ACTIVITIES

2008-2009

Strath Haven High School Activities invite students to participate in a wide range of programs, which include student government organizations, scholarly pursuits, special interest leisure clubs, physical wellness programs, student publications, and art, music, and drama productions. Involvement in activities affords students the opportunity to explore special interests, influence the direction of school policy, and to affect the school environment.

Most activities are open to all students on a volunteer or sign-up basis. Each club and organization provides countless opportunities for social and intellectual growth and enhances the Strath Haven High School experience. Activities meeting dates, times, and places are announced through the monthly Activities Calendar located on the second floor lobby, and the daily student bulletins.

Designed by students to assist students, this Activities Booklet provides descriptions of the wide range of clubs and activities available. A tentative calendar listing the major school activities for the 2007-08 school year can be found at the end of this booklet. Students are encouraged to use this calendar and the Activities Booklet as they make decisions for the upcoming year.

The Activities Council invites students to come by the Activities Office located in Guidance conference room. We are always willing to answer any questions concerning Strath Haven’s exceptional activities program. We hope 2007-08 will be rewarding and happy. We also hope that you will take advantage of the activities program, meet new friends, accept new challenges, and have a great year by getting involved in Strath Haven activities. Please contact one of the members of the 2007-2008 Activities Council if you have any suggestions for a new organization or if you have any questions about an activity.
Strath Haven Dance Policy (continued)

Casual Dances

1. Identified
   a. Back-To-School
   b. Halloween

2. “Casual dance” implies acceptable school attire or special attire such as requested for the Halloween Dance.

3. Guests not enrolled as Strath Haven students must register at the door.

Supervision Responsibility

1. All class sponsors and student council advisor(s) are expected to assist each other with both decorating and chaperoning.

2. The faculty sponsor responsible for the dance must obtain parent chaperones.

3. Dances are not to encourage couples only by offering special prices for couples or by implying couples only in their advertisements.
Strath Haven Dance Policy (continued)

Senior Ball
1. Ticket sales will be administered by senior class sponsors.
2. Seniors attending the Ball are required to attend a special assembly in the auditorium.
3. Prom tickets will be distributed after the assembly.

Special Dances
1. Identified
   a. Back to School
   b. Homecoming
   c. Holiday
   d. Valentine
   e. Freshman Dance
   f. Sophomore Dance
   g. Junior Prom
2. These dances are semi-formal. “Semi-formal,” when used to indicate appropriate dress, is defined as dress-up clothing. It does not imply gowns or tuxedos; however, jeans, sneakers, and t-shirts are not appropriate.
3. Ticket Sales
   a. To attend a special dance students must purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are available during lunch periods and may be acquired the day of the dance in the gymnasium until 4 p.m.
   b. Students must supply their names and telephone numbers when purchasing tickets.
   c. Students who invite a guest not enrolled as a Strath Haven student must supply the name(s) of guests when purchasing tickets. Students bringing a guest accept the responsibility for their guest’s behavior.

The Activities Program

Strath Haven High School values an active and involved student community. There are over one hundred student organizations, clubs, musical groups and athletic teams to choose from. If you have an interest that is not included in this cornucopia of activities, simply come to the Activities Council, located in the Guidance Suite, and pick up the forms necessary to create a new organization. The following pages describe groups that currently exist. This booklet will be printed before the annual Activities Assembly in September. It is not intended to be a complete listing. To earn transcript credit and be an official club a group must meet for the full school year.

How to organize and run a student organization
1. Each organization must have an approved sponsor. Before a club can be formed the sponsor must agree to be present at all official meetings and functions.
2. Each organization must have 10 active members to maintain its active status. New and Old Clubs alike must fill out a membership form each year. Forms can be obtained in the Guidance Suite.
3. Each organization should select a leadership group which includes a Treasurer (mandatory) and any other leaders deemed necessary to keep the group running smoothly. Each group must have a leadership form on file with the Activities Council.
4. Once approved, each group can select a representative for the Activities Assembly. They will give a one minute presentation for their group. Speakers should remember that active presentations with movement, skits, visuals, or props help the student body remember their groups at sign-ups in the cafeteria. Any group that needs tech support or who will perform needs to clear their presentation with the Activities Director.
5. Each group should choose a regular time to meet each month and post the time and place on the Student Activities Calendar on the 2nd floor. For example, International Club’s regular meeting is the first Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M. in the Guidance Suite. Events or monthly activities should also be posted.
6. Fundraisers must be approved by the Activities Director and/or the Administration at least two weeks in advance of the event to avoid conflicts. All Wallingford-Swarthmore forms must be used for any fundraising. Any group not following these guidelines will forfeit their fundraising for the year.
7. All posted material and publicity for your events must have an official Activities Stamp. We only publicize material from official school sponsored organizations. Sponsors and the Activities Council have stamps. Any unstamped material will be removed from the walls.
Class cabinet officers are responsible for planning activities and events which involve their respective grades. Each class will hold assemblies, as needed, to solicit opinions and to vote on activities. Class activities may include fund raisers, community and school service projects, homecoming, special events, and, of course, end-of-year balls, proms, and dances. Each class will also have some form of a class congress, a volunteer representative group. All class members are welcome to join their congress and help govern the class. Congress members do not have to be elected, get in touch with your class sponsor and let them know you are interested in being a congress member.

