through active membership in FBLA-PBL about the world of business and what is expected of them in the workplace. We compete at regional, state, and national competitions involving over 140 different areas of competition. Dues for the club are \$20.

### **Future Georgia Educators (Blue)**

**Sponsor: Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. A. Smith**

The Future Georgia Educators (FGE) is a student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers and is geared toward students in ECE III or the ECE internship class. They are a national community of more than 10,000 student and mentor participants in school-based, grow-your-own-teacher programs. Since over 60% of teachers teach within 20 miles of where they went to high school, every community has an interest in proactively recruiting and supporting their next generation of local educators. Dues for the club are \$5. Mrs. Barrow's Room

### **FCCLA: Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (Gold)**

**Sponsor: Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. A. Smith**

FCCLA is the only in school student organization with the family as its central focus. FCCLA provides opportunities for active student participation at local, state, and national levels including service learning, competition and leadership development. Dues for the club are \$15. Mrs. Barrow's Room

### **FFA Leadership Team (Blue)**

**Sponsor: Mr. Gosier, Ms. N. Smith, and Ms. Jackson**

The FFA Leadership Team will meet to organize after school FFA meetings, practice Career Development Events, and coordinate other FFA functions. Officers and class representatives will be issued cards for club time. **Regular FFA club meetings will be conducted as scheduled after school.**

### **HOSA (Gold)**

**Sponsor: Ms. Luke and Ms. Griner**

Future Health Professionals is a group that represents all those in health science or those interested in health careers after high school. Students attend local health facilities and interact in regional as well as state competitions to learn more and understand more about the available health careers. Dues are \$25.

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### **SkillsUSA (Gold)**

**Sponsor: Mr. Barrett and Mr. Clapper**

SkillsUSA is a nationally recognized club that helps develop career technical students. We have 2 divisions depending upon which class the student is enrolled in: Metals and Automotive. We meet as a group then have breakout sessions with one of the 2 fields of study. We have competition teams that compete in Regional Competitions and can qualify for State and Nationals as well. Dues for the club are \$20.00

**Student Military Organization (Blue and Gold)****Sponsors: LTC (R) Ingram and SFC (R) Dinkins**

The Student Military Organization (SMO) is designed to provide students with the resources, support, and advocacy to make decisions about enlistment into the armed forces, attendance at one of the federal service academies, or participation in ROTC at a college/university. The SMO provides students a stress-free environment to learn about life in the military and the opportunities available. Students will collaborate with veterans, active duty, and local recruiters. The SMO will liaise with the Center for Military Life at Thomas University as well as the various college/university ROTC programs and federal service academy admission officers.

**Work Based Learning Workshop (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Mrs. Miranda and Mr. D. Young**

The Work-Based Learning Club is only for students who are in the work-leave program. Participation is required to remain in the work-based learning program. Students will work on the completion of assignments to meet the standards of the Career Related Education curriculum.

## Fine Arts-Focused Clubs

**Art Club (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Ms. Pittman**

Art Club is a place for practicing artists to hone in on their skills, develop their techniques and portfolios, collaborate with other artists like themselves, create bonds with the community through the arts, and learn how to work together through group projects that will beautify the school and community.

**Songwriting 101 (Blue)****Sponsor: Mr. Matthews**

Express yourself through the art of songwriting. Participants will explore the art of songwriting as a craft and investigate opportunities in songwriting through outlets such as movies, commercials, and various genres.

**Thespian Officers Club (Blue)****Sponsor: Ms. McMullen**

Thespian Officers will meet once a month to plan inductions, fundraisers, events, and keep points up to date

**Thespian Troupe (Gold)****Sponsor: Ms. McMullen**

Thespian Troupe will meet once a month to take care of any troupe related business that must be done as a whole troupe, not just for officers, this includes implementing any recruitment activities for new thespians.

