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CLUB & CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

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ACADEMIC TEAM

- Advisors:** Mr. Shah
Meetings: 1/week
Prerequisite: Students must take a battery of tests during early sessions of the club and place high in rank on these tests.
Club Activity: Students on the team represent South Plainfield High School in a “Jeopardy” type forum - usually held at various locations around the state. As well as some that are NAQT style tournaments that could qualify them for national standings. Students host a tournament to fund their activities in which they participate in every aspect of the preparation including the writing of questions.

ALGONQUIN SQUARE BOOK CLUB

- Advisors:** Mrs. Parisi
Meetings: The last Friday of every month.
Prerequisite: None.
Club Activity: This group meets several times a year to discuss selected works of literature. Each month, the students choose a genre of books such as fantasy, science fiction, realistic fiction, biography, informational, etc. Students read a book of their choice, within the chosen genre, and attend the next meeting to discuss their books. At the end of the year, students will receive a master list of all the books that have been read and discussed at the meetings.

Art Club

- Advisors:** Ms. Brinkman
Meetings: Thursdays
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: The purpose of the Art Club is to bring awareness to the fine arts and give students a creative outlet outside of their daily schedule.

BOARD GAME CLUB

- Advisor:** Mr. Goszewski
Meetings: Every Tuesday 2:30-3:30
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: Meet with classmates to play both new and classic board games

BROADCAST CLUB

- Advisor:** Mr. Cassio
Meetings: Daily
Prerequisite: Completed or enrolled in AM Broadcasting is preferred but not required.
Club Activity: The Broadcast Club meets daily to brainstorm, write, produce and edit engaging stories. Students are storytellers and collaborators that work together to produce content while meeting deadlines. The students in the Broadcast Club take turns using various state of the art equipment including: high definition cameras, sound mixers, video switchers and editing software to prepare them for continuing education and career endeavors. Students research their own stories and write their own scripts on anything from the school district, to national news and world events.

CHAMBER CHOIR (Ensemble for male and female voices)

- Advisor:** Dr. Kregler
Meetings: Wednesday 2:30-4:30, Chorus Room
Prerequisite: Students must audition with the choral director and be in the school day Choral program.
Club Activity: Ensemble performs at community and school events and in concert.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

- Advisor:** Mrs. Lee
Meetings: Every Monday 2:30 – 3:30
Prerequisite: Students must audition or be recommended by the orchestra director the choral director and be in the school day Orchestra program.
Club Activity: The Chamber Orchestra aids and mentors sophisticated orchestra students by challenging them with advanced music in a fun social environment. Students will strengthen their ability by sharing musical ideas and responsibilities, promoting teamwork and enhancing their confidence. Ensemble performs in concerts.

CHESS CLUB

- Advisor:** Mr. Van Hook
Meetings: 0 Period, 6th Period Lunch, & Thursdays After School
Prerequisite: None.
Club Activity: The purpose of the Chess Club is to promote the enjoyment and skill of the game of Chess. Chess has always been the game of choice for improving reasoning and logical thinking. As a member of this club we will concentrate on the enjoyment of the game.

COMPUTER CLUB

- Advisor:** Dr. S. Wiener
Meetings: 2/month
Prerequisite: None
Club Activity: Students will have the opportunity to learn about computer hardware and software. Students will be able to learn various programming languages, including those not covered in the Computer Science curriculum. Members of the club choose and work on programming projects together.

CULTURE AND TRAVEL CLUB

- Advisor:** Mr. Perero
Meetings: TBD
Prerequisite: None.
Club Activity: The objective of this club is to acknowledge the school's diversity amongst its students and faculty as well as its culture. Our goal is to enlighten our school community on the different aspects of the cultures we all come from all while learning more, teaching others, and inspiring our peers. Through this club we hope to learn about the world and all the beauty inside it. In doing so we can then teach others to accept the many different customs and cultures. In the end we hope to inspire our peers to make a change in the world we live in by embracing new cultures.

