

Middletown High School North

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Club	Advisor	Mission Statement	Program Description
A Capella Choir	Mr. Peter Isherwood	ACAP seeks to develop the vocal and musical abilities of each singer through diverse choral A capella music. Students build musical skills and perform regularly at school functions and community events.	ACAP rehearses and learns a broad variety of choral music and performs throughout the year at events and concerts in the school and community. Students participate in vocal placements in September and rehearse and perform regularly.
Academic Team	Ms. Beth A. D'Alessandro & Ms. Tara Murphy	To compete in regional and national quiz bowls and academic competitions.	Students compete as a team in various academic, Jeopardy-style, competitions and quiz bowls.
Bottlecappers	Ms. Amanda Diercksen & Ms. Kara Teehan	High school students develop leadership skills and in turn reach out to the District's elementary and middle schools with classroom activities aimed at prevention education.	The Bottlecappers take on a role-model position as they visit the middle and elementary Schools in our District. The Bottlecappers are taught to use a variety of techniques to get their message across to their younger peers, including activities, discussions, question and answer sessions and role-playing.
Chess Club	Ms. Kara Teehan	The purpose of the Middletown High School North Chess Club is to provide a relaxing yet competitive forum for all skill level Chess players to exercise their talents and develop into Chess players of excellent caliber and character.	Membership in MHSN Chess Club is open to any person with an interest in chess, regardless of his/her experience or playing ability. In the past, we have competed successfully in The Shore High School Chess League with approximately 27 High Schools from Monmouth, Ocean, Mercer and Middlesex Counties.
Coding Club	Ms. Kara Teehan	We aim to increase access to and appreciation of computer coding through collaboration and exploration of programming languages.	We meet once a week so that students can learn to code in multiple programming languages. Students peer-teach and peer-assess and create games, websites, and apps.
Dance Team	Ms. Tara Mahoney	The Dance Team is designed to give students the opportunity to be actively involved with the high school community through dance arts affiliation either in the capacity of collaborative arts planning, or in a performance nature. The dance team will heighten dance arts awareness while promoting the growth and development of individuals to foster and maintain fitness and contribute to social, personal, and artistic values.	Active training in a variety of dance arts disciplines including but not limited to: Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Lyrical, Modern, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Cultural and Character Dance. Performance Opportunities: Football Halftime, Basketball Halftime, Spring Recital, as well as, travel opportunities- in the past the Dance Team has performed in Walt Disney World, The Barclays Center NYC, Lakewood BlueClaws Stadium and Hershey Park.

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DECA	Ms. Susan Heeter	DECA is a student-centered organization whose program of leadership and personal development is designed to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in business in high schools and colleges around the globe.	DECA students compete at the regional and state levels with the goal of reaching the International Conference. Students fundraise for and participate in several community service initiatives throughout the year, as well as support school-based organizations by marketing their causes.
Drama Club	Ms. Gerry Mahoney	The Drama Club's primary purpose is to support and educate students about the theatrical experiences that they could achieve.	The Drama Club meets to support the performing arts program in various ways including participation in productions, fund raising and community service.
English Honor Society	Ms. Nicole Brodeur	The NEHS motto, "gelast sceal mid are," is Old English for: "duty goes with honor." The motto represents one of the earliest forms of our language--it affirms and celebrates an obligation to use one's gifts in service to others. Service to peers, school, and community are part and parcel of the NEHS mission--and, indeed, in the grammatical structure of the Old English phrase, "duty" actually proceeds "honor."	Program Description: secondary school students for high achievement in English language and literature; B. provide, through its local chapters, cultural stimulation in secondary school environments; C. encourage interest in the English language arts; D. promote exemplary character and good fellowship among its members; and E. serve society by fostering literacy.
Environmental Club	Ms. Jessica Woodruff & Ms. Jennifer Woods	To work to increase student awareness of environmental issues in their own region. In addition, to encourage activism in those areas in an effort to achieve sustainability and positive stewardship of the environment.	We are involved in assisting other environmental groups achieve their goals, i.e., The Littoral Society's annual "Beach Grass Project", Middletown's "Green Team Murray Pond" project and addressing environmental issues that arise in our school.