Principal’s Neighborhood Council
Ms. Yannacone
Selected students from each neighborhood, all grade levels and from specific interest groups meet with the Principal on a monthly basis for the purpose of advising the administration on student concerns. The Principal’s Neighborhood Council acts as a sounding board for certain proposed administrative, instructional, facilities, and activities changes.

Activities Council
Mr. Haviland
Activities Council plans, facilitates, and helps to coordinate the entire activities program for Strath Haven High School. Activities Council members create the monthly activities calendar, publish the Activities Booklet, and direct numerous school and community service projects. You must be willing to accept a demanding and challenging year-long commitment if you join Activities Council located in the guidance suite.

Student Council
Mr. Styer Ms. Esposito
Student Council is the organization which provides open representation for the entire student body. Any student may volunteer to be a representative. The Council is concerned with a diverse range of student concerns and has access to the school board, the administration, and to various community groups. The officers are elected by the student body each May. The Council also conducts a number of charitable and non-profit events including the Turkey Bowl, Holiday Party at the Wallingford Nursing Home, the carnation sale, and the Rex Storch Swim for Life. Student Council also awards scholarships annually. Anyone is welcome to join.

STRATH HAVEN DANCE POLICY

General Guidelines

1. All dances in Strath Haven’s gymnasium will begin no earlier than 7:30 p.m. and end no later than 11 p.m.

2. Students may be denied admission to any dance or may be requested to leave for the following reasons:
   a. Students suspected to be “under the influence of controlled substances.”
      (1) Chaperones will alert the dance sponsor of students suspected to be “under the influence.”
      (2) The students will be interviewed by the dance sponsor and an appropriate administrator.
      (3) If students are suspected to be “under the influence” of drugs or alcohol, they will be held in a waiting area. Parent/guardian(s) and police will be called. Students will be released into their parents’ custody. If parents cannot be reached, the students will be released into police custody.
      (4) The WSSD Substance Use Policy #435 will be followed.

   b. Inappropriate or unacceptable social behavior. Dances are school-sponsored activities. Therefore, behavior that is unacceptable or inappropriate in school is also unacceptable and inappropriate at dances.

   c. Inappropriate dress.

3. Students will not be admitted to dances later than one-half hour after the dance begins.

4. Students who leave dances are not permitted to return.

5. Dance sponsors and chaperones have the right to search handbags or parcels.
Interscholastic Sports

This list of interscholastic sports teams at Strath Haven is provided to inform students of the many athletic activities that are available. Additional information concerning athletics may be obtained by visiting the Athletic Director.

FALL:

- **Men**
  - Cross Country - V, JV
  - Football - V, JV, F
  - Soccer - V, JV, F
  - Golf - V
  - Ice Hockey – V, JV

- **Women**
  - Cross Country V, JV
  - Field Hockey - V, JV, F
  - Soccer - V, JV
  - Tennis - V, JV
  - Volleyball - V, JV
  - Women’s Ice Hockey - V

WINTER:

- **Men**
  - Basketball - V, JV, F
  - Ice Hockey - V, JV
  - Swimming & Diving - V
  - Winter Track – V
  - Wrestling - V, JV

- **Women**
  - Basketball - V, JV, F
  - Swimming and Diving - V
  - Winter Track - V
  - Women’s Ice Hockey - V

SPRING:

- **Men**
  - Baseball - V, JV
  - Lacrosse - V, JV
  - Tennis - V, JV
  - Track & Field - V

- **Women**
  - Lacrosse - V, JV, F
  - Softball - V, JV
  - Track & Field - V

Cheerleading is offered fall and winter seasons.

