

CHEROKEE TRAIL

**Activities & Clubs**

**Brochure**



2023-2024

# Cherokee Trail High School

## CTHS Fight Song

Oh, we will Fight! Fight! Fight!  
For Cherokee Trail  
Fight on to victory  
Yes, we will Fight! Fight! Fight!  
And take the charge  
To lead us into history  
And when we strike with might  
Let foes beware  
Cougars will always prevail  
And so we stand and shout  
With cougar pride  
And cheer for Cherokee Trail!  
CTHS!



## **Activities and Leadership Opportunities:**

Cherokee Trail High School is committed to providing a variety of engaging clubs and activities to supplement and enhance the academic program.

Cherokee Trail High School has over 50 clubs and many co-curricular activities. Our activities program is made possible by a group of dedicated faculty and staff who put in long hours and share an amazing variety of talents and experiences with our students.

The following activities, co-curricular clubs and interest clubs are presently available or are in the process of being developed for Cherokee Trail High School students.

### **Starting a Club:**

New clubs may be started if a group of 10 or more students has an interest and a full time CT adult staff member is willing to supervise. All new club applications must be initiated by Cherokee Trail students. Students arrange a time to meet with the Activities Director to discuss approval for the new club.

This brochure lists all our clubs, the club's purpose, prerequisites, and enrollment requirements. An information sheet listing current advisors and their contact information can be found in this brochure.

*Michael James*

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Activities Director

# **CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**The following activities are a part of the curriculum and meet at regularly scheduled class times. Some require the approval of the instructor, and/or an audition as part of the registration process. For additional information on any course listed below, please refer to the Program of Study Course Description and Registration Guide.**

## **Performing Arts**

*Cherokee Trail performing arts students have the opportunity to perform in a variety of arenas. Students may also earn a letter, perform in festivals and travel.*

### **Bands**

**Neil Guy**

**Concert Band** — Open to any student who has previous band experience.

**Wind Ensemble** — Students are selected by audition and are the most advanced band students at CTHS.

**Jazz Ensemble I** — Intro level jazz band open to all students with prior band experience.

**Jazz Ensemble II** — Advanced jazz band is open to any student by audition.

**Jazz Ensemble III** — The most advanced jazz band is open to any student by audition.

### **Choirs**

**Aaron Jaramillo**

**Choralaires (Concert Choir)** — Intro level choir open to all soprano/alto singers.

**Vocalis** — Intro level choir open to all tenor/bass singers.

**Bella Voce (Beyond the C)** — Intermediate jazz choir open to soprano/alto singers by audition only.

**Cantare** — Select soprano/alto choir open by audition only.

**Con Brio** — This intermediate mixed choir is open to all students by audition.

**Ars Nova (Cut Time)** — Upper level jazz choir open to all students by audition only.

### **Dance**

**Mia Brown**

Dance 1, Dance 2, Dance 3, Dance Technique and Dance Composition are classes offered to students who are interested in developing their dance technique. Students perform in Dance Performance Showcases. Auditions are held in the spring for all upper level dance classes.

### **Orchestras**

**Kyle Rupley**

**String Orchestra** — Intro level orchestra open to all students who play a string instrument.

**Symphonic Orchestra** — Intermediate level orchestra open by audition to students who play a string instrument.

**Chamber Orchestra** — The most advanced orchestra is open to any student by audition.

### **Theatre**

**Sara Oliver**

Theatre 1, Theatre 2, Advanced Acting, Technical Theatre 1 and Technical Theatre 2 are classes offered to students with an interest in acting, directing, playwriting and/or the technical aspects of the theatre. Theatre students have the opportunity to perform and all students are encouraged to deepen their involvement in theatre by joining Drama Club and/or trying out for the main stage productions.

## **Student Leadership**

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**Alan Martin/Kelsey Rauh**

The Student Leadership class is an opportunity for students from all grades to represent their student body, the school and the community. Students serve as the student body officers and class representatives. An application is required. The application process begins in February.