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Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)	Ms. Meaghan Hanson (Fashion) & Ms. Michelle Sandone (Culinary Arts)	To promote personal growth and leadership development through family & consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop life skills through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and vocational preparation.	Students work on skills through state and national competitions both in FCS classes and after school. Students work on several community service projects during the year. FCCLA regularly participates in all aspects of Cinderella's Closet, a nationwide effort to provide low cost prom dresses for students in need. This includes modeling, advertising, and sewing. Students can also work on projects in Child Development, Foods, and Life Management. One of our big events is our Fashion Show, in cooperation with DECA and the art department. It is used to showcase student projects and to raise money both for our organization and for community organizations in need. Opportunities exist for set design, advertising, marketing, modeling and clothing construction.
FRED Band	Ms. Beth Lyon	To provide musical opportunities to students who are unable to fit band into their class schedule, and additionally students who are struggling and need extra assistance.	Fred (or Half) Band prepares for the Winter and Spring Concerts after the school day, as an extra opportunity for rehearsal and individual help. The group performs as part of the Concert Band and small ensembles in the Winter Concert in December, and the Spring Concert in May. Also the group performs at graduation in June.
French Honor Society	Ms. Diane Jones	Mission Statement: To acknowledge superior academic achievement in the study of the French language as well as promote cultural awareness of Francophone countries.	Activities include our induction ceremony, adopt-a-family for the holidays, other community service projects, and celebrating world language week.
Freshman / Sophomore Council	Ms. Jennifer Basmagy & Ms. Cheryl Krol	To encourage students to become responsible members in their local and school communities by participating in fundraising activities to support the financial needs of their respective classes.	Program Description: We participate in a variety of fundraisers through out the year including catalog sales, Happy Trails, Homecoming, Mr. North and Battle of the Bands.

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Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)/ School Store	Ms. Serena Kirschbaum (Competitions) Ms. Tamara Woods (School Store)	Bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.	FBLA is a premier student business organization of young people preparing for success as leaders in business, government, and communities. FBLA also runs the school store which is located in North's Media Center.
Future Educators Association (FEA)	Ms. Jane Pearson	The mission of the Future Educators Association is to support educators and students for a brighter future for all. It is also a movement known as Educators Rising which is transforming how America develops aspiring teachers starting with high school students.	Future Educators Association is a club that began in September of 2007 at Middletown High School North. We are considered role models and try to promote student awareness, cultural diversity and encourage leadership skills. Meetings are conducted weekly during the school year where students actively participated in fundraisers, social involvements, and promotion of school topics to raise awareness of the education profession.
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	Ms. Amanda Dierksen	MHSN GSA believes all students should have a safe, affirming and inclusive school environment, secured through education, advocacy, support and influencing policy.	MHSN GSA supports students in their gender and sexuality and creates opportunities to inform and educate the school community.

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GLP3 Pathway	Mr. Jon Scala	Government, law and public policy impacts the lives and welfare of every citizen of this country, this continent and this planet. The economy, education, health care, transportation, the environment, energy, jobs, national security – virtually every aspect of daily life is affected by public policy decisions at all levels of government –local, state, and federal.	Our Government, Law and Public Policy Pathway has been created to provide the best and most dedicated of our students with an opportunity to take the first steps on a life long journey to become leaders in our society who will guide us through a complex set of issues and help us make choices that will sustain our country’s role in a global society. Whether you are interested in becoming a lawyer, politician, police officer, reporter, public servant, FBI agent, environmental advocate, public health official, economic developer, member of the military or simply an informed citizen of the world, this pathway will open your mind and help you decide what you can do to lead our society into the future. Students who are interested in the Government, Law, and Public Policy Pathway (GLP3) must meet with their guidance counselors to enroll for the following school year.	
Heroes & Cool Kids	Ms. Jacqueline Duca & Ms. Kaitlin Smith	Promote pro-social behavior in students and to create a caring and disciplined school climate.	Heroes & Cool Kids Student Leadership Program is a unique mentoring program employing high school student leaders (Heroes) to mentor middle school students (Cool Kids). The Heroes are chosen by club advisers and are selected for their standout academic achievement, extracurricular participation, and most importantly, their character. These Heroes are sent into the middle schools to share their stories and facilitate our program which is geared to helping all students make better, healthier choices that will lead to a positive future.	
History Honor Society	Ms. Ellen Hill & Ms. Beth D’Alessandro	Our mission is to promote scholarship and to recognize academic excellence in history among high school students.	Recognize and promote student excellence and interest in history.	x