* Seasonal schedules are available in the main office.

Morning Music Club  Mr. Styer
This club is a fun new club for those who have interest in music. This club will select the music played over the announcements each morning.

Strath Haven Television Network  Mr. Zimmermann
Come be a part of weekly TV programs soon to debut on Channel 11. We need reporters, writers, editors, producers, camera people, and lighting/set design people. Shows will include weekly national and world news, weather, sports, editorials, interviews, and the arts. Work with state of the art editing software, cameras, lighting equipment, and a really big green screen. No previous experience necessary! Anyone is welcome to come and learn!

Broadway Club  Ms. Mischo
Do you know who lives on Avenue Q or what a Jellicle Cat is? If you answered yes, then the Broadway Club is for you. Join other Broadway Geeks and watch movie musicals, play Broadway Trivia, talk about Theater News, discuss your favorite musical theater character, attend local productions and help plan our trip to see a show on “Broadway”. Be a “star” and join the Broadway Club.

Cardio and Weight Room Club  Ms. Reid
We invite all students to enhance their strength and improve their cardiovascular fitness in our facilities during fifth block. The Physical Education staff will be on hand to help customize a workout schedule for you, sculpt abdominals, increase flexibility, and address proper lifting techniques. This club runs the entire school year from 2:15 to 3:15 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Fit Club  Ms. Anderson
The Fit Club will focus on cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance through kick-boxing, pilates, yoga, body shaping, abdominal work and weight lifting. We will meet 5th block, twice a week. Days TBA.

Hacky Sack Club  Mr. Blass
Our plan is to meet every Wednesday outside near the baseball field to have a great time playing hacky sack. We of the hacky sack army strive for excellence, but any one is welcome. If you are really horrible or if you are a beast at hack sack we want to see you there. We will try to raise money to get the world hack sack association to send some pro’s here and show us what they got and what we can do.
Student SEED  Mr. McLaughlin
SEED is committed to helping students create a school environment that is welcoming and safe for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, ability, sexual orientation, economic class, or any other designation. SEED members meet on the first and third Monday of each month. Participants examine their own life experiences and belief systems as they explore the complex factors that shape attitudes about difference and diversity. Workshop activities include large and small group discussions, watching movies, discussing books and articles, creative writing, etc. SEED members will plan and coordinate activities designed to make Strath Haven a welcoming and safe place for all members of the school community.

LGBTS  Ms. Lattari
LGBTS’s purpose is to foster awareness of sexual diversity in the school community. It continues as an accepting, supportive environment and a forum for confidential discussion and community service. New members are always welcome.

U.P.O.C. (United People of Color)  Ms. Ford
U.P.O.C. is a group seeking to encourage pride in all races, promote understanding among groups, and increase participation in school activities. In the past, we have attended performances outside of school, shown movies, had discussions, and shared pizza. Along with the HRC, S.A.G.A.B.A., and the International Club, we have sponsored a multi-cultural dinner.

Bowling Club (aka Pretty Stinky Bowlers Club)  TBA
Do you spend your Monday afternoons hanging around in dark alleys? Maybe you should? Join the Bowling Club! We meet at Sproul Lanes on Monday’s at 3:30. Meet fascinating people, hold intellectual conversations between frames, learn the meaning of life and generally just enjoy life at the lanes. We will hold a banquet and wear our bowling shirts.

Debate Team  Mrs. Scott
The new Strath Haven Debate Team is open to all students interested in developing the ability to speak extemporaneously honing analytical skills, researching critical issues, and improving vocabulary. The group will first train together and later aim to compete with other high schools in the area.

Theatrical Productions  (continued)

Scenic Design  To Be Announced
Do you like to stretch your originality and creativity to the limit? This group designs the new and exciting scenic effects for Strath Haven’s annual drama and musical productions. Students will have the opportunity to explore the newest and most creative methods of theater set design.

Set Construction  Mr. L. Soscia, Mr. Southard
The set construction crew will build the entire structure, props, etc., for the drama and musical productions. Any student who has an interest in what goes on behind the scenes in the making of a production is welcome. Members will learn to use various portable power tools and hand tools and the materials and techniques used in set construction.

Tech Crew  Mr. Shankweiler
Without the tech crew, theater would cease to exist. Instrumental concerts would be in the dark. There would be no talent show, and the battle of the bands would be just another unplugged coffee house. Join the tech crew and get involved in lighting, sound, and special effects design. Be a member of the performing arts in a whole new way. Be involved in a group where you directly affect the outcome of a performance or show. No previous experience necessary.

