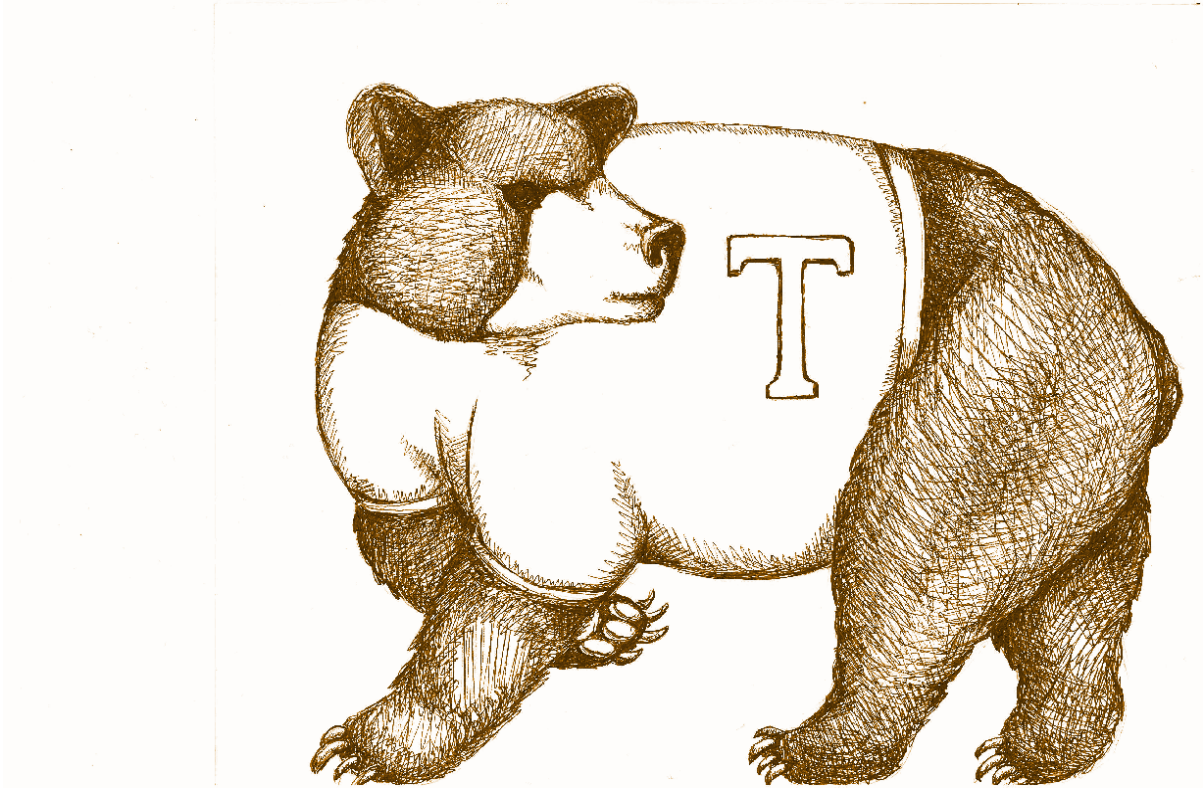


# THOMASTON HIGH SCHOOL

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



# GET INVOLVED!

2021-2022

# A Message from the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

We believe that social development is equally important to academic and intellectual growth. We are committed to meeting all facets of our mission. The athletic program coupled with our student clubs complement the academic and civic curriculum, resulting in the development of well-rounded citizens prepared to contribute to society.

In order for students to reap the full benefits of our academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs, they must get involved. We have an extraordinary faculty who come from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Many of our clubs are led by staff volunteers, others are paid positions. All; however, dedicate considerable time to ensure their program will provide students with a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Beyond learning, our clubs and activities offer our students the opportunity to showcase their talents, establish new friendships, and see their teachers from a different perspective. Involved students make contributions that improve our school community, while at the same time enhance the individual's experience.

In this document, you will find a list of various clubs, activities, and sports teams. Student participation in a wide range of activities will enhance their overall experience at Thomaston High School.

Get involved!

