

**IT'S TIME FOR** another exciting year on the Hill and this could be your best year yet! Want to know why? This could be the year that you decide to get involved in one of the many clubs and organizations Tuscola has to offer. Think of all the new people you'll meet; think of all the fun things you'll do; think of how great you'll feel knowing that you're making our school and community a better place! Below is a list of all of Tuscola's clubs and organizations. Try a few out, and you'll be sure to find one that fits your interests. Yes, this is going to be the best year yet!

**PEACEJAM** Join today and "Be the change you wish to see in the world" (Gandhi). The program aims to foster a commitment in young people for bringing about change in themselves, their communities and the world through the inspiration of Nobel Peace Laureates. The emphasis is placed on student created service-learning projects addressing issues such as poverty, peace, conflict resolution and tolerance. For more information check it out at [peacejam.org](http://peacejam.org). Club sponsor is Mrs. Helen Pollifrone.

**FTA** is a club whose goal is to educate, support, and prepare the next generation of educators. Through FTA, members are able to learn about scholarships, colleges and participate in many school and community service opportunities. FTA is open to 10th- 12th grade students interested in a career in the field of education. Members learn the importance of participation and commitment to the responsibilities of being a member of a community. An objective of FTA is to develop individuals who are committed to the further development of a quality educational system, personal self-confidence, determination, and service to others. Members have opportunity to demonstrate leadership and responsibility to achieve a common goal. Rena' Wyatt is the sponsor.

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB** The International Club provide students an opportunity to explore different countries and cultures of the world. It also provides students opportunities to be leaders and work with their peers on projects relating to global issues of the 21st Century. Meetings will focus on specific countries and may include foods, facts and statistics, guest speakers, music, games, service project, etc. This club is sponsored by Mrs. Laura

Rogers. Membership is for those students who are currently studying a foreign language.

### SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

This club provides students the opportunity to ski and/or snowboard with fellow students in a safe, organized environment. Students are provided a venue for wholesome, healthy, outdoor activities during the winter months. Club members can develop personal ski and snowboarding skills and also have opportunities to be involved in competitive activities. This club is sponsored by Jim Davis.

### FLY FISHING CLUB

The Tuscola Fly Fishing Club is open to anyone who is knowledgeable about fly fishing or would like to learn how. Activities include instruction in fly-casting and reading trout water, fly tying classes, stream clean-up projects, and fishing trips to local waters. Ray Sugg is club sponsor.

### FBLA Future Business

Leaders of America is an organization for high school students enrolled in business education courses. FBLA's mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Co-curricular activities include career exploration, community service projects, economic education, and fostering entrepreneurship. Active FBLA members are provided opportunities to participate in competitive events designed to recognize students who excel in applying school-based learning to simulated work-based activities. This club is sponsored by Brenda Cogdill and Shannon Haynes.



### FCCLA Family, Career and

Community Leaders of America is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps youth become strong leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. You can be part of the only career and technical student organization to have the family as its central focus! This club is sponsored by Sandra Garland.



**NAHS National Art Honor Society** is designed for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing students

who have shown an outstanding ability in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in working toward the attainment of the highest standards in art areas, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and the community. Donna Rhodes sponsors the NAHS.



### OPERATION SMILE

**SMILE** Operation Smile is about "changing lives one SMILE at a time." It is a student charity

that treats facial deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates all around the world. It depends on students around the world, to contribute their energy and passion to help make a child smile. It helps to build awareness, raise funds and educate students about our core values of commitment, leadership and volunteerism. Check it out at [operationsmile.org](http://operationsmile.org). Sponsor is Lisa Burgin.

### FFA

FFA is a national organization for Agricultural Education Students that serves students enrolled in agricultural education courses grades 7-12. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. There are many opportunities for involvement in FFA.



An extensive awards/recognition program is provided for individual members, teams and chapters. Club sponsors are John Best and Beth Ross.



### NHS National Honor Society

is a recognition program for high school students who show achievement in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are selected for membership through an established

school chapter in secondary public and accredited private schools by a 5 member Faculty Council. NHS membership is open to juniors and seniors with a 3.75 cumulative GPA and is by invitation only. They meet on the last Thursday of the month. The application process begins in August and new member induction is in October. All members independently complete school and community service activities, and this school year, hope to have at least one major community service project involving the club as a whole. More information about NHS can be found on



their website (<http://www.nhs.us/>). Continued participation in service projects is required to retain membership. Sponsors of NHS at Tuscola High School are Lisa Clifford and Christy Cook.

**CTHS Career and Technical Honor Society** is a recognition program for high school students who show achievement in Career and Technical Education courses. Membership criteria include: Enrollment in a completer course (seniors) and cumulative GPA or 3.25 or better. Career and Technical class average 93 or better for Fall Semester in their Senior Year, and no detention that school year. The Career and Tech Senior teacher will recommend and approve during the senior year with Spring notification. Certificate and recognition of members will take place during the annual Academic Awards Ceremony. CTHS is sponsored by Sandra Garland and Tracy Rich.

**TRU Tobacco Reality Unfiltered** is sponsored by the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund in conjunction with the Haywood County Health Department. No membership fee is required. The NCHWTF takes care of expenses. Meetings are Monday every other week right after school. Their main goal is to encourage others, especially kids and teens, to consider the dangers of tobacco use and ultimately not use tobacco products at all. A major part of the club's responsibility lies in teaching tobacco prevention classes to all the fifth grade classes in the county. Dawn Jones sponsors the TRU Club.

