



2024-2025 CLUBS & ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK



**MARANATHA
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**



CLUB DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS ARE ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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Welcome

We are an influential school of collaborators, innovators, and explorers grounded in Christian faith, empowering co-creators of tomorrow. A well-rounded and balanced education includes opportunities to participate in extracurricular clubs, activities, and athletics, which will aid students in becoming Spirit-driven leaders, Curious Explorers, Impactful Innovators, Courageous Changemakers, Gracious Community Builders, and Empathic Problem Solvers.

If an advisor or coach is not available for a club, activity, or sport, MCA reserves the right to cancel or discontinue that activity.



NHS: NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mrs. Chloe Larson

Description: The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since 1921.

Requirements: Students in grades 10-12 wanting to participate in NHS must have a 3.5+ GPA, complete an application, and demonstrate excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Students in the society must participate in two NHS community service activities with a minimum of four hours of service time.

Schedule: candidates will be informed of their status in October and inducted on the second Monday in November. The society will meet every month to conduct meetings and schedule service projects.

Fees: \$35.00. (Members will also have the option to purchase an NHS shirt designed by chapter leadership)

NJHS: NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mr. Ward Bennett

Description: The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. The NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since 1929.

Requirements: Students in grades 6-9 who participate in the NJHS must have a 3.5+ GPA, complete an application, and demonstrate excellence in Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Students in the society must also participate in two NJHS community service activities with a minimum of four hours of service time.

Schedule: Candidates will be informed of their status in December and inducted in January. The society will meet every month to conduct meetings and schedule service projects.

Fees: \$30.00 (Members will also have the option to purchase an NJHS shirt/sweater designed by chapter leadership)





HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Advisor: Ms. Jamie Axelberg

Description: High School Student Council is an elected body of students in grades 9-12 who seek to support the vision of MCA by positively impacting campus life and student culture. They accomplish this through effective servant leadership, constructive input on school policies, and planning and executing of school social events and service outreaches.

Requirements: Students must complete an application within the published deadline. All candidates will be subject to the recommendations of upper school staff.

Schedule: The Student Council election takes place in the spring for the election of members who will serve in the following school year. A specific schedule for the application process and elections will be published in the spring.

Fees: \$60 (\$135 with retreat)



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Advisor: Mrs. Mackenzie Franck

Description: Middle School Student Council will consist of seventh and eighth-grade council members. The group will meet once/week during advisory. Meetings consist of prayer, leadership training, working the school store, and event planning. Council member duties include serving in an office, setting up and selling for fundraisers, working at least two hours per week at the school store, organizing and participating in events, and being a leader and example for other students.

Requirements: Students must fill out a self-evaluation form and have it signed by their parents. They must have a GPA of 3.2 or above and no quarter grade failing. Middle School teachers will submit recommendations and students will vote on their grade's candidates. Important qualities for a student council member include a willingness to serve others, responsibility, organization, dependability, honesty, reliability, and a Christ-like attitude.

Schedule: A specific schedule for the application process will be published in the spring.

Fees: \$60 (\$135 with retreat)



FIRST TECH CHALLENGE

Advisor: Mr. Ed Marvel & Mr. Ward Bennett

Description: It's way more than building robots. FIRST Tech Challenge teams are challenged to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format. Guided by adult coaches and mentors, students develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles, while realizing the value of hard work, innovation, and teamwork. The robot control system is programmed using a variety of levels of Java. Teams design and build robots, design and market their team brand, and do community outreach to earn specific awards. Participants are eligible to apply for \$80M+ in college scholarships.

Practice Starts: Tuesdays/Thursdays (6:00 pm – 8:30 pm) + Saturdays (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Season Duration: September – January, (February as well if teams qualify for State)

Location: Upper School STEM Lab

Student Maximum: 12

Cost: \$500



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Advisor: Mr. Owen Marvel

Description: Friendly competition is at the heart of the Challenge, as teams of students engage in research, problem-solving, coding, and engineering – building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. As part of the Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem.

Practice Starts: Tuesdays/Thursdays (3:15 pm – 4:30 pm)

Season Duration: September – December (February as well if teams qualify for State)

Location: Upper School STEM Lab

Student Maximum: 32

Cost: \$400



THESPIAN

Advisor: Mr. Wayne Matthews

Description: Thespian Club offers students an opportunity to explore theater through the performance of a theatrical production. Students may audition to play an on-stage role in the production or participate off-stage by quickly moving set pieces for the various settings in the production. The club will commence with a performance of the students' production which family and friends will be invited.

Requirements: 6th-12th grade (Due to the nature of rehearsals, attendance will be required)

Schedule: Wednesdays after school

Location: Room 209

Fee: \$80



SIDELINE CHEER

Advisor: Allie Oliver & Jillene Nelson

Description: Let's go big red! Do you like to cheer and bring excitement and energy? Cheer is the play for you! From starting cheers and performing routines to stunts we are ready to pack the stable with all the full.