### Journalism

*Cherokee Trail journalism students have the opportunity to develop their journalism skills on multiple platforms, including print media, online media and broadcast media.*

#### **Broadcast Journalism (CTTV)/Digital Media**

**Lyndsie Riggs**

Students will address the production of broadcast journalism from conception through completion. Skills will be taught in advanced design, layout, filming, lighting, editing, and post-production techniques. Students will produce individual news packages as well as group packages about our school community and beyond. The student's work is featured on cthstoday.org.

#### **Trail Media (CTTV & CTHSToday.org)**

**Tina Barber**

As they plan and produce CTHSToday.org, students will study journalistic style and the basic requirements of investigative reporting. In addition, students will examine the production of newspapers and magazines, the history of journalism, and journalistic ethics. Students will be responsible for every aspect of creating a student publication: reporting, news and editorial writing, interviewing, editing, photography, layout and design, advertising design, advertising sales, and positive public relations.

#### **Yearbook**

**Tina Barber**

Students will plan and produce the CTHS yearbook, **The Legend**. Students will be responsible for every aspect of yearbook production including the following: taking photographs and writing captions, planning and designing layouts, researching and writing copy and headlines, editing, promoting and distributing the book, and selling advertisements.

### Speech and Debate

*Cherokee Trail Speech and Debate students become members of Cherokee Trail's nationally recognized competitive Speech and Debate team. Students can select from a variety of events - there is something for everyone!*

#### **Speech and Debate**

**Dr. Jason Wu/Dr. Robert Pritchard**

Students prepare for competition in debate, public speaking, and oral interpretation with assistance from coaches and attend tournaments, which are held during the year. Speech and Debate is offered only as a class, to ensure students get time with coaches to prepare for tournaments. Students have the opportunity to letter and join the National Speech and Debate Association.

## **CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS**

***The following activities enhance the learning that takes place in the classroom. These activities are highly recommended for students in the corresponding classes; however, these activities are also open to students without enrollment in a specific class.***

#### **DECA**

**Jess Becker/Missie Schwartz/  
Sara Mossman**

DECA members develop a better understanding of the business world, become conscious of their civic obligations, develop social poise and leadership ability. CTHS DECA students apply their business skills in the school store in the commons. Members attend conferences and learn how to lead and participate in group discussions, work effectively with committees and engage in practical problem solving. Enrollment in a designated business course is required to become a member of DECA.

#### **Drama Club/Thespians**

**Sara Oliver**

A club for all students to come learn about the theater, to act, to play, to learn tech, and to assist with productions such as the play, student-produced shows, and the musical.

### **F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America)**

**Kaylyn Fergione/Pam Neitzel**

Members learn about entrepreneurial and business enterprises, participate in competitive events and community service projects, and develop leadership, business and management skills.

### **French Club**

**Virginie Pied**

This club celebrates French culture around the globe.

### **HOSA (Future Health Professionals)**

**Ashley Nance/Megan Yohn**

The mission of HOSA is to empower Future Health Professionals to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration, and experience. HOSA will develop leadership and technical skill/competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program. Participants will have the opportunity to attend competitions.

### **IB Minority Club**

**Courtney Hendricks**

The IB Minority Club helps to create community and support for students of color within IB. Members gain opportunities to mentor one another and to develop leadership skills, while planning a number of events, such as movie nights and final exam study parties.

### **Improv Troupe "Method to Madness"**

**Nate Tapp/Anna Austin**

This club allows students to practice their improvisational skills. The Improv Troupe puts on four improv shows per year. An audition is required in the spring.

### **Math Team**

**Jessica Weydert/Angela Gallagher**

The Math Team academically trains students to compete in various math contests. Students will be exposed to higher level topics. Meetings are held once a week after school. Competitions include Colorado Math League, American Math Competitions, and more.

### **Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)**

**Jessica Weydert/Angela Gallagher**

To apply for Mu Alpha Theta, students must maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 weighted, a mathematical GPA of at least 3.5 weighted, have completed at least Algebra 1 and Geometry, and be enrolled in Algebra 2 or higher. Students must also continue their mathematical education by taking at least one math course beyond Algebra 2 each year. Application/selection process takes place in the fall.