## Foreign Language-Focused Clubs

**French Club (Blue)****Sponsor: Ms. Arno**

The mission of the French club is to promote learning and appreciation of the French culture, language and history. The goal is to foster fellowship, creative expression, and cultural awareness of francophone cultures through planned activities, guest speakers, art exhibits, and attending cultural events. French Club Activities: Watch French Movies, listen to French Music, French cheese tasting, prepare and eat French cuisine, Mini Tour de France, Play French games and field trips.

**Spanish Club (Gold)****Sponsor: Mr. Paulino**

The purpose of the Thomas County Central High School Spanish Club is to promote a better understanding and awareness of Hispanic culture and to encourage good citizenship through various activities during the year. To encourage good citizenship and service to the community, the club will make treats and thank you cards for teachers of Thomas County Central High School. Students must be enrolled in Spanish to be eligible for membership. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Members who are not in good academic standing will not be allowed to participate in any activity that would cause them to miss any class time or take away from their study time. Additional activities include watching Spanish shows, listening to Spanish music, preparing and tasting Spanish foods, and playing Spanish games like monopoly and scrabble.

**Student Travel Club (Gold)****Sponsor: Mrs. Arno**

This club is **only** for the students who have signed up for the next international trip.

## Service-Focused Clubs

**4-H (Gold)****Sponsor: Mrs. Wynn**

Our mission is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished through “hands on” learning experiences, focused on agricultural and environmental issues, agriculture awareness, leadership, communication skills, foods and nutrition, health, energy conservation, and citizenship.

**Cool to Be Kind Club (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Ms. Guy and Mrs. Beethe**

What is Cool 2 Be Kind? Cool 2 Be Kind (C2BK) is a national student-run anti-bullying club that started in San Clemente, CA after a kind student named Daniel Mendez was driven to end his life as a result of bullying. Cool 2 Be Kind wants to change the culture of schools everywhere. Bullying is never cool! Everyone has a part in stopping bullying, and everyone can make a difference.

**INSPIRE (Blue)****Sponsor: Mrs. Moore**

INSPIRE is an acronym for Illuminating, Navigating, and Successfully Propelling Ingenuity through Real Experiences. The goal of this organization is to equip students with the tools that they will need to be successful both in and out of the classroom. Students will engage in mentorship, test preparation, and life skills activities that will aid them as they navigate through high school and post-secondary education. Candidates for INSPIRE will be invited into the organization based on a strict set of criteria that has been set forth by the club sponsors. The club will meet during blue club.

**Soulful Expressions (Gold)****Sponsor: Mrs. Moore**

The Soulful Expressions of TCCHS is a singing group that uses their voices to express themselves through soulful traditional and contemporary inspirational music. The group will meet on Gold Club days and may meet after school for rehearsals. So if you think you can sing or know that you can sing, or if you are a background singer, come join us! Musicians (keyboardist, pianist, guitarist, and drummers are encouraged to join). Come and lift your voice!

**TCCHS Jacket Spirit (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Graham**

If you are interested in helping promote school spirit, helping teachers with door decorations, and other spirit related activities, then TCCHS Jacket Spirit is the place for you! We will meet on club days. TCCHS Jacket Spirit is open to all students grades 9-12. Dues are \$10 and include a t-shirt. Members will have an expectation to attend sporting events and other activities on campus, help create an atmosphere of spirit in the student section, and also participate in all school spirit activities.

**Key Club (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Mrs. Burnette**

Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership. The club's vision is to "develop competent, capable, and caring leaders through the vehicle of service. Activities this school year include many community service projects with a goal of building good character. Dues of \$14 for international and state membership are required each year. All meetings will be held in Mrs. Burnette's room E16.

**Perfect Pals Club (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Ms. Garland**

The Perfect Pals club is a peer mentoring club for students with disabilities. Peer mentors will assist with Special Olympics and other activities that take place throughout the year. They will also help our students with disabilities to integrate into the school population while learning valuable information about different disabilities.

**Recycling Club (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Ms. Outlaw**

The Recycling Club will recycle paper, newspaper, magazines, plastic bottles and aluminum cans here at the school. We will research and learn more about recycling and educate the student body on the importance of recycling. This club will meet both weeks with a limit of 20 students for Blue week and 20 students for Gold week.