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Italian Honor Society	Ms. Julia Fielding	The Italian Honor Society promotes the Italian language and culture and sponsors social, cultural and charitable activities. To qualify students must complete ITALIAN II with an "A" average.	The Italian Honor Society: 1) plans social events with Italian themes and joins other language honor societies in activities such as "Culture Days" and World Language Week. 2) Seeks out culturally enriching opportunities such as Field Trips to Museums, Opera, Little Italy and meals in Italian restaurants. 3) Provides tutoring for beginners in Italian. 4) Plans Community Service activities such as Clothing Drives for the homeless and gifts to needy families and orphans. 5) Plans fund raisers for scholarships and charitable donations.	x
Jazz Band	Ms. Beth Lyon	The mission statement of the Middletown North Jazz Band is to provide an atmosphere where students can be successful in learning and performing on musical instruments, both individually and in large and small ensembles.	We will listen, rehearse, and perform music from all forms and times of Jazz. The jazz band will perform in the spring as part of the Spring Band Concert. Students are required to be involved in the music program in an additional ensemble to be a part of the jazz band (Concert Band, Choir, etc). No class is required for participation. Emphasis will be placed on not just performance technique, but also rudimentary improvisational skills, musicianship, and a sense of personal accountability.	
Junior Class Council	Ms. Paige Friedland	Our mission is to create and encourage student enthusiasm in school activities, specifically junior class events.	Our mission is to create and encourage student enthusiasm in school activities, specifically junior class events. Junior students will serve in leadership positions throughout the school year, while planning a variety of activities. Program Description: Junior Council hosts a variety of spirit and fundraising events to promote North pride. Our events include Happy Trails, Battle of the Bands, Mr. North, Powderpuff and more. Our primary focus is to raise money to help decrease the cost for students to attend the Junior Prom.	

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Key Club	Mr. Ken Sedlak	Mission Statement: We believe that the world gets better and problems get smaller when people unite to serve their local and global community. Lions help where help is needed - in our own communities through humanitarian projects and hands-on service. We serve neighbors who live next door and people on the other side of the world that we may never meet.	Program Description: Join us in making a difference! as a Lion, you'll join a local group of service-minded men and women who are working together to strengthen the Middletown community. You'll also be part of something bigger- a worldwide network of dedicated volunteers in over 46,000 clubs. Be the difference in your community. Be a Lion!
Latin Honor Society	Ms. Lindsay Rath	Our purpose is to encourage an interest in and an appreciation of the language, literature, and culture of ancient Rome and to impart an understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of Classical antiquity.	We induct students who have maintained an A+ average through Latin I, and continue to maintain an A average in Latin II. Members organize fundraisers to donate money to charity and to fund our annual senior scholarship. Students also hold events to promote Latin & the study of it.
Makerspace	Ms. Megan Hanson	The mission of the Makerspace Club is for students to have an open and exploratory space to experiment with hands-on student directed projects. Student driven projects may include the use of power tools, coding, robotics, and crafting. Students are encouraged to tinker, problem solve, and create in the Makerspace.	The Makerspace Club meets to work on hands on projects. Past projects have included the Brookdale Robotics Challenge, creation of marshmallow cannons from PVC pipe, a Minecraft project, and experiments with magnetism
Math Team	Ms. Teresa VandeCreek	To improve analytical skills, problem-solving abilities, and technological skills, as well as to foster an understanding and appreciation of the inductive and deductive reasoning employed in logic.	Members of the math team are introduced to non-traditional and challenging mathematical problems and are provided with strategies and techniques used to solve them. The math team offers all students opportunities to compete with local high schools on mathematical contests. Middletown Township Public Schools is a member of the Shore Math League.

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Mock Trial (Forensics)	Ms. Jane Pearson & Ms. Beth D'Allesandro	To obtain a better understanding of law procedures while improving upon analytical and speaking skills, poise and teamwork skills.	Students meet and work on preparing for the annual Mock Trial competition multiple times a week. Students read the case in its entirety and are tested on their knowledge and understanding of the material. Students are assigned roles. Each week, witnesses practice their statements and lawyers work on direct examination and cross examination questions, as well as, opening and closing statements. Many mock trials are conducted to prepare for the competition.
Model United Nations	Ms. Serena Kirschbaum & Ms. Patricia May	We encourage members to take initiative in helping communities and charitable organizations by dedicating their knowledge, expertise and skills to help the cause.	Club members research current world issues and represent various countries at Model United Nations Conferences. The conferences are overnight and are run by colleges around the country. Students work individually and in teams to accurately represent their assigned countries in crisis situations and in-depth simulations of current and past United Nations topics. Membership is open throughout the year. We hold mini Model UN seminars for our members throughout the year during transition and after school.
Music Honor Society	Ms. Beth Lyon & Mr. Peter Isherwood	Members of Tri-M seek to advance music appreciation and study through performance, enrichment, and education. Service through music and performance is at the core of our activities.	Tri-M seeks to bring music enrichment to those who would benefit from additional music study and exposure, and to advocate for music education and performance in our community and school district. Students complete service and education projects relating to the performing arts and music.
National Business Honor Society	Ms. Susan Heeter & Ms. Jane Pearson	To promote and recognize academic achievement in business education at the secondary level.	Students need to meet various requirements in order to be accepted into the National Business Honor Society. We raise funds throughout the year in order to give scholarships out to deserving business students.

