

Pirate Handbook



Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School

Clubs and Organizations

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Extracurricular Excitement!

Bored? Tired of watching re-runs? It's time to get out and see what's going on in the exciting world of high school. There are so many choices it can seem overwhelming, but getting involved in new activities is a fun way to challenge yourself.

What's in it for you? You get to explore your physical, creative, social, political, and career interests with like-minded people. You'll find friends trying something different may bring you in contact with people you didn't know who share your same interests and curiosity. Participating in extracurricular activities helps you in other ways too: it looks good on college and job applications and shows admission officers and employers you're well-rounded and responsible.

Check out all that Poteet High School has to offer, find an activity that suits your interests, check with the sponsor for meeting times, and get involved.

Research shows those who participate in extracurricular activities tend to make better grades and have fewer discipline problems than those who do not participate.

WELCOME TO POTEET HIGH SCHOOL

WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE!!!!

AC-DEC

Joyce Wascom / Leslie Williams

Academic decathlon is a ten event academic competition in which students match their intellects with students from other schools. The team consists of nine students who are divided into three groups according to their grade point averages. The team competes at the district, regional, state, and national level.

Art Club (National Art Honor Society)

Terry Hrehocik

Art Club is a school club which is open to all students who have taken art or are currently enrolled in an art class. The club is a social and service organization. In addition to monthly meetings, they participate in red ribbon and homecoming activities. They participate in school and community events by fulfilling requests for signs, banners, drawings, and face painting. Art club members are committed to making our school more creatively beautiful.

Bowling

Kathleen Murkot / Karyn Cummings

Club activity where students have the opportunity to compete between local high school boys and girls on a varsity and junior varsity level.

Cheerleading

Emily Bell / Lauren Jones

Cheerleaders promote school spirit by performing at functions. Try-outs are held every year in March. Cheerleaders are chosen on athletic abilities, grades, attendance, and citizenship.

Choir

Ashley Westgate / Nancy Shotts

The Poteet Choirs are comprised of students of varying abilities who have a joy for singing. Choir members are exemplary students both musically and academically. Because choir is a performance based class, it is imperative that choir members be present for rehearsal as well as all performances.

Crime Stoppers

Officer Ingram

Crime stoppers is a organization committed to serving their school community while attempting to make the school a better and safer place.

DECA

Katie Koshkin

Distributive Education Clubs of America gives students opportunities to develop leadership, social, civic and career skills in marketing. DECA provides well-planned activities that can be integrated into the curriculum and projects that promote occupational competence for students. DECA is committed to building relationships between education and the business community that will enhance the career and educational development of students. Students in DECA have the opportunity to participate in contests on the district, regional, and state level.

Destination Imagination

Jim Villwok

Destination Imagination teaches the things students will need as they traverse the sometimes rocky and often challenging terrain of the school of life-like how to tap into their own creativity, how to solve problems, and how to work together in teams. Teams of up to seven members choose one challenge to work on and spend several months perfecting their 'solution' for tournament day. Teams also hone their on-the-spot problem solving skills as they practice coming up with solutions for Instant Challenges--additional challenges that are revealed to the teams only minutes before their presentation time.

Dream Team

Joyce Wascom

The Poteet High School Dream Team is a club which helps students determine what they want out of life and how to achieve their goals. Whether they aspire to become veterinarians or would simply like to make the world a kinder place, members of The Dream Team spend time learning how to put their unique set of skills and interests to use. Club members work together to motivate their peers and find meaningful volunteer and enrichment opportunities which are tailored to their own passions. Joining The Dream Team would be a way for students to take the future into their own hands, changing their lives and the community at large.

FCA

Jake Tipton

Fellowship of Christian Athletes FCA is an interdenominational, school-based Christian sports organization. They focus on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference.

HOPE

Kyle Rimler

HELP OUR PLANET EARTH is an organization that focuses on improving our environment. Collecting paper to recycle is one way they improve our school and surrounding community. The Club members also participate in various community service projects

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)

Kathleen Murkot

Student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

JROTC

LT. Col. Jochum

The Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps is an organization that teaches young cadets leadership skills, motivates them to become better citizens and respectful students. Cadets participate in numerous competitions throughout the school year. Being a member of JROTC opens doors for numerous scholarship opportunities.

JV DRILL

Allison Fields

JV Drill prepares students to try out for Varsity Belles Drill Team. JV Drill gives students the knowledge to perform correct dance techniques that will help them as tryouts approach. They perform at halftime for a JV football game in combination dance with Varsity Belles during basketball season, and a performance in the Varsity Bells Spring Show.

Mock Trial Team

Jeff Blackwell / Katie Schnittker

The Pirate Mock Trial team is a collection of ten students who are pitted against other local high schools in a competition wherein they participate in various roles of a fictional court trial.

National Honor Society

Deanna Reese / Leslie Williams

National Honor Society members are chosen based on grades, citizenship, leadership and community service. They are dedicated to helping the community through continued community service.