Make-Up  Dr. deCruz-Saenz
This group requires individuals who possess an open-minded attitude. No talent is needed. We can teach you everything you need to know. If you are interested in theater and enjoy being part of the excitement, make-up crew is for you. People are needed for both the drama and musical productions . . . we welcome, need and encourage new members.
Theatrical Productions

Strath Haven proudly presents two outstanding theatrical events each year along with the talent show. In the fall, students are invited to audition for, or participate in, the drama. Our crown jewel is the spring musical. If you can act, sing, or dance, or if you would like to work behind the scenes, you are welcome to join the troupes. Students are needed for lighting, sound, scene design and construction, costuming, makeup, program creation, publicity, tickets, and front-of-house responsibilities. Join us in one or all of Strath Haven’s excellent productions. In the winter, the annual talent show packs the auditorium for its “one night only” engagement.

Theater Productions  Mr. Shankweiler

Have you ever wondered how the magic of theater is created? Do you have the organizational and motivational skills to harmonize talents? Students who volunteer will be responsible for the behind-the-scenes business details so necessary for successful productions. The work may involve publicity, the securing of advertisers and patrons, or the design and placement of posters. You may want to help design and edit the program, or you may desire to assist with ticket sales. Listen to announcements, and see Mrs. McKenney to become a creative part of Strath Haven’s musical and drama productions.

Costume Crew

Get into the limelight and glitter with design and sewing. Is sewing and/or designing your thing? Do you enjoy being part of the theater group? This award winning group strengthens sewing skills in the realm of theatrical costume design and construction. The Costume Crew is beginning to gather patterns and materials for this year’s productions, so don’t wait–we need you. The play can’t go on stage without your help. No experience is necessary.

Talent Show  Junior Class  Mr. Shankweiler

Each spring the hearty talents of many students are put on display in a talent show. Jugglers, bands, solo singers, comics, magicians, musicians – if you can perform and want a venue for your talents, audition for this show.

Greater Philadelphia Partnership  Ms. Trabulusi

Philadelphia Partnership is a program sponsored by University of Pennsylvania which brings together inner-city and suburban schools to do community service projects. The two schools become sister schools, which includes events such as shadowing day or planning the annual Strath Haven Northeast exchanges. We also host several other activities. Get involved.

Chess Club  Mr. Lincke

Have some free time on your hands? Why not join the Chess Club? It is fun and you get to chill with your friends. Chess is fun and challenging. Think you’re the best? Then come to the Chess Club and I promise that you will get some good competition. All levels are welcomed.

Strath Haven Art Club  Ms. Fiske, Ms. Taylor, & Ms. Rodgers

This is the umbrella organization for all of the visual arts clubs. Participation involves weekly organizational meetings, First Friday events, and daily open studio (2:05-3:15). Officers will be elected and will oversee student exhibitions, publicity, arts advocacy, and art-based field trips.

• Fine Arts
  This club is a great club for people who love to draw, paint, create murals and other 2-D Arts. Any student who has an interest and love of art is encouraged to join us.

• Ceramics
  Ceramics enthusiasts, here’s a club for you! Come and experience the world of ceramics like never before. You will learn about advanced hand building, wheel throwing, glazing and fixing techniques. Anyone, at any level of competency, is welcome. If you have had Ceramics I and II this is your chance to work exclusively with techniques you favor most or to learn much more! Bring your inspiration and curiosity and explore the world of ceramic creativity.

• Wing-It Graphics Club
  A student-run “business” whereby students attend bi-weekly meetings for “job assignments.” Jobs include poster design, logo design, brochure design, Web Page Updating, and other graphic and illustrative projects. Students who join WIG work both in teams and individually. This is a great opportunity for students to build portfolios for future collegiate and post high school employment endeavors.
Bloodmobile Drive
Mrs. McCormick
The Bloodmobile is a senior-sponsored activity. In the fall, a committee of six is selected to run the blood drive. Training is provided by the Red Cross. Students on the committee are expected to recruit students and faculty through a motivational assembly program, a poster drive, and person-to-person sign ups. All who are 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds qualify to donate.

The Community AIDS Initiative
TBA
We seek to educate others about HIV and AIDS and help in the effort to support those who are affected by HIV and AIDS. We work with the Manna Center in Philadelphia to make lunches for AIDS patients. We will do an AIDS walk and other fundraisers.

