

**HIGHTOWER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS
2009 - 2010**

SCHOOL CLUB	MISSION/PURPOSE	NAME(S) OF FACULTY ADVISORS	PAST OR PLANNED ACTIVITIES	DATE/TIME
ACADEMIC BOWL	To give 8 th grade team members an opportunity to enhance their teamwork skills, good citizenship qualities, poise, confidence and academic knowledge in a fun, competitive environment	Lisa Crockett Lauren Gray	HTMS'S first Academic Bowl team was formed in 2004 and those students, after their successes at the county, regional, and state semi-final competitions, proceeded to the state final competition where they proudly proved to be the best public school team in the state! Team practices focus on subject area content and game strategy. We invite faculty members for special friendly competition to help the team get ready to compete!	Friday mornings as announced.
ART COMPETES	To give students the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents by submitting artwork into various local and state competitions	Judy Condon	Submit entries to school, local and state contests	1 st Thursday of every month 8:00 a.m. Art room
BAND – Flute Choir Clarinet Choir Double Reed Ensemble Low Brass Ensemble 7 th Jazz Band 8 th Jazz Band Percussion Ensemble	To provide additional learning and performing opportunities for band students, open to 7 th & 8 th grade students only.	Andrew Cole Fred Norton	Performances at feeder elementary schools; Night of the Arts (April each year) Additional performances as necessary	For specific meeting times and dates, refer to the Band Calendar: www.htmsband.org

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BETA CLUB (JR.)	To foster excellence in academics and citizenship through community service	Lauren Gray Catherine Hackney Maria Saba	Beta Club has participated in: The Soldier Project where members encouraged the students and staff to donate items to send to the soldiers overseas; the can tab drive that benefited the Ronald McDonald house; and Toys for Tots. Beta Club also encourages its members to participate in service activities outside of school.	1 st Tuesday of every month @ 8:00 a.m. Additional meeting will be called as needed on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month.
BOOK BABBLE	To give book-loving students an opportunity to meet with others who share the same interest.	Vanessa Sharp Debbie Sabel	Book sharing and discussions, group reads, guest speakers, occasional field trips (movies with a book connection, author events, etc.)	2 nd Tuesday of each month (beginning Sept. 8 th), in room 6C1. Time: 8:00 am – 8:45 am
CAREER EXPLORING.COM	To research college and career information through internet sites.	Counselor: Judith Reichenbach	Look more in depth at Career Cruising, research high school, college, scholarship, and career websites.	Thursdays, 8:20 -8:45 am. Begins in January on drop-in basis in the Computer Lab. Students are picked up from the theater.
CHESS/CHECKERS	Students meet to practice and learn chess and checkers strategies. They will practice good social skills in a non-competitive atmosphere.	Donna Flood	Students meet in a casual atmosphere for games of chess and/or checkers. All levels of play are included.	Monday mornings 8:00 a.m.

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DRAMA CLUB	To allow students to enjoy the performing arts and see their impact in education.	Judy Condon Debbie Jennings Randall Howe Lauren Gray	Talent show, Night of the Arts, Improv, and one act plays	See rehearsal schedules
EQUESTRIAN CLUB	To provide an educational & social opportunity for students who are interested in learning more about horses & the equine sport.	Trish Healy	Horse Therapy Horse Behavior Riding Styles Horse Training	We will meet the 3 rd Thursday of each month for 1 hr.
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA) <i>Not a school sponsored activity</i>	To provide a spiritual opportunity for all students to meet in a group setting to support and encourage one another.	Linda Postell Jerry Richerson	Assisting in blood drives, health fairs, feeding the homeless through MUST Ministries, fundraising activities to provide food for Christmas and other holidays.	Every other Friday morning, 8: 15 a.m. in the weight room
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)	To provide opportunities for leadership and careers through childcare, food preparation, and sewing. Open to 6 th & 7 th grade students only.	Debby Tarbutton	We will participate in various community service projects throughout the year.	After school, 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Specific days will be determined by number of students who participate.
HIKING AND ADVENTURE CLUB	To provide opportunities for students in all grade levels to enjoy the outdoors and make new friendships.	Ken Blankenship Tina Baumann Carlene Bailey Tracy Hahn	Meets periodically to coordinate weekend field trips. Hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing, and camping. Possible 2 overnight camping trips per year; generally, Fall and Spring.	This club will meet at the end of August for the first time and then as needed for trip planning.
HNN (The Husky News Network)	To bring a video production of the news and events of the week to the student body and staff at HTMS. Open to 7 th and 8 th graders via application.	Randall Howe Garrett Grashius	HNN staff creates a news show weekly for the staff and students at HTMS. Various members of the community have worked with us to enhance the technical and creative aspects of our production. Students create a movie of athletic events, special functions, and school announcements. Specific duties include writers, photographers, and technical advisors.	This club meets each Wednesday, after school until 6:00 pm in the Media Center. We will meet other times as needed.

