

CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Following are listings of co-curricular enrichment programs available to students with high academic potential. These programs are designed to motivate students toward excellence through incentives such as scholarships, prizes, trips, and public recognition. Students interested in participating in one or more of these programs should confer with their guidance counselor. Rules governing these programs:

- Students must meet minimum qualifications as stated by the advisor.
- Participation is subject to availability of advisors or mentors.
- Students involved in pull-out (excused from class) programs may be disqualified if they fail to keep up with course work.

Ambassador Program - Mrs. Urko

The Guidance Department Ambassador Program seeks to orient new students to Canton High School by matching them with an "ambassador" to act as their guide. This program attempts to contact and support new students. The Ambassadors offer a variety of activities (breakfasts, luncheons) to involve new students in the school community. They also seek to support students academically with "drop in" tutoring assistance.

ACDA Honors Choir

The Ct Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association sponsors a "Fall Conference Concert" each year in October. Participation in a Men's Honor Choir and a Women's Honor Choir is recommended by the choral music instructor.

ASBDA Honors Band

The CT Chapter of the American School Band Directors' Association sponsors a fall concert each year in November. Participation in the band is recommended by the instrumental music instructor. This is a one-day festival, with the concert scheduled in the evening.

All-State Music Festival

The CT Music Educators Association also sponsors this three-day festival. The audition "scores" from the Northern Region Adjudication are used to determine participation in chorus, band, orchestra, or jazz band in early April. A project involving a presentation to an appropriate audience is normally expected.

Art Club - Mrs. Hughes

During Art Club, assistance will be given to students who come in and want help with:

- *Artwork for enjoyment*
- *Assignments in art courses*
- *Portfolios for art school*
- *Idea planning for projects, posters etc. for their other classes.*

Special Workshops are planned during the year, which will require students to sign up in advance to attend. A modest fee for materials will be charged for these special workshops. Workshop themes and dates will be written in the daily announcements. Art club meets every two weeks.

Athletic Council - Ms. Grace

Athletic Council is a group of students who plan and carry out activities for field day during Spirit Week. They also plan and carry out the athletic banquets after each sports season. Athletic Council meets during the school day.

Athletic Program – Seasonal Offerings

Fall

(B) Varsity Soccer
(B) J.V. Soccer
(G) Var. Field Hockey
(G) J.V. Field Hockey
(B) Var. Cross Country
(G) Var. Cross Country
(G) Varsity Soccer
(G) J.V. Soccer
(B) Football

Winter

(B) Varsity Basketball
(B) J.V. Basketball
(G) Varsity Basketball
(G) J.V. Basketball
Varsity Wrestling
Varsity Cheerleading
(B) Freshmen Basketball
(G) Indoor Track

Spring

(B) Varsity Baseball
(B) J.V. Baseball
(G) Varsity Softball
(G) J.V. Softball
(B) Varsity Tennis
(G) Varsity Tennis
Varsity Golf
(B)(G) Track
(G) Lacrosse

Be The Change – Ms. Gembala

Be the Change is a club that will focus on finding ways for students to “change” the world around them through a variety of learning and volunteer experiences. We will explore ways in which students can “Be the Change”, however large or small, in the world. Be the Change will also specifically connect with the program “Rachel’s Challenge” in keeping with the theme of students making a difference in the world. The club meets weekly

CATA (Canton Adolescents Taking Action) – Ms. Laux

CATA is a club that works to improve the school and community. Activities that CATA has done are: started a paper recycling program at CHS; started a bottle and can recycling program at CHS; cleaned the school grounds; painted bathrooms at CHS; baked and delivered cookies throughout the year to the Canton Food Bank. Meetings are Thursday mornings at 7:15 a.m.

Chemistry Club – Ms. Ott

Chemistry club is an organization for students who are interested in broadening their horizons in chemistry. Experiments are generally student inspired and extend beyond the typical 50 minute class period. Members are expected to attend each monthly meeting and if possible to provide tutoring to chemistry students in need before or after school weekly. Fundraising is also important for supplies for experiments and to contribute to the Chemistry Club Scholarship awarded to one or more deserving seniors each year.