Computer Club
Mr. Blass
Do you know who Bill Gates is? If you want to be successful, well known and “loaded,” get an early start in the computer club. Design web pages, play games or program your own. One of the most active clubs in the school.

Programming Team
Mr. Blass
If you have never thought of programming as fast, exciting, or competitive, then you haven’t heard about the Programming Team. The Programming Team will be a competitive venue for programmers of all levels from beginner to expert to have fun, learn, and test their skills programming computers. Members will compete against each other and outside groups in regional tournaments to solve complex problems the fastest.

Student Athletic Trainers Organization (SATO)
TBA
Students will have the opportunity to learn how to evaluate, prevent, treat, and rehabilitate injuries as well as first aid, spineboarding, and CPR. SATO members have the ability to apply for a number of scholarships given by a variety of medical groups. Students will work with coaches, athletes, and the athletic trainers.

The Flying Saucer Cadets
Mr. Foulk
So we found this round disc like object the other day and decided to toss it around. It was fun. You like fun? Join us to enjoy being outdoors, athletic, and involved. All levels welcome.

ADL Peer Training Program
TBA
The Anti-Defamation League’s World of Difference Peer Training program offers Strath Haven students an opportunity to conduct diversity and sensitivity workshops with middle school students. Peer trainers receive leadership training from professional facilitators. The trainers then plan and lead workshops at SHMS. This program requires a significant time commitment; trainers must attend weekly after school meetings.

Performing Arts (continued)

Symphonic Band
Mr. Hontz
The Symphonic Band will pick up right where the Marching Band leaves off—moving inside to concentrate on a wide variety of music from the band’s repertoire. The Symphonic Band will present winter and spring concerts augmented by assemblies and special performances.

Orchestra
Mr. Hontz
The Chamber Orchestra will provide Strath Haven High School’s string and wind players with the challenge and opportunity to prepare and perform works written for the chamber orchestra. The performance schedule will include winter and spring concerts, special assemblies, performances with the Camerata and the pit orchestra for the musical. A wide variety of music, from Beethoven to the Beatles, will be performed. Sign up with Mr. Hontz. Transcript credit is awarded.

Jazz Band
Mr. Hontz
The award winning Jazz Band is open to qualified players, and the performance of jazz/rock music is its main function. Activities include competition jazz festivals, school concerts, and student assemblies. There are two bands, the Panther and the Silver Jazz Bands; in both, participants are selected by audition.

Wind Ensembles
Mr. Hontz
This is a select ensemble whose participants are chosen by audition from the Symphonic Band. The performance schedule will include winter and spring concerts and special project performances. A wide variety of music representing classic band literature will be performed.

Other Instrumental Music Opportunities:
Brass ensemble, clarinet choir, flute ensemble, and chamber string ensembles are other instrumental ensembles which grow out of band and orchestra. Acceptance into these programs is either by audition or invitation of the director.

The Script in Hand Players
Mr. Shankweiler
We want to give all interested students a chance to express themselves through Theater Arts. We will create a comfortable environment for all performers, regardless of their skill level, while learning the basics of acting. We will see local theatre productions and hold at least one night of monologues and short plays.
Performing Arts

Anime Club

Mrs. Scott

Finally! After three years of existence, we have made it to THA BOOK!!! That’s right, we can’t be ignored any longer!! We know you anime fans are out there . . . yes, you ARE. Don’t deny it. Even if you aren’t, give anime a shot! (We don’t watch Pokemon. Trust us. Seriously.) At least once every other week, we watch cutting-edge anime and let the ideas flow. (We also eat Pocky.)

Marching Band

Mr. Hontz, Mr. Pearlberg

The Panther Marching Band will kick off the instrumental music season with an exciting band camp—followed by performances at all home and away football games, a number of outdoor concerts, a spring trip, and various parade appearances. Both playing and marching skills are taught to band members, while the band front learns and perfects its routines. All of this activity will culminate in crowd-pleasing, rewarding performances. The Marching Band is open to both band and band front members.

Band Front

Mr. Hontz, Mr. Pearlberg

This group is an important part of our Marching Band. The honor guard, flag squad, dance team and dance line participate with the band during football games, parades, the spring trip, and concerts. Tryouts are held in the spring prior to the fall marching season. Student managers for the band and bandfront are also welcome.

Camerata

Mr. Shankweiler

The Camerata is a choral performing and study group. A wide variety of literature will be performed each year representing our cultural heritage from the Renaissance to the 20th Century. To get involved, one can join at any time.

