

# Tuscola High School



# Clubs and Organizations

**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 various activities throughout the year including Day of the Dead crafts, sponsoring a needy Hispanic family at Christmas, eating out at Mexican restaurants, movie night(s), as well as other events. Suzanne Tompkins and Ashley Fogg are club sponsors.

**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. Meetings 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 Folkmoor International Festival. The THS French Club is not affiliated with any national organization. Carolyn Marth and Laura Rogers are the club sponsors.

**Photography Club** Do you love taking pictures? Would you love to hang out with others who share your passion? If so, join **THS Photography Club**. We are exciting and fun. We meet weekly after school and share our photography and our hobby. Each week we will pick a theme, and the next week share our photos. We also plan on entering contests and maybe even an art show. It is a way to make new friends and learn more about photography. Sponsors are Tricia Argentine, Cindy Shipman, Donna Rhodes, and Fritzie Wise.



**Bible Study** The **Bible Study Club** is a student led Christian group. Different books of the Bible are studied throughout the school year to include common themes, history, and application to daily life. The Bible Study meets every Monday morning in room C-5 at 7:15. Study outlines are provided. Steve Barchie is the sponsor.

**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" (Ghandi). The program aims to foster a commitment in young people for bringing about change in themselves, their community, 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 sponsors are Helen Pollifrone and Jessica Sparks.

**Young Republicans** Make your voice heard. Become involved in the political process and support candidates of the Republican Party at the local, state, and national levels. Membership is open to all Tuscola students with a \$5 membership fee. Meetings are held monthly at 7:15 in room C-5. Activities include informational meetings to educate members about various political issues and where candidates stand. Students serve the local Republican Party by working at various GOP activities including precinct offices, aiding political candidates, and GOP rallies. Get engaged in the political process. This is your country and your future. LtCol (Ret.) Steve Barchie is the sponsor.

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

**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 weighted cumulative GPA and is by invitation only. The application process begins in March, and new member induction is in May. 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 are Lisa Clifford and Christy Cook.



**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 Thursdays during lunch with free lunch provided. There are no fees, and members receive a t-shirt for \$5. Activities include Night in a Box for Share the Warmth, 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, teachers, other students, 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 Shipman, Betsy Gunter, Dawn Jones, Heather Phillips, and Debra Wright.

**Ski and 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.

**FCA** The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is open to all students. Meeting times are Thursdays at 7:25 a.m. and the last Thursday of the month at 7:25 p.m. 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. See Joey Robinson or Ethan Rhinehart for more information.

**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, and holding friendly quiz-bowl type competitions. To be eligible, students must like math. Students eligible for **Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society** must have completed Geometry 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 regularly for practices and be willing to help with the fund-raising activities. We participate in very prestigious competitions, including Furman Math Meet, Log 1 Math Contest, AMC 10/12 Competition, WCU State Math Competition, College of Charleston, Georgia Tech, and the Moody Mega Math Challenge, among others. We top off the year with an Awards Picnic and Wiffle Ball game. Mr. Pressley is the club sponsor.



**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 the club sponsor.

**Key Club** Key Club is the largest and oldest high school service organization in the world. We are a student-led club and do a variety of service projects with an emphasis on children. Major projects include Trick or Treat for UNICEF, March for Babies benefiting March of Dimes, and Salvation Army Bell-Ringing as well as local endeavors at Star Ranch, the Open Door Soup Kitchen, SARGE's Animal Rescue, and many others. Members have the opportunity to attend the annual District Convention in Durham and the International Convention (in Orlando in 2012). We meet after school on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. The club advisor is Jessie Tucker.

**Prom Committee** The Prom Committee is an opportunity for students to show their school spirit in a creative way. Being a part of our Prom Committee gives you a chance to make each prom memorable! We will meet throughout the year to design the prom theme and work to make it a possibility! Students are selected for membership based on previous school behavior and commitment. Listen for sign-ups in the counseling center! School sponsors: Maggie Melville, Joy Sollie, and various teachers.

**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 a part of the only career and technical student organization to have the family as its central focus! This club is sponsored by Sandra Garland, Kelly VanDenBelt, and Julie Sawyer.



**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 complete course (seniors) and cumulative GPA of 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. Certificate and recognition of members will take place during the annual Academic Awards Ceremony. CTHS is sponsored by Sandra Garland.

**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.



**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 Robera D' Alesandro.



**Operation 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 education students about our core values of commitment, leadership, and volunteerism. Check it out at operationsmile.org. Lisa Burgin is the club sponsor.

**Ecology Club** Mark Ethridge and Susan Miller sponsor 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, fieldtrips, 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. All interested students are eligible to participate.

**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, soil/land use, wildlife resources, and current trips and activities. Any student interested in forestry, aquatics, soils, wildlife or environmental issues is eligible to participate. Mark Ethridge and Susan Miller coordinate the Envirothon teams.

**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 deal important. Jon Sears is the sponsor of this group.

**Badminton Club** This is a club for girls in all grades enrolled in Tuscola. We meet weekly to play badminton and to socialize. You do not have to have any experience in the sport of badminton be just a desire to exercise and meet with young ladies at Tuscola. Crystal Clary is the club sponsor.

**Harry Potter Club** Attention Muggles: The THS Harry Potter Club celebrates all things Harry Potter through books, film, food, art, games and trivia. Pre-requisite: A love of reading and having fun! Sponsor: Carla Brookshire in B-3.