**FRENCH CLUB THS French Club** is open to anyone with an interest in French language and/or cultures of French-speaking countries. Enrollment in a French class is recommended but not required. Meeting times will be decided at the beginning of the new school year based on the consensus of club members, but historically have taken place approximately once per month in the mornings before school. Activities include French songs and games, field trips to Paris Bakery in Asheville, lunch meetings to celebrate such events as Mardi Gras, participation in foreign language events at WCU, and French movie nights. Service projects include participation in the Haywood County Arts Council craft table at the Folkmoot International Festival. The THS French Club is not affiliated with any national organization. Mrs. Marth is club sponsor.

**SPANISH CLUB Spanish Club** membership is open to students enrolled in a Spanish class and ESL students. Election of officers takes place at the first meeting of the year, in September. Meetings are before school, approximately once a month, and dues are \$5.00 for the year. The club plans varying activities throughout the year including Spanish food luncheons, tutoring Hispanic students on and off campus, sponsoring needy families at Christmas, helping elementary and middle school ESL students, movie nights, eating out at restaurants, and other special projects. Mrs. Pat Lipsey is club sponsor.

**ENVIROTHON** The North Carolina **Envirothon** is a natural resource education program for both high school and middle school students. It is an outside oriented program in which students work together in teams of five, learn to use critical thinking skills, work in teams, develop problem solving solutions to enhance communication and increase observation skills to answer written questions or conduct hands-on investigations about our natural resources and environmental issues. The program focuses on five areas of study: aquatic resources, forest resources, soils/land use, wildlife resources and current environmental issues. Students meet monthly for field trips and activities. Any student interested in forestry, aquatics, soils, wildlife or environmental issues is eligible to participate. Mr. Ethridge and Mrs. Miller coordinate the Envirothon teams.

**ECOLOGY CLUB** Mark Ethridge sponsors the **Ecology Club**. Students in the Ecology Club will gain insight into our natural world through outdoor activities, community service and ecology projects. Students will gain an appreciation of nature and our impact on the natural world. Activities include hiking, camping, field trips, river and roadside cleanup, recycling, greening of our school, community awareness, data collection and more. Students meet once a month and as needed for planning of activities. Junior or Seniors enrolled in an advanced science class and in good standing at school (academics and discipline) are eligible to participate.

**SWAT TEAM** The **SWAT TEAM** (Students Will Achieve Together; Together Everyone Achieves More) would like to invite you to be involved! The SWAT TEAM is a service club that works to help students and the community. Membership is open to anyone willing to help others and have a positive

outlook in life. Meetings are held on Wednesday during lunch with free pizza for lunch once a month. There are no fees and members receive a free t-shirt. Activities include co-sponsoring the annual canned food drive for Haywood Christian Ministries, raising money for Christmas gifts for students that need extra help, and the Relay for Life. The SWAT TEAM raises money once a year through our annual pie fest in which we pie cheerleaders and football players. The SWAT TEAM is a way to get involved with your peers and make a difference in your life and the lives of others. Club sponsors: Cindy Allen, Betsy Gunter, and Melanie Galliers.

**SGA Student Government Association** is a group of elected student officials and student representatives that meet regularly and discuss ways to better our school. SGA takes concerns of the student body through the appropriate channels such as meeting with administrators and attendance at School Improvement Team meetings in order to promote changes that Tuscola students deem important. Kelly VanDenBeldt and Becky Revis are co-sponsors.

**FCA The Fellowship of Christian Athletes** is open to all students. Meeting times are the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. This organization is student-led, and meetings include evangelical speakers, praise and worship music, and playing games. FCA's vision is to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes, students, and coaches. The relationships within FCA will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through integrity, serving, teamwork, and excellences. Interested: See Joey Robinson or Brandon Allen for more information.

**QUIZ BOWL** The **Quiz Bowl** team participates in and organizes a variety of competitive events. Students answer questions on general knowledge, science, pop culture, literature, history, North Carolina and more. The formats include team answers and individual answers. Students meet on a regular basis and practice competition. Any student interested in competition and able to make practices is eligible to participate. Doug Hanson sponsors the Quiz Bowl.

**MU ALPHA THETA** The Math Club investigates mathematical topics that strengthen those learned in regular classes through hands on activities

such as counting M&M's, building and flying paper airplanes, making mousetrap cars, holding friendly quiz bowl type competitions. To be eligible, students must be interested in math, logic, statistics, or problem solving. Dues are \$5.00 per year and members are expected to attend monthly meetings. Students eligible for **Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society** must have completed their 5th semester of college/university prep course with a combined non-weighted average of 3.0 and attend meetings regularly. Students wanting to participate on a Math Team must be willing to meet weekly for practices. Students are encouraged, but not required, to be a Math Club member. We participate in math competitions in and around the state. Eligible math teams are: Furman Math Meet, Log 1 Math Contest, AMC 10/12 Competition, and the WCU State Math Competition. They complete an annual Community Service Project and top off the year with an Awards Picnic and Wiffle Ball game. Jonathan Allen is the club sponsor.

**TEEN DEMOCRATS** Become involved in the political process and offer support for candidates of the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels. Membership is open to all Tuscola students with a \$5 membership fee. Meetings are generally held before school and are announced well in advance. Activities include informational meetings to educate members about various political issues and the candidates' positions. Students may represent the Democratic Part at various community activities or work at precinct offices, aiding political candidates in the election process, and assist with mock voting for elementary students. Teen Democrats encourages students to engage themselves in the political process. Dr. Larry P. Fox is the sponsor.

**KEY CLUB** This club is the oldest and largest service club for high school students. What makes Key Club so successful is the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others. Members of the Kiwanis International family, Key Club members build themselves as they build their schools and communities through service projects such as book drives and mentoring elementary school children. The club meets twice a month on Tuesday, and is sponsored by Jessica Tucker.

**JOINING A CLUB IS A GREAT WAY** to meet other people and to make a difference in your school and community. Make this year the best ever!