

# CHS Clubs and Athletics

**Clubs and athletics** are considered an integral part of the total educational experience at Columbia High School. Students must be enrolled full time at CHS in order to participate. Clubs are assigned meeting dates and times during advisory period. Clubs must elect officers and the meetings are to be conducted in accordance with Rules of Order.

**Athletics** are governed by the School Board Policy, the rules set forth by the Illinois High School Association, and by the rules found in the High School Handbook. In addition, coaches may establish their own rules and issue them to students prior to the beginning of the season.

## AFTER PROM

This committee is open to Juniors and Seniors. Members of this committee are involved in advertising, fundraising and planning of the After Prom activities. Some of the past fundraising activities have been: carwashes, flamingo flocking, rummage sale, and trivia night. All funds raised go directly to After Prom.

## OPEN ART STUDIO

Students with a special interest in Art and who are dedicated to their projects or practicing new techniques are invited to be a part of Open Art Studio. Open Art Studio meets monthly in the art room from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Students participate in Art shows such as “Art du Jour”, Art on the Square, CHS Spring Art Show and attend the Chalk Walk Festival. Students also help other clubs and groups with artwork and designs.

## ATHLETICS

The athletic program is administered by the Athletic Director. Columbia is represented in interscholastic competition in **baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, scholastic bowl, soccer, softball, track and volleyball**. A regular schedule has been made in each of the sports for the school year. A person may become a candidate for any of these teams by complying with the eligibility rules of the state and school. Coaches select the squads based on ability. To letter in any

sport, a player must complete the season.

## BETA CLUB

The Beta Club is a division of the National Beta Club. Our CHS Beta Chapter is affiliated with the local Kiwanis Club. The purpose of Beta Club is to encourage effort, reward accomplishments among students, and promote those qualities of character that build good citizenship in the school community. High School students with a grade point average of 3.0 or above (with no grade lower than a C- on their report card), who have demonstrated leadership skills, service to others, and good character will be eligible for selection. Beta Club is open to freshmen through seniors.

## BLUE CREW

All students and staff are invited to be a part of the “Blue Crew”! The club serves to promote school spirit and involvement in the school community. The goal of Blue Crew is to unify students while supporting and encouraging their peers. A one time joining fee of \$25 gives the member entrance to all home athletic events as long as they show up in their “free” Blue Crew t-shirt they receive at the time of enrollment and cheer loudly!

## BOOK CLUB

The Columbia High School Book Club is open to all high school students and teachers. This club serves to promote a love of recreational reading. The group meets monthly during advisory to discuss the book of the month or a favorite book. The school librarian sponsors Book Club.

## BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS

This group of students work with Columbia Elementary and Middle School students during the school year, helping them with homework and serving as a mentor. The administration recommends sophomores, juniors and seniors to the Big Brother/Big Sister agency based on grade point average, accumulated community service hours, and character.

## CHESS CLUB

Chess Club is open to students interested in learning about and

competing in the game of Chess. They meet once a month during advisory.

## DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

CHS holds two annual productions; one in the fall and one in the spring. Any student may try out for an acting role and all students are welcome to become a technical actor or supporting staff. The productions are primarily designed to teach the basic aspects of theater production and theater appreciation. Any student who chooses to participate should have a genuine desire to learn all phases of play production. Study and project areas will include play production, acting, advertising, make-up, lighting, scene design, costuming, and directing.

## EQUESTRIAN CLUB

The Columbia Equestrian Club has been established to promote student interest in careers and hobbies involving horses, to promote positive care and training for horses, and to build worthy character within our membership through participation in social activities and benevolent events. Horse ownership is not a requirement for members.

## FILM CLUB

Film Club is a fun way for members to relax and enjoy films but at the same time look deeper into movies such as the plot, actors, and director. It also allows members to look past the screen and see what goes into making a film, such as sets, casting, directing and many details.

To join students will be asked to write a few sentences on why they want to become a member. Once a member students will need to attend all meetings and maintain a certain level of points to stay a member.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA helps students develop agricultural leadership skills, increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being, and strengthens the

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confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work. To accomplish these goals students are able to participate in Career Development Events, such as Food Science, Livestock Judging, Horticulture, and many other activities that allow students to grow and master skills.

## **FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA**

If you are a student that likes home décor, stitching up an outfit or learning more about cooking, then this is the club for you. They have sewn dresses for children in disadvantaged countries, blankets for children in hospitals, prepared desserts for dances, and had bake sales to raise money for a charitable group. To be eligible for membership in the F.H.A., students must enroll in a high school homemaking class for one year or have had one year of high school homemaking.

## **GAMING CLUB**

This club meets after school and during the advisory period and is made up of students with an interest in electronics gaming technology and competitive video gaming. The club strives to build relationships within the community and bring students together who share an interest in these areas.

## **GERMAN CLUB**

This club meets after school and is made up of students with a special interest in German. The German Club actively participates in the German/American School Exchange Program. Our students have the opportunity to pay to travel to Germany one year and German students may come to our school the opposite year.

## **KEY CLUB**

Key Club International is the high school organization sponsored by [Kiwaniis International](#). Key Club assists Kiwanis in carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. High school student members of Key Club perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning up parks, collecting clothing and organizing food drives. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and

international levels.

## **MATHEMATICS CLUB**

The Columbia High School Mathematics Club is for anyone interested in the unbelievably diverse field that is mathematics. The club meets approximately once a month after school. At the club meetings, students work individually and in small groups to solve problems from the various areas of mathematics. Occasionally there is also a presentation of a special topic. The club membership competes in several mathematics contests that are held in the area, assists members of the Scholastic Bowl team in the field of mathematics, and is available to tutor other students in their particular mathematics course. One of the biggest events of the club is to celebrate  $\pi$  (pi) Day which is March 14.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The National Honor Society is the leader among educational organizations that promotes recognition of students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership in the Columbia High School National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities by participating in the activities of the organization and maintaining high academic standards. NHS holds monthly meetings during advisory.

## **PROM COMMITTEE**

As a reward for maintaining excellent grades, the top ten ranking juniors are invited to be on the Prom Committee. Other juniors may apply for a position on the committee. Duties of the prom committee include: location selection, theme for the prom, and working on decorations for the dance and other details involved with the prom such as invitations and memory books. The Committee usually meets before or after school.

## **SPANISH CLUB**

This club meets during the advisory period and is made up of students with a special interest in Spanish. Learning more about the Spanish culture is a goal of this club.

## **ROBOTICS**

The Botball Education Robotics program is for students that are interested in science, engineering, and technology. Students will use these skills along with math and writing tools to design, build, program, and document robots in a hands-on project that reinforces their learning. Students will learn to program their robots in advance using C, C++, and Java.

The team will meet during second semester but focus on an 8 week building period in the spring to prepare for the regional tournament to compete against other school groups in the St. Louis Botball Regional Competition at SIU Edwardsville on April 25, 2015.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

The purpose of Student Council is to provide services for the benefit of the student body, for the general improvement of Columbia High School, and for the common good of the community of Columbia. Members must qualify scholastically, demonstrate good character, possess leadership potential and provide service to others. In addition, all members must maintain active participation throughout the school year. The student council is made up of an appointed executive board, elected class officers, elected class representatives and appointed members-at-large. Officers and executive board members must participate in leadership training workshops, chair a committee, and exceed the minimum of 15 points per quarter to be eligible to hold an officer position. The CHS Student Council is a very active group that begins working in the summer planning for the entire school year. They typically organize most of the fall Homecoming festivities, decorate the school for the holidays and head up numerous fundraisers throughout the year.



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**GO EAGLES!**