

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

All extracurricular activities and clubs at St. Patrick Catholic High School are required to publish bylaws and a constitution outlining specific requirements and policies of the organization. Copies of all bylaws are available by contacting the faculty sponsor of the organization.

Arts and Crafts: Students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in a creative after-school club. Different types of handmade items are produced throughout the school year. Meetings are held once per month, and a \$10 membership fee is required to join.

Campus Ministry: Students in grade 12 are selected by a faculty/administration committee. These students lead retreats for grades 7-10 and other spiritual activities for the school.

Drama Guild: Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in the after school drama guild. The drama guild works to produce a fall and spring production each year. This club is open to students interested in performance, production, and stage set up. Students in grades 10-12 are eligible to take theatre as one of their electives.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA): Any student grades 9-12, who is active in an athletic activity, including cheerleading, band and/or dance team, is eligible for membership. The FCA is a nationwide organization that focuses on “presenting to athletes and coaches and all who they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in the relationships and in the fellowship of the church.” The St. Patrick Catholic High School huddle demonstrates such action through service work within our community.

French Club/French Honor Society: Membership is open to students in grades 9-12 who are currently taking French or have completed French I. French Honor Society members must have an average of 93 or higher for three semester periods, which includes one semester of French II.

Mass Choir: Any student in grades 7-12 who is interested in singing or playing an instrument at weekly Liturgy services. Auditions are held at the beginning of the school year, and after school rehearsals are required.

Interact Club: Interact Club is a high school Rotary Club dedicated to leadership through community service projects. Membership is open to students in grades 7-12. Members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings held after school. Officers are required to attend the monthly meetings.

Key Club: Membership is open to all students in grades 9-12. The Key Club is a division of Kiwanis and participates in many service projects throughout the year, in which members volunteer their time and talents in an effort to make the world a better place for others. Membership is open to students in grades 9-12 who are in good standing.

Math Club: Membership is open to students in grades 7-12. The purpose of the math club is to prepare

students for the following math competitions: (1) Math Counts (grades 7-8), (2) MCTM Math Competition (grades 7-8), (3) USM Math Competition (grades 9-12), and (4) Ole Miss Math Competition (grades 9-12). Math Counts (grades 7-8) is a competition team designed to excite and challenge middle school students in the discipline on math. With four levels of competition (school, local, state, and national), this organization provides students with the incentive to prepare throughout the school year to represent their school at hosted competitions during the spring of each school year. Each student that makes the team may apply for a \$1000 scholarship their senior year.

Mock Trial: The purpose of mock trial is to educate the youth of America about our legal system, our jurisprudence, and the work of our attorneys. A student must be in grades 10-12 before he/she can try out for competition.

Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society: Students in grades 10-12 with an average of 85 or higher over a three semester period are eligible for membership. Members' responsibilities include attending meetings, signing up to tutor lower level math students, and participating in the annual "Pi Day" fundraiser. Seniors who meet requirements will be permitted to wear chords at graduation.

National Honor Society: Candidates must be in grades 10-12, have attended St. Patrick Catholic High School for one semester, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Selection of new members shall be by majority vote of the faculty council composed of five faculty members selected by the principal and chaired by the NHS sponsor, who is a non-voting member.

National Junior Honor Society: Candidates must be in grades 7-9, have attended St. Patrick Catholic High School for one semester and have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 90 beginning in seventh grade. Candidates are invited to apply to NJHS in the spring semester of their seventh and eighth grade years. Eligible students are inducted into the association at the end of the school year. Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character. Selection of new members shall be by majority vote of the faculty council composed of five faculty members selected by the principal and chaired by the NJHS sponsor, who is a non-voting member.

Quiz Bowl: SPCHS sponsors a quiz bowl team that competes against participating schools on the coast during the months of January through March. Membership opens in November with tryouts if number of interested students exceeds two teams. Practice begins in December. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate. Teams are composed of four students.

Robotics: The robotics team (Team Tempest) is part of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics. Team Tempest was founded in 2005. Students in elementary partner schools (grades K-2) have the option to take part in Junior FIRST LEGO League and are mentored by high school members. Students in grades 3-8 are eligible for FIRST LEGO League. FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is a program from students in grades 7-12. The First Robotics Competition (FRC) is a program for students in grades 9-12.

Sailing Team: All students in grades 7-12 are eligible to join the sailing team. Students should have a foundational knowledge of sailing before applying for membership. All practices and competitions are conducted off campus.

Science Club/Science Honor Society: All students in grades 9-12 are eligible for membership. Students

with interest in Science are encouraged to join. The Science Club sponsors all science fair related activities and two annual Blood Drives on our campus.

Science Olympiad: All students in grades 7-12 may apply for membership. Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets. Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year. There are weekly meetings conducted by the coach(s). Some materials are provided and much of the work, research, preparation is done by the team members on their own time. A membership fee and fundraiser participation are required to cover registration, t-shirts, competition materials, bus driver, bus, and etc. Members are selected based on GPA, three (3) teacher recommendations, and behavior. A regional competition takes place in February in Natchez, MS, and an annual competition takes place in March on the campus of USM in Hattiesburg, MS.

Seamus Heaney English Honor Society: This honor society is open to high school students in grades 10-12 who have demonstrated exceptional ability in such areas as literary analysis, media studies, composition, linguistic study, and creative writing, and who meet the requirements of membership: 3.0 cumulative grade point average and 3.5 cumulative English grade point average. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have attended St. Patrick Catholic High School for at least one semester and have completed at least two semesters of secondary English are invited to apply for membership each fall. An application is required and will be reviewed by a faculty advisory council. New inductees are then invited to become members.

Spanish Club/Spanish Honor Society: To be eligible for membership, students in grades 9–12 must be currently taking Spanish or have completed Spanish I. Members are involved with the community by participating in numerous service projects. Spanish Honor Society members must have an average of 94 or higher for three semester periods which includes one semester of Spanish II.

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE): All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join SAVE. SAVE promotes making positive choices, especially by creating an awareness to the effects of alcohol and drunk driving. SAVE also sponsors the annual “Prom Promise” campaign.

Students for Life (SFL): Students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to join Students for Life, an on-campus group which promotes the culture of life at the school, local, and national level. The mission of Students for Life is to promote awareness of current right to life issues and to bring about change through prayer, teaching, and action. Students who are active and in good standing with Students for Life will have priority in registering for the March for Life trip in January.

Youth in Government: The club educates the students on government and gives them the opportunity to participate in government procedures. Membership is open to students in grades 9-12. The club does participate in Youth Legislature in Jackson. Membership does not guarantee attendance on trips. The club has an executive board appointed by the faculty moderator that helps plan events and training sections.