

CHEROKEE TRAIL

Activities & Clubs

Brochure



2020-2021

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 an adult sponsor is willing to supervise. Students arrange a time to meet with the Activities Director to discuss approval for the new club and, if approved, to arrange the paperwork for AAA approval and completion of the club constitution.

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.

Christine Jones

Christine Jones
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

Paige Lewkow/Aaron Jaramillo

Choralaires — 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, 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

Cindy Poinsett

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

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 in the spring.

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

Lyndsie Riggs

Students will produce individual projects as well as group stories about our school community and beyond. This class addresses the production of broadcast journalism from conception through completion. Skills will be taught in advanced design, layout, lighting, editing, and post-production techniques.

Newspaper

Tina Barber

Students in this class plan and produce the school newspaper, **The Guide**. They become investigative reporters, news and editorial writers, interviewers, editors and photographers. An application is required in the spring.

Yearbook

Tina Barber

This class provides students an opportunity to plan, create and produce the school yearbook, **The Legend**. Students are responsible for all aspects of production and design. They learn to conduct interviews, cover and photograph school and related events, write and edit copy, layout pages and meet deadlines. Through this process they learn responsible journalism. An application is required in the spring.

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

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.

A Capella Choir - WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21

Paige Lewkow

Do you like to sing? A Capella Choir singers will practice and perform at concerts. All are welcome - you do not need to be a member of a CT choir to try out for A Capella Choir.

DECA

Jess Becker/Missie Schwartz

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**Cindy Poinsett**

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)**Steve Fromme/Kaylyn Swank**

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 Geyen**

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**

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.

Literary Magazine**Tina Barber/Jeff Garland**

This club is open to anyone who has an interest in working as a team to publish the CT Literary Magazine and expressing their individual creativity. Students are encouraged as part of their participation to take courses in graphic design and/or print journalism. Club members read, edit and approve submissions, as well as generate their own content (poetry, short fiction, art) for the magazine. As members of this club, you will develop both graphic design and publication skills while working with Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator.

Math Team**Jessica Weydert/Marjan Arjomandi**

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/Marjan Arjomandi**

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 - WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21 Michelle Miller

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. Other activities will include visitation to retirement homes and/or Children's Hospital to create good will throughout our community at large. 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 Brooke Gabrielli/Kris Atkin

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.

Pep Band/Drum Line - offered 2nd semester only for 2020-21 Neil Guy

Members perform at home sporting events and school assemblies. Additional travel and/or performance opportunities may arise throughout the year.

Play and Musical (Main Stage Productions) Cindy Poinsett

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.

Spanish Club - WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21 TBA

This club celebrates Spanish culture around the globe.

Tech Crew Aaron Jaramillo

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.

A.C.T.I.O.N. Task Force - **WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21 Sameen DeBard/Kedar Witte**

A select group of 11th and 12th grade students who are trained to deliver classroom presentations on UPStander interventions in an effort to reduce bullying and sexual harassment behaviors. These students will also be expected to demonstrate exceptional character at all times and model UPStander behaviors to intervene in the face of unkindness. Applications are available in the Spring.

Anime (Manga) Club Lisa Bunch

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.

Black Student Alliance Seneca Holmes

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.

Campus Five - **WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21 Pam Neitzel**

This is a club for those students interested in Christian-based activities.

Creative Writing Club - **WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21 Josh May**

This club brings together students who like to write. All are welcome!

CT Video Game Club Christine Archer-Davison

The CT Video Game club welcomes a diverse group of gamers. 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.

CT Hype Kelsey Rauh

A club for students who promote positive sportsmanship and spirit at CT.

CTH HUGS (for Sierra Leone) Katherine Avendano-Curiel

Hugs for Sierra Leone is a branch of the larger foundation, Hugs for, which was established in 2007. The goal of the foundation is to empower students in the US to share love and hope with students in impoverished countries to encourage them to make positive change in their own communities. The unique thing about this foundation is that it is entirely student-led, with the belief that “youth are the future change makers.”

Environmental Protection Club Nickie Gold/Chelcy Harrison

Clean up your act - and the world. Join the Recycling Club where our goal is to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, reuse what we can, and recycle the rest!

Esports Christine Archer-Davison

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 Coach Archer for more information.

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.

G.S.A. (Gender & Sexualities Alliance)**Rachel Ravin-Whetzel/Aaron Pennington**

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.

Girls Leadership Club - 20-21 OFFERED 2nd SEMESTER ONLY**Sameen DeBard**

The purpose of this group is to help girls develop social and emotional intelligence while participating in engaging activities and discussions in a safe, small group environment. We will be utilizing the Smart-Girl curriculum to teach girls the skills and tools necessary to become confident, capable, self-reliant women who make healthy choices throughout life.

Interact/Red Cross 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.

Key Club**Amy (Stotts) Woody**

Key club is focused on helping students find volunteer opportunities, becoming more involved in the community, or just having fun helping others. Key Club will be working with accredited volunteer organizations to get some of the best volunteer opportunities around.

Latino Student Association - WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21**Missie Schwartz**

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

Link Crew**Lauren Hyclak/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)**Becky Rankens**

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.

Multi-Lingual Club**Kevin O'Donnell**

The purpose of Multilingual Club is to increase the awareness of the variety of languages spoken by students at our school and promote the value of bilingualism and multilingualism throughout the school community. It provides opportunities for social and cultural interaction among students interested in any language. The club meets twice monthly for planning events and taking part in a variety of activities. Students of any language background, including English Language Learners, students learning a foreign language, and students who speak only English will find a welcoming environment.

**Muslim Student Association - WILL NOT BE OFFERED
2020-21**

Jess Becker

A club for Muslim and non-Muslim students to connect and inform students from different cultures and religions.

neXus - WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21

Charles McCall

neXus aims to support incoming 9th graders as they transition to CTHS. neXus students have the opportunity to connect with 9th graders as both mentors and tutors through Freshman Seminar and a community service project. neXus students can earn .25 credits or community service hours as they create community and create lasting friendships as they help welcome the incoming freshmen to Cougar Nation. Interested students must apply in the spring.

Outdoor Club - WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21

Matt Wichern

If you like to snowshoe, hike, rock climb or just be outdoors, this is the club for you.

**S.A.S.A. (South Asian Student Association) - WILL NOT BE
OFFERED 2020-21**

Christine Archer-Davison

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

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!

**Students for Sign Language - WILL NOT BE OFFERED
2020-21**

Christine May

Students for Sign Language Club is open to all students and meets every Monday that is a B day. The goal of the club is to learn and practice using sign language and explore the history as well. Students will participate in fun activities and competitions every meeting

Ultimate Frisbee Club - WILL NOT BE OFFERED 2020-21

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!

World Affairs Club

Scott Myers/Pam Patrick

This club is for students to prepare for the World Affairs Challenge competition in the spring at the University of Denver. The focus of the club is to discover how global issues affect the daily lives of citizens around the world. The club meets once a month during the first semester and every Monday during the second semester.

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
Model UN	Newspaper	Orchestra	SASA
Speech and Debate	Student Leadership	TSA	Yearbook

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