CHS TV – Mr. DuBois

CHS TV offers students the opportunity to get involved in the production, research, and filming of a TV newscast about our school. The group presents their finalized work to fellow students during various showings of CHS TV throughout the year. CHS TV meets during lunches, as needed.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – Dr. Bean

This club is a mentoring program which provides social activities for students after school that promote tolerance and sensitivity of individual differences. Events include ice cream socials, basketball games, and a variety of after-school activities.

CLOSE UP – Ms. Kellogg

An intense study of government in Washington, D.C. in March. Students attend large group presentations by high government officials as well as small discussion groups. An emphasis is placed on living and studying with students from other parts of the United States.

Creative Writing – Mrs. Mikan

A creative writers’ group where students may bring poetry, short stories, or other writings to share with others and receive feedback. Students may also read poetry they like if they credit the author. We hope to host a poetry show or coffee house in the spring. All are welcome. Meets every other Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:15.

Debate - TBD

CHS Debate is a group of students who meet to debate other schools at a competition held at the State Capital.

Drama - TBD

A workshop for those interested in acting and drama, the Drama Club meets to work on skills needed of a good actor.

Electrathon - Mr. Zordan

Canton High Schools Electrathon Club is dedicated to the exploration, design, construction, and competition of alternate energy vehicles. This club is open to all students with an interest in alternative energy. We are presently members of both the Electrathon America and the Connecticut Electrathon Challenge organizations. We have competed in various events throughout New England and meet every Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Canton High School Auto Department.

ESTEEM - Ms. Zacchera

ESTEEM is a group of High School students who present daylong workshops to younger students. These students are chosen for their strength of character, willingness to make a commitment and eagerness to participate and make the activity a priority in their busy schedules. These students must also be willing to take a stand against drugs and alcohol. ESTEEM rehearses Thursday evenings 5:00-7:00 p.m..

FCCLA (Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America) - Mrs. Wilber

An after- school activity that meets twice a month to encourage leadership skills, volunteerism, and opportunities to bake, sew, etc. All grades 9-12 are welcome to attend the meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, in room 207 from 2:20-3:30 p.m.

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) - Mrs. Gembala, Mr. Peck

GSA is a club that will serve as a place of acceptance for the Gay and Lesbian communities. All students are welcome to attend each meeting and we will use the meetings to discuss ways that students can make their community aware, accepting, and more tolerant. We will meet on Wednesdays after school.

Habitat for Humanity - Ms. Zacchera

Habitat for Humanity at Canton High School is affiliated with the Hartford Chapter of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity is an international charitable organization dedicated to the provision of adequate, affordable housing for low income individuals and families.

Human Relations Council - Mrs. Schulz

The Human Relations Council is a group of high school students and faculty members who are concerned with issues leading to violence, and who have joined together in an effort to understand some of the causes of violence to work toward improving the school atmosphere. The HRC meets Thursday mornings.

International Club - TBD

The International Club is dedicated to the study of other nations and their customs. Members will learn about languages, customs, holidays, and traditions of many different cultures around the world.

Jazz Combo(s) - Mr. Scavone/TBA

Jazz Combo is a small group with an emphasis on jazz improvisation. Size and number of combos will be determined based upon improvisation experience and instrumentation. The group will meet once per week, as determined by the director and group, and is open to students enrolled in either Jazz Ensemble or Workshop.

Jazz Ensemble - Mr. Scavone

The Jazz Ensemble is a full "big band," playing all styles of jazz. The group meets once a week after school, as determined by the director and group. Auditions and rehearsals begin at the discretion of the director.

Jazz Workshop - Mr. Scavone/TBA

The Jazz Workshop is a non-auditioned full-sized "Big Band", playing all style of jazz. The group meets once a week, as determined by the director and group. It is open to any students enrolled in the instrumental music program.

Leo Club - Lions International, sponsored by Canton Lions Club - Ms. Zacchera

Objective and Motto: Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association in 1967. Open to males and females, the objective of the Leo Club Program was (and still is) "...to provide the youth of the world (with) an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national, and international community." The Leo Club motto is:

Leadership – Leo's develop skills as organizers, time managers, and motivators of their peers.