DEBATE TEAM

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| Advisor: | Mr. Spolarich |
| Meetings: | 2/month |
| Prerequisite: | None. |
| Club Activity: | The Debate Club is designed to foster oral communication activities and to enhance research and reasoning skills through participation in different types of debates. The students will learn about various types of debate formats, focusing on the Lincoln-Douglas style. The students will also participate in intramural debates and debate competitions. |

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| Advisor: | Mrs. Bryant-Khanutin & Mrs. Butrico |
| Meetings: | Thursdays |
| Prerequisite: | Completed or Enrolled in a Business/Marketing Course |
| Club Activity: | DECA, or the Distributive Education Club of America, is an association of marketing students preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready. Throughout the year, members participate at DECA's Regional, State, and International Career Development Conferences, requiring them to create business plans, complete local and state community service projects, role play real-life situations, and most importantly, design and execute a unique recruitment campaign to celebrate National DECA Month in November. An international organization with a membership of over 200,000, DECA exists in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Spain, and China. |

DRAMA CLUB

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| Advisor: | Mrs. Vielshepard, |
| Meetings: | Seasonal – Daily beginning in January |
| Prerequisite: | None. |
| Club Activity: | This club welcomes all students interested in theater and dramatic arts. Members improve their craft by participating in theater games, improvisations, and performing dramatic scenes and monologues. Students may participate in competitions. |

ENVIORNMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB

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| Advisor: | Mrs. Benton |
| Meetings: | Every other Tuesday in Room 260 |
| Club Activity: | This club has a goal of improving the environment one student at a time. In partnership with Sustainable Schools of New Jersey, students work to obtain grants to improve the climate of SPHS. Students will form a green team that will enhance the environment through education and days of service to the community. |

FASHION CLUB

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| Advisor: | Ms. Danella |
| Meetings: | Mondays |
| Prerequisite: | An interest in fashion. |
| Club Activity: | The club's mission is to help others who have a passion for fashion find the right career fit for them. Careers such as design, fashion forecasting, merchandising, buyer, styling, and creative directing. Through club activities we hope to prepare our members for their desired careers by offering information, experiences, and team building activities. Information about pre-college programs, creating/building a portfolio, and internships will be covered in the hopes of preparing underclassmen for the college application process. Through this process we hope to build a tightknit community where students can make connections and collaborate with people in the industry. Our goal is to create a free and comfortable space where people feel safe to express themselves with no limitations on their creative ability |

FRENCH CLUB

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| Advisor: | Ms. Sosna |
| Meetings: | Monthly/Friday afternoons from September through June |
| Prerequisite: | None. |
| Club Activity: | This club welcomes all students. Members grow interest in the language and culture of France and the Francophone world through student collaboration and participation in various activities such as fundraising for needy Francophone organizations, watching French films and music videos, going to French restaurants, celebrating French holidays, and much more! |

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY (Société Honoraire de Français)

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| Advisor: | Madame Sosna |
| Meetings: | Once a month (As needed) |
| Prerequisite: | Students in 11 th , or 12 th grade, must be enrolled in French 3 or higher, have a 3.3 average in French and a 3.0 overall GPA over a 3-semester period, as per French Honor Society (FHS) guidelines. Students, who are eligible, will be recognized by advisor for membership. |
| Club Activity: | French Honor Society members provide weekly tutoring each Tuesday at 2:30PM as per teacher's request and work in conjunction with the French Club on various community service projects. FHS provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding ability in the study of French language through selection for membership, the placement of a special seal on the graduate's diploma, the wearing of a white cord at graduation, and the right to wear the official emblem/pin of the honor society. The chapter provides a vehicle for focusing activities around French language and literature and also for encouraging member participation in the annual writing contest as well as application for the annual travel grants. In addition, there is the opportunity for students to experience leadership in serving as officers, directing the initiation ceremony, and/or leading other chapter events. |