Sincerely,

John Perrucci

<b>Club</b>	<b>Room #</b>	<b>Meeting Day</b>	<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Grades</b>
After School Chorus	111	Every Wednesday	Bunel	7-12
Art Club	Art Room	Thursdays	Johnson	9-12
Audio Visual Club	50	Friday as needed	Dayton	9-12
B.I.O.	109	Last Friday of the month	Laus	9-12
Chess and Checkers Club	205	Every Wednesday	McMullen	7-12
Class Officers Gr. 10	121	Last Friday of the month	Abbott	10
Class Officers Gr. 11	History Office	Every Friday	Ewart	11
Class Officers Gr. 12		Every Friday	Dayton	12
Class Officers Gr. 9	Counseling Office	Last Friday of month	Riollano	9
Creative Writing	123	2nd/4th of the month	Tucker	9-12
Drama Club	111	Every Friday	Riollano	7-12
FBLA	201	2nd/4th of the month	Soeprasetyo	9-12
Freecycling Club	226	Every Friday	Lanese	7-12
GSA	122	2nd/4th of Tuesday of the month	Santovasi	7-12
Hiking Club	106	2nd/4th Wednesday of the month as needed	Ewart	7-12
Interact	208	1st/3rd Tuesday of the month	Rabuska	9-12
Mock Trial	107	Every Wednesday 6:45 am September-Competition (usually December)	Franzi	9-12
NHS	121	2nd/4th Wednesday of the month	Abbott	11-12
SAGE	50	1st/3rd Wednesday of the month	Dayton	9-12

Student Council	Auditorium	1st/3rd Wednesday - Fundraising & Activity 2nd/4th Tuesday - Publicity & Community Service	Franzi	9-12
TEDED Club	Learning Commons	1st of Wednesday of the month	Andronowitz	7-12
The Cave Newsletter	123	2nd/4th Friday of the month	Flanagan	9-12
Tobacco Free Club	112	2X per month on Fridays	Thomas	9-12
Travel Club	121/109	Fridays as needed	Abbott/Laus	9-12
Women in STEM	125	During Advisory on Tues. and Fridays	Policarpio	9-12
Yearbook Committee	50	Fridays as needed	Dominioni	7-12

### **After-School Chorus**

#### **Advisor: Mr. Bunel**

After School Chorus is a club designed to allow 7-12th grade students, who otherwise are unable to take chorus as part of their daily schedule, an opportunity to sing choral literature and ultimately perform with the High School Chorus at all scheduled performances. Students who take chorus as part of their daily schedule are allowed to participate as well. The club is not designed to replace the chorus class, but rather to provide an option to those who have a scheduling conflict prohibiting them from taking the class.

### **Art Club**

#### **Advisor: Mrs. Johnston**

An afterschool organization that provides support and enrichment for those students seeking a creative outlet in addition to their academic schedule.

### **Audio Visual Club**

#### **Advisor: Mrs. Dayton**

The Audio Visual Club is open to all students grade 9-12 who are interested in experience with all audio and video equipment. The AV club is one of the longstanding clubs at THS. The AV students are responsible for setting up equipment for all assemblies, presentations, grade level movies, Student Council events such as the Homecoming game, Pep Rallies, movie nights, dances, Field Day, along with numerous other events and activities that requires AV equipment such as speakers, LCD projectors, microphones, cameras and audio equipment. Interested AV students work closely with the Drama Club and the Thomaston Opera House. Training sessions have been provided by industry professionals.

### **Beauty Inside and Out (B.I.O.)**

#### **Advisor: Ms. Laus**

The group works towards an understanding of women's role in society. We seek out strong woman role models to inspire the girls involved in B.I.O. At our meetings we discuss and support each other concerning issues we face as women each day. We have an alliance with Safe Haven in Waterbury, a shelter for abused women and children. We donate to the center and in return we have a guest speaker come to the school and speak about contemporary issues with our students.

### **Chess and Checkers Club**

#### **Advisor: Mr. McMullen**

This is a non-competitive club where students of all skill levels are invited to play chess and checkers. The club runs once a week for an hour. Chess is a great pastime and motivates students to become advanced problem solvers and logical thinkers. Chess boards are provided by the club advisor and are open to all grades, teachers and faculty.

### **Creative Writing Club**

#### **Advisor: Mrs. Tucker**

The Creative Writing Club is in its first year at THS, run by Mrs. Tucker. It is a space for writers of all genres to do what they love and express themselves in whatever form they wish, be it poetry or prose, either through free-writing or using a prompt. The Creative Writing Club is dedicated to giving students a way to express their feelings and be creative while also developing their own personal writing style. The end goal for the year is to create a book of each member's favorite pieces.

## **Drama Club**

### **Advisor: Ms. Riollano**

The High School Drama Club is open to all 9-12 graders. We perform one show per year that runs for three nights. We begin rehearsals in January and we continue until our show in March. We rehearse three nights per week for two hours.