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National Honor Society	Ms. Jillian Ceravolo & Mrs. Kelly Finch	The Martha Pennington Chapter of NHS focuses on upholding the four cornerstones of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.	NHS is involved in community service initiatives (Middletown library, etc.), a tutoring program for struggling students, fundraisers (car wash, etc.), hosting community events for elementary aged students (Halloween Extravaganza and "Are You Smarter Than an NHS Member?") and induction ceremonies donations for needy causes (Bowl for the Kids' Sake). NHS also participates in school activities (Co-Curricular Charity Carnival).
Newspaper Club	Ms. Jacquelyn Mannino and Mr. Jon Scala	To inform and intrigue, to display and preserve, all of North's affairs for ourselves and the future.	The Lion's Roar Newspaper publishes a weekly digital paper that is designed to keep the student body, faculty, and community up-to-date and informed on what is happening at MHSN. We also maintain an active Twitter account to quickly drive conversation and keep you in-the-know. Visit us at TheLionsRoarMHSN.com and follow us @TheLions_Roar. We are always looking for new members.
Polaris (Student Yearbook)	Ms. Heeter	Our mission is to showcase the academic and extracurricular activities of the North Community through publication of Polaris, Middletown High School North's annual yearbook.	Publish the annual yearbook (Polaris) with a team of talented and dedicated students.
Science Club	Mr. Richard Unterstein (Bio) Mr. Timothy St. Clair (Chem) Mr. Gary Foulks (Physics)	The Science Team is an organization designed to foster scientific curiosity through a series of competitions.	We compete in four competitions per year (January, February, March and April) against other local high schools. We have teams for first and second year Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes as well as Environmental Science.

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Science National Honor Society	Mr. Randy Kalman	The mission of this organization shall be to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought, to advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science, and to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.	The Science National Honor Society is the prominent scientific organization that engenders a new group of young thinkers who will be the future of industry, research, and scientific exploration for America.
Senior Class Council	Ms. Meghan Ghaffari	The mission of the Senior Class Council is to guide and encourage each student to reach his or her unique potential as a productive, respectful and responsible member of society and to successfully hold fundraising events throughout the school year.	Senior Class Council hosts a variety of spirit and fundraising events to promote North pride, as well as raise money for social events like prom and Homecoming.
Spanish Honor Society	Ms. Viki Kostas	The purpose of the society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies.	The Spanish Honor Society raises money to support a needy Mexican child on a monthly basis. We also raise money for senior scholarships. The society participates in community events such as World Language Day at the Middletown Public Library, World Language Week at our school, and the Co-Curricular Carnival at the end of the school year.
Student Government	Mr. Jon Scala	To create a strong sense of school and community pride through numerous student driven activities and fundraisers.	The focus for the Middletown North Student Government will be to operate as a body of students that will contribute to awareness of the culture within the high school and serve as a bridge between the student body and administrators. The function of this group is to serve as the voice of the student body on all issues that may have an impact throughout the course of the school year.

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Tech Tutors	Ms. Lisa Lipincott	The mission of the Tech Tutors is to share know-how and empower others to understand tech tools and use them purposefully, effectively, and safely.	This organization is for student techies who love to share their skills and help others. Students in this organization will be trained (either through self-training, by the teacher/advisor, or through peers) to provide assistance to tech help seekers that will include things such as those mentioned in the list below. --- Assist the tech help seeker in the use of a variety of computer programs / software applications (including but not limited to GAFE) --- Provide personal (one on one) support for specific technology needs or to help with class projects that require the use of technology --- Assist with digital imaging / image optimization / image management --- Improve overall computer skills by providing coaching with such things as more effective file management, computer safety and / or privacy advice. --- Create reference materials for use in the future --- Answer general technology implementation questions --- Assist with "Gamification" & Learning projects --- Other (depending on the skill sets brought to the organization by individual student tech tutors)
The Lions Roar (Student Newspaper)	Ms. Jacquelyn Mannino & Mr. Jon Scala	To inform and intrigue, to display and preserve, all of North's affairs for ourselves and the future.	The Lion's Roar Newspaper publishes a weekly digital paper that is designed to keep the student body, faculty, and community up-to-date and informed on what is happening at HSN. We also maintain an active Twitter account to quickly drive conversation and keep you in-the-know. Visit us at TheLionsRoarMHSN.com and follow us @TheLions_Roar. We are always looking for writers, photographers, and graphic designers, so feel free to join at any time.

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The Orange Wave (Student Marching Band)	Ms. Beth Lyon	The Orange Wave Marching Band provides school spirit, support, and entertainment at many school events.	The Marching Band performs a Halftime show at all football games in the fall in addition to parades throughout the school year, band competitions, and other events that come up. The Marching Band embodies everything that is "North School Spirit" and provides a positive environment for all musicians.
Transition Project	Mr. Matthew Ritter		
TV Production Club	Mr. Christopher Cullen	TV Production Club's mission is for North students to see Students' lives through students' eyes	Preparing and producing the North News show. North News covers a variety of academic, art and sporting events at Middletown High School North.