Experience – Leo's learn the importance of cooperation through community service.

Opportunity – Membership provides young people with a chance to excel, to develop positive character traits, and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community. Today, the Leo Club Program is stronger than ever. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold.

Math Team - Mr. Aureli/ Ms. Laux/ Mrs. Forastiere

Canton High School is a member of the Capital Area Mathematics League (CAML). The team competes in monthly meets October through March, and a banquet is held in May when teams and individuals are recognized. Members are sophomores through seniors who have been recommended by a teacher.

Mock Trial (Law) Club - Ms. Mocarski

The Mock Trial Club is composed of students 10-12 who are interested in the law. We begin to meet in December and continue through March. Our goal is to successfully compete against other high schools in a Mock Trial competition held in the spring. We normally go to trial in either Hartford or Waterbury Superior Court. Students are to act as either lawyers or witnesses, and the case is always very interesting, and a fun learning experience.

Model U.N. - Ms. Mocarski

This club lets you act out world affairs issues with a group of your peers. Not only do you act it out, but you come together to understand how small our world really is. Activities include a trip to the United Nations in New York and a weekend conference held at the University of Hartford.

National Honor Society - Mrs. Ruby

National Honor Society is a group of students who demonstrate excellence in four areas of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Membership is based on a selective process by a faculty council consisting of five teachers. The Honor Society strives to uphold its standards and provide leadership and service to the school and community. Its activities range from co-hosting Spirit Week, to providing a tutoring service to all students. NHS meets Tuesday mornings.

National Honor Society Tutoring - Mrs. Ruby

The NHS offers tutoring to students in need of academic support. In coordination with the classroom teacher, members work with students individually or in small groups.

Northern Region Music Festival - Mr. Scavone

Participation in this festival is by audition only, and suggested literature is listed for choral and instructional audition. The two-day festival is sponsored by the CT Music Educators Association and takes place in January of each year. Auditions are held in November of the preceding year.

Peer Counseling - TBD

Peer Counseling is designed to provide a support network of students for other students. All students are invited to apply for the program. Members are selected on the basis of their ability to relate well to others in addition to general characteristics, such as responsibility, maturity, common sense, and the ability to follow through. Peer counselors meet Friday mornings from 7:15-7:35 a.m.

Reach Out Program - Select Student Representatives/Mrs. Eickenhorst

The Reach Out Program is a group of students who volunteer their time to tutor and help students in both the Intermediate and Primary schools.

SEARCH - Mr. Messier /Ms. Moran

This club is designed to follow the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's guidelines for water chemistry tests and invertebrate collection and identification to assess local stream water quality.

Stage Productions/Musicals - TBD

The CHS Musical Theatre Department presents a full scale Broadway musical or a dinner and Cabaret in March of each year. All students are invited to audition for solos, chorus, and other important roles. Musicals presented in the past years include "Grease", "South Pacific", "Carousel", and "Les Miserables".

Student Council - Mrs. Hughes

The Student Council is a body of elected class officers and interested students who conduct various activities throughout the year (Spirit Week, Mr. CHS, etc.). Student Council meets Wednesday mornings as needed.

Substance Abuse Council - Dr. Bean

This group is a town-wide council that attempts to focus on prevention of the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The goal is awareness and education. The group consists of town officials, parents, students, and other community members and meets the fourth Thursday of the month.

Substance Free Students (SFS) - Mrs. Urko

Substance Free Students get together as a group and plan educational and substance-free activities such as skiing, Six Flags, and a dinner. Throughout the year the students will be able to participate in these extra activities as long as they're substance free. SFS meets Tuesday mornings.

Technology Club/Theater Manager - Mr. Moran/Mrs. Klusek

Activities focus on learning the basics of sound reinforcement, theater lighting, audio and video production in order to be able to provide these services to school functions. The Technology Club fosters a sense of ownership since students are directing the process.

Yearbook - Mrs. Ruby

For a group of seniors who are interested in becoming a part of the Yearbook staff and are willing to participate in all aspects of production - from layout to budgeting to selling ads. Meeting times will be decided by the staff. Yearbook is also open to a limited number of juniors to assist the editors.