### **NaNoWriMo Club**

**Lauren Hyclak**

NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month and challenges you to write a novel in a month! Our club will meet every Monday in November to support and encourage each other as a writing community in this challenge. Each member will set a word-count goal at the beginning of the month and spend our club meetings working toward meeting that goal.

### **National Art Honor Society**

**Stephanie Swenson**

NAHS is a national organization dedicated to excellence and fellowship in the Visual Arts. The CT chapter will set its focus on giving back to the community using the visual arts. The club will participate in various fundraising activities that may benefit a charity and/or raise funds for the art department at CT. NAHS will also serve the art department through beautification of the school and ushering/assisting at various art events throughout the school year.

### **National Honor Society**

**Trey Griffin/Erica Lopez/Erin Campbell**

Juniors and seniors with a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher are invited to apply for NHS. Following a selection process, NHS students develop their scholarship, leadership, service and character through attendance at monthly meetings, participation in school wide events and completion of community service projects. Invitations to apply are sent to sophomores and juniors who meet the GPA requirement in February.

### **Pep Band/Drum Line**

**Neil Guy**

Members perform at home sporting events and school assemblies. Additional travel and/or performance opportunities may arise throughout the year. Pep Band is open to all interested students.

### **Play and Musical (Main Stage Productions)**

**Sara Oliver**

Be a part of fun-filled shows for the whole family. There are two main stage productions each year. Auditions are open to all students.

### **Science Club**

**Julie Scheffel/Kaitlin Marler**

The CTHS Science Club is open to all students interested in any field of science. Students will be exposed to Environmental Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology and may have the opportunity to participate in competitions such as Science Bowl.

### **Spanish Club**

**Tori Hardy**

This club celebrates Spanish culture around the globe.

### **Studio Art Club**

**Donnamarie Provenzano**

This club provides an opportunity for all students to come together to make art.

### **Tech Crew**

**Eric Paricio**

Tech crew is for all students who are interested in what happens behind the scenes of the main stage productions. Students can be involved with sound, lighting, costumes, set construction, and more. Grab a drill and come join us on tech crew!

### **Technology Student Association (T.S.A.)**

**Jared Merrill/Tony Muscatello/  
Ben Nuebel**

This club promotes technological literacy, leadership, and problem-solving. Our goal is to promote technology education and have fun learning through competitive and social events.

### **Tri-M Music Honor Society**

**Kyle Rupley**

An organization for students achieving at a high level both academically and musically. Tri-M members work to inspire music participation, support the CTHS music program, render community service and develop leadership skills.

# **INTEREST CLUBS**

***Cherokee Trail is pleased to offer a wide variety of interest clubs that allow students to meet others with similar interests.***

<b>Alternative Club</b>	<b>Aaron Betcher</b>
Alternative club brings students together to discuss alternative music, dress and other aspects of alternative culture.	
<b>Anime/Pop Culture Club</b>	<b>Katie Cooper</b>
Students who appreciate Anime and Manga culture meet to discuss and learn more about Animation, comics, film, pop culture, cosplay, as well as attend related events.	
<b>AP Human Geo Club</b>	<b>Jay Bennish</b>
<b>Asian Student Association</b>	<b>Angela Adan</b>
<b>be kind. Campaign</b>	<b>Tammy Johnson</b>
In a world where you can be anything, be kind. Students interested in spreading kindness locally, nationally and internationally are invited to join the kindness campaign. Money raised through the sale of be kind shirts will be distributed to worthy causes and students will model and support efforts to create more kindness in the world.	
<b>Black Student Alliance</b>	<b>Darryl Hall</b>
Black Student Alliance is a club designed for civic – minded students of all races who wish to actively engage in community events. Students meet every other week to discuss academic, social, and political issues that impact on students of color. Students plan events that inspire and motivate the changes they wish to see in the world.	
<b>Chess Club</b>	<b>Trevor Johnson/Andrew Peoples</b>
Students of all experience and skill level are welcome to come and play	
<b>CT Gaming Club</b>	<b>Paul Whipple/Ryan Monroe</b>
The CT Game club welcomes a diverse group of students who enjoy playing games. Our goal is to have fun, and play together. We welcome casual gamers, hardcore gamers, and anyone in between. A variety of gaming systems and browser based games will be in play unless deemed inappropriate by the advisor, as well as strategy games and board games.	
<b>Environmental Protection Club</b>	<b>Nickie Gold/Chelcy Harrison</b>
Clean up your act - and the world. Join the Environmental Protection Club where our goal is to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, reuse what we can, and recycle the rest!	
<b>Esports</b>	<b>Matt Flori</b>
Tryout for one of CT's Esports teams. Teams compete in League of Legends and Rocket League. Tryouts will take place prior to the start of each season. See one of the coaches for more information.	
<b>Ethnic Essence</b>	<b>Darryl Hall</b>