Practice: 2-3 times a week to prepare for stunts, cheers, and routines for events

Season Duration: November – March

Location: MCA Gyn

Cost: \$200



GAMING CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Gerritt VanOtterloo

Description: MCA Gaming Club is a place where students can come and enjoy their favorite games with their friends in an environment that is welcoming and relaxed. Students bring their own games/devices to enjoy, whether that be video games, board games, card games, etc.

Requirements: The only requirement for Gaming Club is that you are in fact focused on playing a game while in the club. This is not a social media or text message club. Open to both middle and high school.

Schedule: Wednesdays (3:15 pm -4:00 pm)

Location: Room 208

Fees: No fee



ART CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Kari Nelson

Description: This is a student led group that gives students a chance to be hands-on with art. We create a variety of art projects based on student interests.

Requirements: None (open to grades 9-12)

Schedule: Every-other Tuesday (3:30 pm -4:30 pm)

Fees: No fee



FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Advisor: Mr. Eric Sherman

Description: Students eat lunch in Mr. Sherman's room as we build community and fellowship while we discuss and help each other navigate what it's like to be a Christian through stories and other experiences.

Requirements: 7th-8th grader

Schedule: Fridays during lunch

Location: Room 240

Fee: No fee



BLACK HISTORY STUDENT COMMITTEE

Advisor: Mr. Jeff Thomas & Mr. Jerry Oehler

Description: The Black History Student Committee (BHS Committee) is a group of students whose main focus will be to bring black history and black culture to MCA and the planning/production of events during the month of February.

Requirements: Students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to sign up. This group is open to students from every race and background. Students must be in good standing at MCA and must exhibit a Christ-like attitude daily to stay on the committee.

Schedule: Mondays (3:15 pm - 4:00 pm)

Location: The Learning Lane

Fees: No fee



COMFORT THROUGH CHRIST

Advisor: Mrs. Ella VandenLangenberg

Description: Join us as we go over books in the Bible, discussions, and sit in fellowship.

Requirements: Anyone grades 9-12 is welcome!

Schedule: Monday during lunch

Location: Room 246

Fees: No fee



DAILY BREAD

Advisor: Mrs. Kari Nelson

Description: Students gather in prayer, worship, testimonies, and build community and fellowship while we discuss and help each other navigate what it's like to be a Christian through stories and other experiences.

Requirements: 9th-12th grade

Schedule: Every day during lunch

Location: Choir room

Fee: None



LETTERS OF LOVE

Advisor: Mrs. Ella VandenLangenberg

Description: Letters of Love is a global nonprofit organization that provides emotional support for patients in children's hospitals through handmade cards. Students at MCA get together to make cards over lunch on Thursdays 1-2 times a month. The club is led by Ivy Dehler (President), Ashley Yost (communications), and Maia Marvel (operations).

Requirements: Anyone grades 9th-12th is welcome!

Schedule: Thursday during lunch (1-2 times/month)

Fees: No fee (possible future options for shirts)



ISRAELI CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Deb Campbell

Description: Israel Club is a laidback time for fellowship and conversation rooted in the importance of Israel. In this club, the members and advisor discuss current events taking place in Israel, as well as the reason we, as Christians, are called to serve Israel in prayer and support. When the opportunity arises, the members serve and attend various Israeli events to learn more about the culture of Israel.

Requirements: Open to students 7th-8th & 9th - 12th

Schedule: Monday's designated lunch

Location: Room 214

Fees: No fee



BADMINTON

Advisor: Mrs. Melanie Hurlbut

Description: Badminton Club is a fun space for students to stay active and meet new people while playing badminton.

Requirements: 9-12th grade

Schedule: Once a week (during fall and spring)

Fees: No fee



HIGH SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Susan Eibes

Description: In book club we talk about what we are reading over lunch, like a book tasting. Many high school students have packed schedules and don't need one more book to read, but for those voracious readers out there with varying tastes in reading, we want to hear all about what they're reading! We suggest new reads to each other and meet monthly to talk all things books!

Requirements: 9th - 12th grade and a love of reading

Schedule: Wednesday's During lunch

Location: Room 202

Fees: No fee



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Stacey Huether

Description: Our mission is to educate both the young and old that the Environment is one of the most important gifts that our Lord has given us and to take care of it.

Requirements: 9-12th grade.

Schedule: Thursdays during lunch

Fees: No fee



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Black History Student
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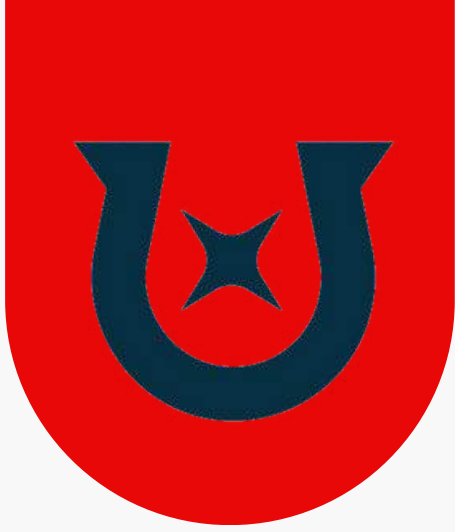


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Letters of Love
Comfort Through Christ





CONTACT

Is something missing?

If you would like to start a club or an activity here at MCA
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