HEROES AND COOL KIDS

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| Advisors: | Mrs. Kriskowski & Ms. Vandermark |
| Meetings: | As announced 3 full day trips (training sessions) and 3 classroom visits (at Grant School) |
| Prerequisite: | Students must be recommended by their coaches or teachers |
| Club Activity: | Heroes and Cool Kids is a group of selected upperclassmen who participate in athletics, marching band, and other activities. They are trained by former professional athletes on moral lessons such as bullying, drug and alcohol use, and motivation. The group shares what they have learned with 6 th grades students within the South Plainfield School District. |

IMPACT BIBLE CLUB

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| Advisors: | Mrs. Milano |
| Meetings: | 2/month |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | Impact Bible Club is a group of students who want to encourage and create opportunities for SPHS students to have a positive IMPACT on their school and community, standing on the Bible as a foundation. Activities include group discussions on current topics of interest and what the Bible has to say about values and life choices. The club also seeks to participate in service projects and volunteer activities that will benefit others, such as tutoring for younger aged students in South Plainfield. |

ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY

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| Advisors: | Ms. S. White |
| Meetings: | TBD |
| Prerequisite: | Inductions based upon overall GPA and Italian 3 and/or 4 GPA |
| Club Activity: | The purpose of the club is to provide high achieving students in Italian 3 and 4 the opportunity to expand their knowledge of Italian Language and Culture. Students are only eligible for induction if they have an overall 3.0 GPA and a 90% average for the 1 st 3 marking periods of their 3 rd year of Italian. |

JERSEYAN HISTORY CLUB

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| Advisors: | Mrs. Fuschetto |
| Meetings: | 1/Month (Thursday 7:30AM or 2:30PM) |
| Prerequisite: | Membership dues, participation in at least four fundraisers per year, Three activities, and attendance at all meetings. |
| Club Activity: | Members of the Jerseyan Club explore historical and cultural interests. Day trips to places of historical interest are taken twice a year and a three day, two-night trip is taken in the spring. The club also sponsors, plans and coordinates Cultural Heritage Day and Cultural Heritage Fusion Night. One of the largest clubs in the high school, the Jerseyan Club welcomes all interested students. Students can join the club during June or no later than Sept. 30 th . |

JOURNALISM CLUB (SCHOOL NEWSPAPER)

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| Advisor: | Mrs. Vigneri |
| Meetings: | 1 period/day; 5 times/week |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | The Journalism Club is a 5-credit elective class that produces, edits, and distributes 4 issues of Tiger Times, the South Plainfield High School newspaper. |

LATIN CLUB

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| Advisor: | Mr. Van Hook |
| Meetings: | Thursday, after school 2:30 – 3:30 |
| Prerequisite: | Latin Student – Previous, present or future |
| Club Activity: | Learn about ancient cultures by crafting everyday items such as sundials, wax tablets, calendars, etc. |

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

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| Advisor: | Mr. Haughwout & TBD |
| Meetings: | For all members: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the marching season. For Color Guard: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the marching season. Monday and Wednesday rehearsals take place from 5:30-8:30PM and Friday rehearsals take place from 2:45-5:00PM. |
| Prerequisite: | For Marching Band: No audition necessary. For Color Guard: Students must audition. For both groups: Willingness to participate in all rehearsals and performances. |
| Club Activity: | The Marching Band and Color Guard perform at football games, at various school and community functions, and in parades, concerts, and USSBA competitions throughout the school year. The Color Guard consists of the Flag, Dancer, and weapons (rifle and saber) |

MATH TEAM

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| Advisors: | Dr. S. Weiner |
| Meetings: | 1-2/week leading up to competitions |
| Prerequisite: | Students must have the recommendation of their math teacher. |
| Club Activity: | The club is intended to provide challenges to students above and beyond those found in the classroom. To that end, we participate in eight monthly meets held by the Central Jersey Mathematics League. |