Cantata, Silvertones and Jazz Choir

Mr. Shankweiler

Cantata and Silvertones are advanced vocal ensembles which are made up of members of the Camerata. To be eligible for Cantata and Silvertones, a student must be actively involved in Camerata and admission is by audition only. Jazz Choir is an elective that meets during the school day and anyone can join. If you enjoy singing, the variety we offer will interest you.

Latin Club

Mr. Brewster

Our club is designed to have its participants enter the life of a Roman. Films, feasts of goat cheese, bread and grape juice, optional togas and stolas, and speaking the language will be part of your experience. “A posse ad esse” or “from thought to reality” is our motto.

Spanish Club

Ms. Fetterman

A great way to extend your understanding of Hispanic cultures. The group will meet once a month to plan activities. Festivals, dinners, movies, art, music, popular culture, sports and field trips are all activities that have happened in previous years. Activities depend on member interest. A great way to round out your linguistic education.

French Club

Ms. Danford

The club meets after school to discuss activities which usually take place in the evening or after school. Activities depend on the interests of the club members and include dinners, visits to special exhibits, movies, and special events. This year the French Club will sponsor a free French movie once a month. It will be open to all students.

German Club

Ms. Hoffmann

Take the opportunity to socialize, make new friends and have fun practicing your German! Activities are geared to the interests of club members and may include, attending performances and exhibits, viewing films, playing games, cooking and dining in German restaurants. Being a member of the German Club is an excellent way of broadening your horizon by learning about many aspects of the German speaking world.

CBE Science Bowl Competition

Mrs. Reynolds

The National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers Delaware County Chapter Science Bowl is a science quiz team competition. We will enter a junior and senior team comprised of four students each. The team accepts students of all races.

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a largely student-run organization where students from all grades come together to work on over 25 different scientific events, ranging from building model planes to solving “whodunit” cases using forensics. In March, the team takes a day off from school to compete with surrounding schools in these events. So locate you inner Madame Curie and come join Science Olympiad.
Dance, Dance Revolution
Mrs. Reid
Get involved and become apart of this “exercise” craze! DDR meetings are held every Friday after school from 2:15-3:00. Meetings take place in the high school gymnasium or in the library media center.

Interact
Ms. D’Urso
Interact is a service and social club at Strath Haven High School, sponsored by Swarthmore Rotary. It has contributed many hours of service for local and international projects, including helping at Tyler Arboretum’s Pumpkin Days, holiday bell ringing for the Salvation Army, a canned food drive for City Team, and organizing bake sales that allowed a contribution of $300 to a polio eradication campaign in India. Last year, Interact helped Swarthmore Rotary with its first exchange between students from Strathaven Academy in Scotland and Strath Haven High School students. Members who participated had a WONDERFUL time in Scotland. Interact is a great way to meet people and make new friends. It is also a real chance to make a difference in your community and in the world.

Relay for Life Organization
TBA
The Relay for Life Committee is open to all students interested in being more involved in the Relay. The committee works throughout the year to make the 24-hour walk and camp-out a success. Meetings are held once a month in the SHHS library. New members are encouraged to join at the first meeting on Monday, September 19th, at 6:30 to receive more information on how to be a part of this fun event.

Social Action Club
Mr. Keaveney
Feel like righting some wrongs? Fighting for justice while eating baked goods in Room 205? Possibly you are searching for clubs so you can get into college? The SAC hopes to make a difference in issues such as unfair labor, under-privileged children, and youth AIDS. Bring your own thoughts and ideas. We are open to anything…it’s not just talk, it’s a step forward.

Toby Farms Book Club
TBA
Strath Haven students will travel to Toby Farms in Chester Township and spend time interacting and learning about a group of second graders. We will then gather information and create books about the children. This club requires a strong commitment to children and frequent to children and frequent meetings during 5th block.

Publications
The Panther Press
Ms. Stadnicki
Have you ever wanted to be heard in the school community? From movie critiques to political satire, we are Strath Haven’s voice. The Panther Press, every student’s source for the latest news and reviews, welcomes all students to write for any issue. Whether you have a unique opinion or just want to be a reporter, drop by our office any Wednesday to sign up.

Yearbook
Ms. Szeliga
The yearbook is open to all interested seniors and juniors. The advisor select editors-in-chief and editors for each section of the book. Work on this publication provides valuable, informal experience in the world of editing, layout, and graphic design. Make memories that last a lifetime.