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INTRAMURALS	To provide the opportunity of additional practice, self-testing and unique activities not feasible during regular class period. Intramural are student oriented, offering a wide variety of activities. All participants have an equal opportunity to play and focus on fun, enjoyment, and effort rather than winning.	Maynard Gardner (Director) Jerry Richerson Wes Auld	PE activities and tournaments. Weightlifting.	Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am – 8:45 am
JR. KIWANIS CLUB	Serves as the middle school branch of the Kiwanis Club. Our purpose is to allow students to experience the rewards of helping others, while developing the desire to participate in community service.	Melissa Rea Gloria Williams Inga Schorn Sherry Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTMS Canned Food Drive • (Nov.) Benefits needy in Atlanta & Marietta • Visits to Marietta Girls Club (after school field trips) 	Monthly: 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. in 6D5. May also meet to complete projects as needed.
LES FILLES EN ROSE (Girls Vocal Ensemble)	Open to 7 th & 8 th grade female chorus students by audition.	Suzanne Logue	Ensemble performs at chorus concerts and other venues off-campus during the school year.	Rehearsals are held from 8:00 am – 8:45 am each Monday morning.
LEGO ROBOTICS TEAM Official competitive rosters are limited; however, all participants are welcome	To provide hands-on learning for students in basic engineering/robotics, physical science, and applied mathematics.	Anthony Foley	Students will participate in FIRST Lego League Robotic Competitions. Meeting will be conducted to strategize, plan, and organize the building of the team's competitive robot and robotic presentation.	Tuesdays, 8:00 am
MATH COUNTS	To allow students the opportunity to collaborate and engage in problem solving. Open to 6 th – 8 th graders.	Melody Stout Nancy Bisanz	Cobb County Math Competitions and Math Counts Competitions.	Thursdays – 8:00 am (Beginning Sept. 3rd) Meetings held in Exploratory Room 4.

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MOCK TRIAL CLUB	To provide students experience in debate and trial procedures	Colleen Ham	TBA	TBA
NOTEBOOK BUSTERS	To help students get more organized	Counselors: Judith Reichenbach Debbie Schmitz Christy Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train peer helpers • Students may “drop in” for morning help • Organize notebooks • Organize lockers 	The 1 st Wednesday of each month, starting in October. Time: 8:20-8:45 am. Students will be picked up from the theater.
ORCHESTRA CHAMBER	To provide enrichment for more advanced players in orchestra	Susan Brown	Performances at Governor’s Mansion, Designer Showcase, Night of the Arts, feeder elementary schools.	Tuesday mornings 8:00 – 8:45 am
ORCHESTRA BASS CHOIR	To provide additional ensemble experience for bass players and an opportunity to work with a professional bassist.	Susan Brown	Perform at District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival and Night of the Arts.	Thursday afternoons – 1 st semester
RECYCLING CLUB	To promote the conservation and recycling of paper used at school. In addition, we collect all of the paper and place it in the school’s recycling bin.	Amy West Debbie Wetherholt Janet Grooms Adam Wiese	Since HTMS opened, we have provided teachers and staff with recycling bins and have collected this paper on a monthly basis.	3rd Friday of each month with additional days added if necessary
RELAY FOR LIFE	To raise awareness and funds for The American Cancer Society. Hold various events throughout the year with all funds donated in HTMS name. We have been the #1 Middle School in the County for the past 2 years.	Tracy Hahn Trish Healy	Work closely with HTMS Student Council planning events throughout the school year to raise funds. We compete with other organizations in Cobb County and we raise funds and attend an overnight Relay in May each year to promote the idea that “Cancer Never Sleeps.”	Will meet throughout the year to plan school fundraisers and events.

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STUDENT COUNCIL	To give the students a voice in the leadership of the school. It is intended to be a forum to discuss student suggestions and to give opportunities to build leadership skills. Student Council has also become our school group that organizes all fundraising events for Relay for Life.	Assistants: Wes Auld (6 th) Brian Froy (7 th) Katie O'Ryan (6 th)	. Fall Spirit Week (Relay for Life Fundraiser) in Oct . Monthly leadership meetings . Suggestion boxes placed in all classrooms & atrium . Halloween or Winter dance (fundraiser) . February Carnation Sales Valentine's Dance . Annual forum with principal	2 nd Tuesday morning of each month at 8:15 a.m.
STUDY SKILLS: Thursday Morning at the Movies	7 week video series to improve school performance by improving study skills.	Counselor: Judith Reichenbach	7 sessions covering test-taking skills, note taking, organization, memory improvement, and study skills tips.	Thursday mornings at 8:20 for 7 sessions. 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 and 10/1, 10/8, 10/15.
TALENT SHOW	To provide students the opportunity to showcase their various talents in an organized performance	Judy Condon Lauren Gray Wes Auld	- Talent Show Auditions - Talent show Rehearsals - Talent Show	Tryouts: 9/17 @ 4:20 pm in the theater Rehearsals: 9/22 & 9/24 4:30 – 6:30 theater Talent Show: 9/25 (7:00 – 9:00) theater
THE RIFF CLUB (Rock, Improv, and Fiddling Fun)	To provide an opportunity for orchestra students to explore a variety of musical styles including jazz, rock, and bluegrass.	Susan Brown	Students will perform at Night of the Arts, and feeder elementary schools.	Tuesdays at 4:15 pm until 5:15 pm
WEIGHT LIFTING	To teach the proper methods of weight lifting, enhancing the student's muscular strength and endurance.	Coach Jerry Richerson	Workouts two days a week	Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 -8:45 a.m. in the weight room.
YEARBOOK STAFF	To design and create the school yearbook. Open to 7 th & 8 th grade students. Applications available from Ms. Logue through 8/19/09.	Suzanne Logue	Take photographs throughout the year for the yearbook; lay out pages and assemble materials.	Meetings & work sessions are held on Thursdays from 4:30pm – 6:00 pm, at least twice a month; more often during the 3 rd nine-week grading period. We will meet in the chorus room and/or the computer lab.

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INTERCLUB COUNCIL	To provide feedback to principal on school climate and academics	Dr. Hilda Wilkins	All club and organization student leaders are invited to participate	Meet 3 times a year with principal, beginning second 9 weeks, 8:15am-9:15am in the principal's office. Dates: 10/16, 1/22, and 3/12.

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