Orchestra

Vernon Lewis

Students who wish to participate in the orchestra must audition to be placed in an orchestra class. Placement in Symphonic Orchestra and Honors Orchestra is based on a series of criteria. Some of these criteria are: The audition itself, conduct, attitude, dependability, eligibility, attendance for rehearsals and performances, and the student's demonstrated ability to perform the level of the music for the orchestra in which they are placed.

PATH

Amber Morris

Poteet Attempting to Help is an organization that promotes community service by informing students of volunteer activities.

Students are recognized for their volunteer hours by a stamp denoting service hours in increments of 50, 100, or 200 hours, which is stamped on the permanent record (transcript) during their senior year. Community Service is a valuable addition to a student's portfolio when applying for college and scholarship opportunities as well as helping students to develop the habits of citizenship.

Peer Helpers

Kerri Delaney

Peer Helpers is an organization of students dedicated to the betterment of students and the community. They act as mentors to elementary students and offers peer mediation / academic tutoring at the high school level. **Peer Helpers are chosen during the spring registration through an application /interview process.**

Pirate Band

Cody Newman

Students who wish to participate in the band must audition to be placed in an band class. Placement in Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Honors Band is based on a series of criteria . Some of these criteria are: The audition itself, participation in All-Region and Solo Ensemble, conduct, attitude, dependability, eligibility, attendance for rehearsals and performances, and the student's demonstrated ability to perform the level of the music for the band in which they are placed.

P.I.T. Crew

Rhoda Hokanson, Deanna Reese,

Emily Bell, Leslie Williams & Jim Villwok

Juniors and Seniors can sign up to be a part of our select P.I.T. Crew who mentor, train, and facilitate the freshman at P.I.T. Camp each August. Juniors and Seniors are selected based upon demonstrated character and leadership. Sign-up occurs each March, and the PIT Crew are selected in April

Science Club

Becky Gideon / Dr. John Howe

Science Club is an organization that helps students become aware of many science related careers and at the same time have fun participating in various school and community service projects.

Speech & Debate Club

Curtissa Greene

The Speech and Debate Club gives students the experience and knowledge of public speaking and also gives them confidence and self-respect that usually comes only with years of experience. Students prepare for various competitions on the district, regional, state and national level in areas such as extemporaneous speaking, persuasive speaking, dramatic interpretation, prose and poetry, and debate.

Student Council

Rhoda Hokanson / Jeff Blackwell

The student council promotes leadership, dedication, and school spirit through developing community awareness of student government. They plan and organize activities and projects that will foster the social growth and civic development of the student body. Community Service is an integral part of being a member of the student council.

TAFE

Angela Norton

The Texas Association of Future Educators promotes appreciation for teachers and gives students opportunities to learn about areas in the teaching profession. Club members are involved in service projects and the annual TAFE convention.

TFME

Ashley Westgate

The Texas Future Music Educators. This club is for students who are interested in being music teachers in the future and students must be enrolled in band, choir, or orchestra. The meetings are typically on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 in the choir room.

Thespians

Kelly M. Thomas

The Thespian Society includes actors and crew people involved in theatre. **In order to be inducted, students must complete 100 hours of theatre work.** Being a member of The Thespian Society also enhances opportunities for college scholarships.

TSA

Jim Villwok / Wallace Reese

Technology Student Association - Texas TSA promotes personal growth in leadership, technology, engineering and design fields. Through membership in Texas TSA students apply science, technology, engineering and mathematics through curriculum, competition and related studies.

UIL Academic Team

Joyce Wascom

The UIL Academic Team is made up of students who will participate in competitions in a variety of subject areas throughout the year. Students compete at the district, regional, state and national level. Being a member of the team enhances opportunities for scholarship awards.

UIL Sports

Randy Jackson

The UIL athletic program is based on the premise that athletes are students first and that athletic participation is a privilege rather than a right. Students learn teamwork and group responsibility. They also learn to deal with success and to overcome adversity.

Varsity Belles Drill Team

Allison Fields

The Belles are a dance/drill team. They perform at summer camp, athletic events, parades, and competitions throughout the year. Belles are chosen based on their performance score, grades, attendance, and citizenship. Tryouts are in March each year.

Video Production

Deanna Reese

Students who would enjoy a career in video production, film editing, broadcast journalism, camera operation, etc., can sign up for the Broadcasting class (Problems and Solutions). These students create numerous projects throughout the year and compete in TSA competition in the areas of Video Production. Space is very limited in this class, so communicating with Mrs. Reese early in the Spring is critical.

Web Design Team

Deanna Reese

Students who successfully complete the first year of web and desire to expand their knowledge base in Web design may join the Web II class in order to design, create, and maintain professional websites such as the PHS web site.

Yearbook/Newspaper

Donna Morris

The yearbook and newspaper staff members are students who have an interest or talent in journalism and/or photography. Their job is to capture memories and place them in a book for students to treasure for years or to publish.

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