Jabberwocky
Mrs. Farrell
Jabberwocky is Strath Haven’s literary magazine. The staff, made up of students, chooses the work which will be published. All students are welcome to submit to Jabberwocky even if they are not on the Jabberwocky staff. During the review of submissions, authors’ names are secret. Upon publication the names are included. Students interested in being on the staff should contact the faculty sponsor during the activities sign-up week.

Book Club
Mr. Haney
Attention all literature enthusiasts, here’s a club for you! The book club welcomes anyone who enjoys leisurely reading and participating in book chats. We will meet about once a month to discuss a novel off of a list that is comprised of books chosen by you and your fellow book club members. We will also be collecting any unused or unwanted books that can be donated to other high schools and local libraries. If this sounds like something that sparks your interest then we encourage you to expand your mind and join the book club today!

PHASE (The Poet’s Club)
Mr. Haney
This is surprisingly simple, it’s a club for poets (surprise, surprise). People who write poetry, are interested in sharing and getting feedback on, discussing poetical philosophy, or discussing the true meaning behind poetry, should join this club. No, your poetry doesn’t have to pass a rigorous test for you to join, we really don’t care, part of this is about exploring new styles or poetry and improving our writing. That’s about it, no reason to bog you down with useless details, but I already did anyway, so uhh sorry.
Robotics Club  Mr. Landolph, Mr. Soscia
AKA, the Positronic Panthers. Students design and build a robot in six weeks working with a team of teachers and engineers and compete in F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competitions during the spring. In past years we have competed in Philadelphia, Orlando, Annapolis, and Houston, and this year we plan to compete in the International Competition at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. In addition to the robot competition, students also work to create 3D drawings of the robot (Autodesk Software), and create a 30 second animation (3D Studio Max) for a separate competition. All grades and skill levels are welcome! Besides mechanical people, we need programmers, public relations people, animators, artists, letter writers, etc.

S.A.D.D. (Students Against Dangerous Decisions)  Ms. Hollis
SADD is a peer leadership program which attempts to increase student awareness of the effects that may result from dangerous decisions. S.A.D.D. sponsors a wide variety of activities throughout the year including Red Ribbon Week, Ghost Day, and seat belt checks. New awareness activities and members are accepted throughout the year. S.A.D.D. encourages students to make intelligent decisions concerning drugs, alcohol, driving safely, and violence.

Coffeehouse Club  Mrs. Liacouras
Musicians, artists, and creative organizers are invited to join this new club. Every other month the library sponsors a coffeehouse during third block. Students and faculty share their music, poetry or dramatic presentations during these popular events. Members of this club will work to coordinate each coffeehouse, do publicity and run the actual coffeehouse.

Dance Club  TBA
This club is for the high school student who loves to dance. You don’t need to be a fantastic dancer to join. Dance club is not restricted to just one form or dance. The styles of dance we will study range from swing to tap to hip hop to step. If you enjoy the school dances, and “Save the last dance” or would like to put more movement into your life, join the dance club.

Fine Films Club
Are you looking to sit in a darkened Physics room on a Friday afternoon, eat unlimited amounts of popcorn, and watch large screen versions of superior films? We promise camaraderie, abundant alliteration, and afternoon well spent.

Simpsons Club  Mr. Styer
Do you feel lost? Do you want to meet girls, understand the meaning of life as interpreted by Homer and the crew? Come watch the Simpsons, eat pizza, and mess around.

Junior Statesman of America (J.S.A.)  Mr. Rothenbach
Are you passionate about politics? Are you curious about the issues facing our country? JSA is a national organization that brings high schoolers together to exchange ideas through stimulating debates, thought talks, problem solving, and simulations. Here at the Strath Haven chapter, come engage in friendly, nonpartisan dialogue about the current topics that interest you. Drop by once in a while for some food and discussion, or head to the exciting overnight national convention. For more info, see Sara Ginzberg.

“In Stitches” Service Club  Ms. D’Urso
A few of my former freshmen sewing students are interested in starting a sewing service club to help assemble AIDS quilts from the 8th grade service project, to make turbans and hats for chemotherapy patients, and to make bags to sell at the Relay for Life.

Board Games Club
If you have to stay after school for a sport, why not do something productive, or rather fun? Feel like giving yourself an edge on those pesky SATs. Or finding out what a zax is? Come to the Board Games Club! We Scrabble, we Boggle, and Mr. Haviland has thrown down the gauntlet on Backgammon. New members and games are always welcome!