**Student Council (Blue)****Sponsor: Ms. Carver**

Student Council is an organization of elected class officers and representatives. Student Council members collaborate with their advisor and school administration to impact our school, community, and student interests. Student Council promotes opportunities for networking, development of leadership skills, and personal growth. Student Council members should have a willingness to serve in leadership roles and community service activities. Student Council elections will be held September 2, 2021. Forms to run for Student Council may be picked up in room C-6 beginning August 18, 2021 and returned by August 25, 2021. Students seeking to be a part of Student Council should have an overall B average or better, good attendance, and a clear discipline record.

## Sports-Focused Clubs

**Bass Fishing (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Coach T. Wilson**

The TCCHS Bass Fishing Club is built on fun and fellowship. We are dedicated to advancing the sport of bass fishing and developing young people through the sport of fishing. The club will focus on successfully selecting, rigging and fishing various bass lures; Learning about the bass habitat and how to find bass; Selecting the right fishing tackle and equipment to catch bass; Using electronics and maps to find fish; and Learning professional tips from top touring BASS & FLW Pro Anglers. We offer something for every angler. If you love to bass fish, this club is for you!

**FCA (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Coach Henderson, Mrs. NeSmith, Mrs. Wilkes, and Coach Payne**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a club whose mission is to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. Highlights of the year include an annual Powder Puff game, FSU Game Day, Fields of Faith, FCA summer camps for the football, boys and girls basketball, and wrestling teams, and many other volunteer opportunities in our community.

## Other Clubs

**Genealogy Club (Blue and Gold)****Sponsor: Mr. C. Wilson**

The purpose of the genealogy club is to assist students who are interested in researching their family lineage by guiding them to online and offline resources that will enable them to create their family tree, how they migrated, and uncover their families history. There will be no dues. The club is limited to 20 members.

## After School Clubs

**The following organizations will not meet during club time, but are also available to students. Please see the teacher sponsor for meeting dates and times.**

**Chick-fil-A Leader Academy (See Col. McLeod for Meeting Times)****Sponsor: Col. McLeod**

The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is for students who already consider themselves to be a leader or who have a desire to become a leader. It is a year-long program for freshmen through seniors that prepares students for a successful future as a dynamic leader. The program features monthly leadership labs that focus on core leadership principles and culminates in a community service impact project. Leader Academy focuses on the following leadership insights: vision and values, servant leadership, teamwork, communication, innovation, and impact. Service Learning credit will be awarded for the three community service projects scheduled during the course of the year. The program is limited to 30 students. *This group will not meet during club time, but interested students should contact Col. McLeod for more information.*

**Dance Club****Sponsor: Ms. Gaston**

The dance club is offered to ninth through twelve grade students and requires an audition. Auditions were held April 29, 2021. The purpose of the TCCHS Dance Club is to create school spirit, pride, and leadership, promote interest in school activities, and perform in ballets, local events and to bring joy to our community. Dancers will learn ballet, jazz, lyrical, and tap. Teamwork and pride in a quality performance through maintaining high standards is very important. Dancers that are accepted meet on Thursdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm after school in the TCCHS Dance Studio.

**Odyssey of the Mind****Sponsor: Mr. Donovan**

Odyssey of the Mind is the ultimate competition in creativity. It requires that students solve a problem without any assistance from teachers or parents. It involves every academic subject area. Students use language arts to write their scripts, develop characters, act out the solution, and sometimes formulate ideas based on literature they have studied. They use math skills in a number of ways, including but not limited to measuring and calculating angles on their sets and props. Science and technology are used to formulate hypotheses and to experiment with different ideas that may solve a problem; some problems require technology and science solely to solve their problem. Students also use social studies by studying and referencing history, politics, pop culture, etc. to solve their problems. In addition, all problems involve the fine arts of drawing, painting and acting. For some problems, music and dance are a required element.

**Quiz Bowl****Sponsor: Ms. Ponder**

Quiz bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge, including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture. Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.