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

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| Advisors: | Ms. Giannakis |
| Meetings: | TBD |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | Millions of teens suffer from anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders every day, however they seem to lack the support or knowledge of how to seek the help they need. Our goal of this club is to set forth a student run program that thoroughly researches mental illnesses in order to educate others. Along with understanding disorders, we want to stress the importance of a healthy lifestyle, both physically and dietary. Lastly and most importantly, we want to help break the stigma and the negative connotation associated with the words “mental health” while bringing/spreading awareness to others. |

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SPMUN)

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| Advisor: | Mr. Shah |
| Meetings: | 1/week |
| Prerequisite: | Interest in debate and current events |
| Club Activity: | Students debate current events in the world today by representing the viewpoints of different countries. Topics range and include issues such as: The War on Terror, AIDS/HIV in Africa, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and the Sudanese Refugee Crisis. Students will research their topics and assigned countries to prepare themselves for conferences in which they will debate with students from other high schools. In the past, SPMUN students have traveled to Boston, Washington DC, New York City, and Rutgers University. Other activities include fundraisers, guest speakers on careers in international relations, and our trip to the United Nations. |

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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| Advisors: | Mr. Flannery & Mr. Salvas |
| Meetings: | 2/week |
| Prerequisite: | Members must be selected by the Faculty Selection Council based upon scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 4.0 or above for grades 9 through 12 to be eligible as per National Honor Society Handbook. |
| Club Activity: | The National Honor Society provides service and leadership to the school and community. |

PASSIONATELY PINK FOR BREAST CANCER

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| Advisor: | Mrs. Porzio and Mrs. Benton |
| Meetings: | September and October |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | October – Friday Homeroom Collections and 2 Jean Days |

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

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| Advisor: | Ms. Danella |
| Meetings: | TBD |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | The mission of the Psychology Club is to bring awareness to various adolescent issues through the lens of psychology. |

REGIT (Yearbook)

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| Advisor: | Ms. Garcia & Mrs. Bryant-Khanutin |
| Meetings: | 1 period/week, 5 times per week |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | Regit is a 5-credit class dedicated to producing, advertising, and selling the annual South Plainfield High School yearbook. |

ROBOTICS

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| Advisors: | Mr. Goszewski & Mr. Mangieri |
| Meetings: | Various |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | The SPHS TIGER TECH Robotics Team was launched in the 2014-2015 season as an International FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition (FRC®) team. The Team's objective is to foster a love for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), as well as build upon authentic 21st Century skills for students to become technological leaders in our community and beyond. "The varsity Sport for the Mind™, FRC® combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules of the competition, limited resources, and time limits, teams of students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It's as close to "real-world engineering" as a student can get (www.usfirst.org)." |

SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

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| Advisor: | Ms. S. White |
| Meetings: | TBD |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | The purpose of this club is to inform students about the Hearing-Impaired Community, as well as to learning ASL as a means of interacting with the Hearing –Impaired Community. |

SKI CLUB

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| Advisor: | Ms. Wetzel, Ms. Eckhardt, Mr. Philips, & Ms. Hunt |
| Meetings: | Fridays (Winter) |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | For under \$400 a season, students get equipment rental if needed, ski instruction, transportation to the slopes, meals, and water to prevent dehydration. Four ski trips are planned each year, three evening trips and one full day excursion on a day that school is not in session. |

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB (Includes GSA & THE HUMANITARIAN PROJECT)

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| Advisor: | Mr. Thomas, Ms. Nydam, & Ms. Wilson |
| Meetings: | 1/week |
| Prerequisite: | None |
| Club Activity: | Social Justice is a chapter of a national organization dedicated to bringing awareness to issues impacting our world. In addition, the Social Justice club seeks to raise awareness and donations to many other injustices locally, nationally, and internationally; as well as being dedicated to identifying and assisting victims of disasters and crises worldwide. Social Justice also includes the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) which provides a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia and transphobia. The GSA provides a sense of community and a space for LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) and straight ally youth to build a social network where their identity is respected. The club will help turn today's students into tomorrow's adults by instilling in them qualities of respect, appreciation and non-prejudice. |