The club is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. We perform one show per year, which runs for two nights. The grade 7-8 Drama Club was started to fill a void that I noticed while I was directing the High School Drama Club.

## **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**

### **Advisor: Mr. Soeprasetyo**

FBLA-PBL is the largest business career student organization in the world. The high school division has 215,000 members, while the postsecondary division reaches over 11,000 college students. The newest group, FBLA-Middle Level, is showing remarkable growth with over 20,000 student members. Finally, the Professional Division has reached over 3,000 members. Over 11,000 advisers round out the group. Exclusive membership and career recognition programs are designed for each division to provide additional personal and chapter development opportunities. Students that are part of F.B.L.A. learn about different aspects of the business world. Each month highlights areas such as economics, entrepreneurship, fundraising, business management, ethics, marketing, and career planning. In 2012, the club created a scholarship to a senior that was preparing to pursue a field of study that related to a business field.

## **Freecycling Club**

### **Advisor: Mrs. Lanese**

The Freecycling Project has not been officially established as a club at this time. The Freecycling Project is a collaborative activity and classroom project in which regular and special education students are working together. We work with the Town of Thomaston's recycling commission by providing a volunteer service at the transfer station. The students process donations at the transfer station, bring back photos of available items, and publish them to the THS Website. If students are interested, we arrange for them to join our class on outings in the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month. There are also summer volunteer opportunities. Students can see Mrs. Lanese in Room 226 during the advisory period for more information.

## **Future Teachers Association**

### **Advisor:**

This club meets bi-weekly during the activity period. Our goals include promoting interest in the field of teaching and cultivating leadership in its members. As a member of FTA, students will have the opportunity to visit Black Rock School and read to younger students, as well as, to shadow teachers in the district. We promote the interest in becoming teachers while furthering the opportunity to work on leadership skills both at Thomaston High School and in our community.

## **Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)**

### **Advisor: Mrs. Santovasi**

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a club dedicated to creating a safe school environment for all students, regardless of their similarities or differences. We work toward ending occurrences of bullying in and out of school by raising awareness of the issue and its effects. We focus on community building with events geared toward offering opportunities for students of all walks of life to engage in fun social activities. We pride ourselves in helping the future leaders of the community develop their skills.

## **Hiking Club**

### **Advisor: Mrs. Ewart**

Hiking Club is offered to all students in grades 7-12 that are interested in improving their health and wellness while learning about and discovering what our natural surroundings have to offer. Students will learn about the terrain, history of the land, and navigation skills. The club will hike trails throughout Litchfield County and throughout the state of Connecticut. A signed permission slip by a parent/guardian is required prior to hiking each trail. The club meets during the school day to discuss the hikes and expectations, view maps and other information, and research historical information. The hikes will take place after school on a weekday or on the weekends, dates and times to be determined. Hikes can last from 1-3 hours.

## **Interact**

### **Advisor: Mr. Rabuska**

Interact is a Rotary-based service club for students in grades 9-12. Interact gives students an opportunity to participate in meaningful service projects throughout the year. These projects involve the school and community as well as at least one project on an international level. Through service activities Interactors learn the importance of leadership skills, personal integrity, helpfulness, and respect for others. Our motto is “service above self”.

## **Mock Trial**

### **Advisor: Mrs. Franzi**

The High School Mock Trial Program was established in 1976, sponsored by Civics First. Throughout its history, thousands of students and their teachers have participated in the program: year after year the program includes over 700 students from more than 50 Connecticut high schools. Students participate in a fictional civil or criminal trial, taking on the role of attorneys or witnesses and using critical thinking skills to create arguments and make objections in support of their side. An attorney coach works with the team, and students have the opportunity to job shadow at a law firm and compete against other schools.

## **National Honor Society**

### **Advisor: Mrs. Abbott**

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. Juniors who have a 3.5 GPA after the first five semesters, as well as seniors after six semesters of high school will be invited to apply for membership into NHS. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop through involvement in school activities and community service.

## **S.A.G.E**

### **Advisor: Mrs. Dayton**

Student Alliance for a Greener Earth is an organization committed to educating students and working within the community to improve the environment. S.A.G.E. students have organized a variety of community service projects including the fall and spring beautification at THS, cleanups, and educating younger students at Black Rock School on recycling, and perhaps most importantly creating environmental awareness amongst the staff and students at THS.