YAP
Are you interested in politics? If you are, we’ve got the club for you. The Youth and Politics club was created as a non partisan club for students who want to share their views and learn more about what’s happening in the world of politics. Last year, we organized events such as the mock election for the 2004 Presidential Election and registered voters. During our meetings we listened to guest speakers, held debates and discussed current events. We are looking forward to a great year, so if you have something to say, don’t be afraid to come and share it!

Middle East Discussion Group  Mr. Babcock
Middle East Discussion Group is one of Haven’s newer clubs. We will be meeting on a monthly basis to discuss the current events and political situation of the Middle East. Food, fun, and intense discussion for all who come! Please see Jesse Bruner or Maddie Arian with questions.
International Club

Mr. Haviland

Are you looking for a more global perspective on the world? Would you be interested in attending cultural events around the Philadelphia area? Would you like to get to know students from other cultures? Are you willing to move beyond your current suppositions and stereotypes? We will learn from speakers, films, food and festivals. Join the International Club and begin your journey.

Envirothon Team

Ms. Shepard

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Do you enjoy a learning challenge? Come join the Envirothon Team as we have fun learning about and caring for our environment. We will compete in the county-wide Envirothon Competition in April, and participate in local trail restoration and creek clean-up days!

Outdoor Adventures Club

Ms. Derow

Go outside and play! Join us for monthly trips as we go rock climbing at “Go Vertical,” biking in Ridley Creek State Park, skiing and snowboarding in the Poconos, canoeing in the Pine Barrens, and other exciting adventures. Get up off the couch, do something different and active, join us.

Ping-Pong Club

Mr. Pagnotto-Hammitt

Do you think you have what it takes to dethrone the legendary PING-PONG champion of SHHS. Just try it. Hone your skills as you work your way through the ranks of beginner, intermediate, and advanced play. Faculty is welcome—if they dare.

Silver and Black Service Club

Mr. Haviland

We meet at least once each month to perform a service for a non-profit organization. Students must be willing to give up a Saturday morning sleep in, but we feel the satisfaction you receive from helping these organizations is well worth the time. The group is working on developing a more formal working relationship with Habitat for Humanity as well as working with several estab-

Kids on the Block

Ms. McKenney

Are you dynamic, enthusiastic, and like to work with children? As a member of this club you will be participating in an exciting and rewarding experience that will be remembered by elementary children throughout our school district for the rest of their lives. As a member of this club, you will be trained to work with puppets and perform skits designed to teach children about disabilities. Through these performances for the school district’s elementary students, you will be developing positive attitudes toward people with differences.

Interior Design

Ms. Rondepierre

Do you enjoy Trading Spaces, television? How about Shabby Chic? Did you ever look at a space and want to redesign the area? Does your room or home need refreshing? Come and learn the various elements and skills needed to be an interior architecture student. We will visit sights and museum shows as well as tackle a faculty members design challenge.

DELCO Hi-Q Sponsor

Mr. Rothenbach

Hi-Q is the oldest academic competition in the country. Do you know the capital of Burkina Faso? Do you know the Duke’s first name in Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure”? Then perhaps you should join the DELCO Hi-Q team. We will compete against other Delaware County teams in our quest for the cup. Join today!!

Women’s Rights Club

TBA

This organization is a newly formed club focused on the promotion of the equality of sexes within Strath Haven High School and increased awareness of a variety of feminist perspectives. The club will discuss the treatment of women in today’s society and try to improve our surrounding community. Movies, books, plays and speakers will enhance our discussions.

Mock Trial

Mr. Foulk

Mock Trial meets from late October through February to prepare to argue a fictional case against other area high school teams in front of an actual state court judge. With the help of a local attorney, the Mock Trial team spends time learning the intricacies and details of the case, rehearsing arguments and preparing witnesses to give testimony. The excitement of the trial, and the chance to advance to regional, state, and national competitions, make the challenge of tackling a case completely worthwhile. Mock Trial wants you.

SDS (Students for a Democratic Society)

Mr. Waldman

Students for a Democratic Society is an association of young people on the left. It seeks to create a sustained community of educational and political concerns; one bringing together liberals and radicals, activists, and scholars, students and faculty. We are open to all students and faculty. We will be engaging in numerous actions and campaigns, all of which will be decided on by the group as a whole. Come join the movement!!

National Honor Society

Mrs. Lawson, Mr. Wood

The National Honor Society is a highly selective group, in which students are invited to join honoring students who have achieved an excellent academic record, taken a leadership role in the activities of the school, and performed school or community service. They meet when necessary, and some members may tutor students having academic difficulties.