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY (Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica)

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| Advisor: | Ms. Vandermark |
| Meetings: | Once a month (As needed) |
| Prerequisite: | Sophomores must be in Spanish 3 or higher, and have taken a full year of Spanish at the Middle School earning an “A” average. Juniors and Seniors must be in Spanish 3 or 3 Honors OR Spanish 4, 4 Honors, or AP (after 2 years in Heritage). 3.5 or higher average in Spanish 3.3 or higher GPA Overall |
| Club Activity: | Spanish Honor Society members provide weekly tutoring each Tuesday at 2:30PM as per teacher's request. In recent years, SHS members have also provided tutoring to limited English speaking elementary students. |

STAGE CREW (LIGHTS AND SOUND)

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| Advisor: | Mr. Cassio |
| Meetings: | 1/month, as needed, and daily as Fall Drama and Spring Musical approaches. |
| Prerequisite: | None. |
| Club Activity: | The Stage Crew helps with all school activities and events that are held in the auditorium throughout the school year. The members help clean, maintain, and organize all lighting, and sound equipment. Stage Crew members work backstage on the Fall Drama Production and the Spring Musical. |

STAGE CREW (SET DESIGN AND BACKSTAGE)

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| Advisor: | TBD |
| Meetings: | 1/month, as needed, and daily as Fall Drama and Spring Musical approaches. |
| Prerequisite: | None. |
| Club Activity: | The Stage Crew design, construct, maintain, and organize all set materials, props and costumes. Stage Crew members work backstage on the Fall Drama Production and the Spring Musical. |

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION

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| Advisor: | Ms. Vandermark & Mr. Encinas |
| Meetings: | 2/month |
| Prerequisite: | Recommendation from a High School teacher or administrator |
| Club Activity: | The organization has a membership that is open to the entire student body, with the recommendation of a High School teacher or administrator. A bi-weekly meeting provides a forum to discuss social issues and develop interpersonal skills to mediate student conflicts. Students formulate an understanding of cultural diversity and sensitivity to enhance their community and school pride. There are many volunteer activities and community services, such as Special Olympics, Senior Citizen activities, fundraisers, Teacher Appreciation Week, Habitat for Humanity, etc. There is also a two-day leadership retreat. |

STUDENT COUNCIL

- Advisors:** Mr. Encinas
- Meetings:** 1/month
- Prerequisite:** Students must be academically eligible and must be elected by peers.
- Club Activity:** The many activities include sponsorship of dances, Senior Citizens' Day, the Homecoming Events/Activities, Student Council elections, the annual blood drive, Student Council Week, assemblies, Battle of the Classes, Gold Card Picnic, and community projects

TIGER'S TALE (South Plainfield High School's literary magazine)

- Advisor:** Ms. Pecora
- Meetings:** Mondays
- Prerequisite:** None.
- Club Activity:** The *Tiger's Tale* is the South Plainfield High School literary magazine, which is published annually by the *Tiger's Tale* staff. All students are encouraged to submit their creative efforts in the areas of art, poetry, and short stories. The *Tiger's Tale* staff will select the works to be included in the annual magazine from those submitted. All students interested in writing, editing, graphics, art, and desktop publishing are encouraged to join the *Tiger's Tale* staff.

WINTER GUARD

- Advisors:** Ms. Naphor
- Meetings:** Practices run from the beginning of December
- Prerequisite:** Students **must** have marched the previous fall season with the Marching Band or Color Guard and audition.
- Club Activity:** The Winter Guard performs at competitions. The season runs from the middle of December until the last weekend in April.

WINTER PERCUSSION

- Advisors:** Mr. Haughwout
- Meetings:** TBD
- Prerequisite:** None
- Club Activity:** Through Winter Percussion, South Plainfield students will become dedicated to learning life lessons through the pursuit of individual excellence and personal growth as well as furthering the development of marching arts and percussion performance, by working with scholastic music programs and independent organizations.