## **STEM Competition Club**

### **Advisor:**

The STEM Competition Club is for students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). One competition is CyberPatriot, the nation's largest middle and high school cyber security contest, sponsored by the Air Force Association and Northrop Grumman. Students learn how to set up a secure network to defend against cyber threats. Teams of up to 6 students also compete against one another in an online competition round each month from November through February. Students gain invaluable knowledge about cyber security and computer safety by participating in this competition. Another activity is model rocketry. Students learn to safely design, build and launch model rockets. Students may decide to compete in a model rocketry contest. Another competition is the Connecticut Invention Convention where students design, build, and present an original invention. Thomaston Invention Convention, the local competition, is in March at Center School, followed by state and national competitions that students may be able to enter. Finally, students may choose other STEM competitions to enter.

## **Student Council**

### **Advisor: Mrs. Franzi**

Student Council is a body of students that seeks to be a voice for the student body, recognizing student concerns and interests in efforts to create an involved and positive student climate while being active members within the school community and greater Thomaston community. Student Council provides the main forum for discussing student concerns and ideas in order to stimulate and develop good citizenship and democracy among students. We are dedicated to developing leadership through service and enhancing co-curricular life. In addition, students are given the opportunity to interact with faculty, staff, and administrators and participate in the government of the school while promoting and maintaining high standards of individual responsibility, cooperation, and maturity among students. Student Council is responsible for coordinating student activities and charity fundraisers.

## **TEDED Club**

### **Advisors: Mr. Andronowitz**

Meets First Wednesday of each month during activity period. Students will be able to create stimulating and creative TED style talks about their passions. In doing so, students will be able to connect with other students from different backgrounds, cultures and countries around the world. THS TEDed Club provides an online platform dedicated to celebrating student ideas and supports students in developing presentation and public speaking skills, so that their ideas can be more easily seen, understood and shared. Students develop their idea, critically analyze other students' work, become problem solvers, critical thinkers and innovators to make the world a better place. Students will use their experience in the TEDed Club as a valuable reference point in a resume, college application or job interview.

## **The Cave Newspaper Club**

### **Advisor: Ms. Flanagan**

*The Cave* is a student-run newsletter that aims to deliver relevant and exciting news to the THS student body. *The Cave* staff covers a wide range of topics, from school, club, and sporting events, to school climate and culture. Each issue of the *The Cave* contains various types of articles: features, editorials, entertainment reviews, horoscopes, and games. In this club, you will have a chance to write articles on topics that are relevant to the school, edit your work and that of your peers, work and collaborate with others, and make new friends in the process! *The Cave* is open to all 9-12 students, and meets in Mrs. BATTERY's room on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. *The Cave* utilizes google classroom to communicate and produce the newsletter. New ideas and new members are always welcome!



## **Tobacco Free Club**

**Advisor: Mrs. Thomas**

The Thomaston Tobacco Free Club sets out to advocate against tobacco and tobacco free products. Student members are an active voice in the high school as well as the community as a whole. This year, the students will educate their community about tobacco-free topics and policies and promote tobacco-free parks in Thomaston.

## **Travel Club**

**Co-Advisors: Mrs. Abbott and Ms. Laus**

“With a mission to break down barriers in language, culture and geography, EF helps people of all ages and nationalities become citizens of the world. Also known as the Global Classroom, tours allow teachers to incorporate international travel into their lesson plans, and let students experience the very best historic, cultural, and natural sites in the world.” Advisors have taken students on trips to countries throughout Europe, as well as Mexico, Costa Rica, and Canada.

## **Women in STEM**

**Advisor: Mrs. Policarpio**

A club empowering girls looking to pursue a career in STEM. This club gives advice for college/career, partners with other Women in STEM clubs, and will possibly have guest speakers with experiences as women in STEM.

## **Yearbook Club**

**Advisor:**

Students that are part of the yearbook club share ideas about new trends in yearbook production, discuss previous yearbooks and strengths/weaknesses about them, improvements that can be made to relate to them, and create both the high school and middle school yearbooks. Students will survey other students and use feedback to create a design that meets their desires. They also learn about selling (both yearbooks and advertisements) and marketing to meet goals that have been set by them. Photography skills are also enhanced as students practice taking photos of classmates in academic, social, and sports activities.

## **Athletic Teams**

### **Fall**

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country
- Field Hockey

### **Winter**

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Wrestling
- Indoor Track
- Cheerleading

### **Spring**

- Baseball
- Softball
- Track and Field
- Boys Tennis
- Girls Tennis