This club is to help students understand the important aspects of the different cultures that make up the CT student body. We want to create a sense of community among all of our students by getting to know each other better through activities that promote and teach about each other's culture.

### **Fashion Club**

**Missie Schwartz**

Students learn about fashion and dress as an expression of individuality. Students will also learn about the history and future of the fashion industry and design their own fashion.

### **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

**Jeff Buck/Darryl Hall/Tammi Statewright**

A community working to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

### **G.S.A. (Gender & Sexuality Alliance)**

**Aaron Pennington/Megan Spellman**

Students who identify with any sexual orientation or gender identity come together for support and outreach within the confines of high school. Members of the club speak to various groups on issues relative to gay and transgender teens, have guest speakers from the community, and participate in community service projects.

### **Latino Student Union**

**Jaime Meza**

Join us to learn more about and celebrate Latino culture. All are welcome!

### **Link Crew**

**Lauren Hyclak/Ben Summers/  
Jessica Weydert**

Members of Link Crew are trained to assist freshmen at orientation at the start of the school year and keep in contact throughout the year. This club is open to juniors and seniors. Interested students must apply in the spring.

### **M.U.N. (Model United Nations)**

**Ryan Monroe**

M.U.N. offers a unique opportunity to better understand the inner workings of the United Nations while building skills in diplomacy and compromise. Students will propose resolutions addressing issues such as regional conflicts, peacekeeping, human rights, women and children, economic and social development, and the environment. Students attend competitions at various locations in the Denver Metro area.

### **MSA (Muslim Student Association)**

**Jess Becker**

A club for Muslim and non-Muslim students to connect and learn about cultures and religions.

### **Ping Pong Club**

**Paul Whipple/Kevin Wills-Keely**

Come play Ping Pong! All students are invited to participate—no experience necessary. Check the information board in the library for meeting dates.

### **Rotary Interact Club**

**Maggie Holmes**

Interact is a service and social club focused on developing local and international service projects. The Aurora Gateway Rotary club works with the CTHS Interact Club to expand student understanding of the world and promote international goodwill. Members of the club carry out local service projects that benefit the community or school, such as fundraisers for a variety of causes, blood drives, and visits to nursing homes, orphanages, and homeless shelters.

### **South Asian Student Association (SASA)**

**Benn Kuemmerlin**

This club is for ALL students who have an interest in South Asian culture. Everyone is welcome as we learn and have fun together.

### **Skateboarding Club**

**Aaron Betcher**

Whether you are already a skateboarder or want to learn, all students are welcome!

**Special Olympics Peer Partners Club**

**Meggin Mithuen/Joy Place-Kranefuss**

Special Olympics Partners Club is a club for students with and without intellectual disabilities that comes together for sports, games, community service, school events, and most of all, to have fun!

**Trivia Club**

**Lauren Hyclak**

This club is for all students interested in Trivia!

**Ultimate Frisbee Club**

**Eric Gutjahr**

Whether you already know how to play Ultimate Frisbee or you are new to it, all students are welcome to join the fun!

**LETTERING IN ACTIVITIES AT CHEROKEE TRAIL**

***Active participants in the activities listed below have the opportunity to earn a Cherokee Trail Activities letter. All four-year letter winners are recognized at the senior awards ceremony. Please speak to the club advisor for specific lettering requirements.***

Band	Choir	Dance	DECA
Drama Club/Thespians	Esports	FBLA	HOSA
Journalism	Model UN	Orchestra	Rotary Interact
SASA	Speech and Debate	Student Leadership	TSA

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