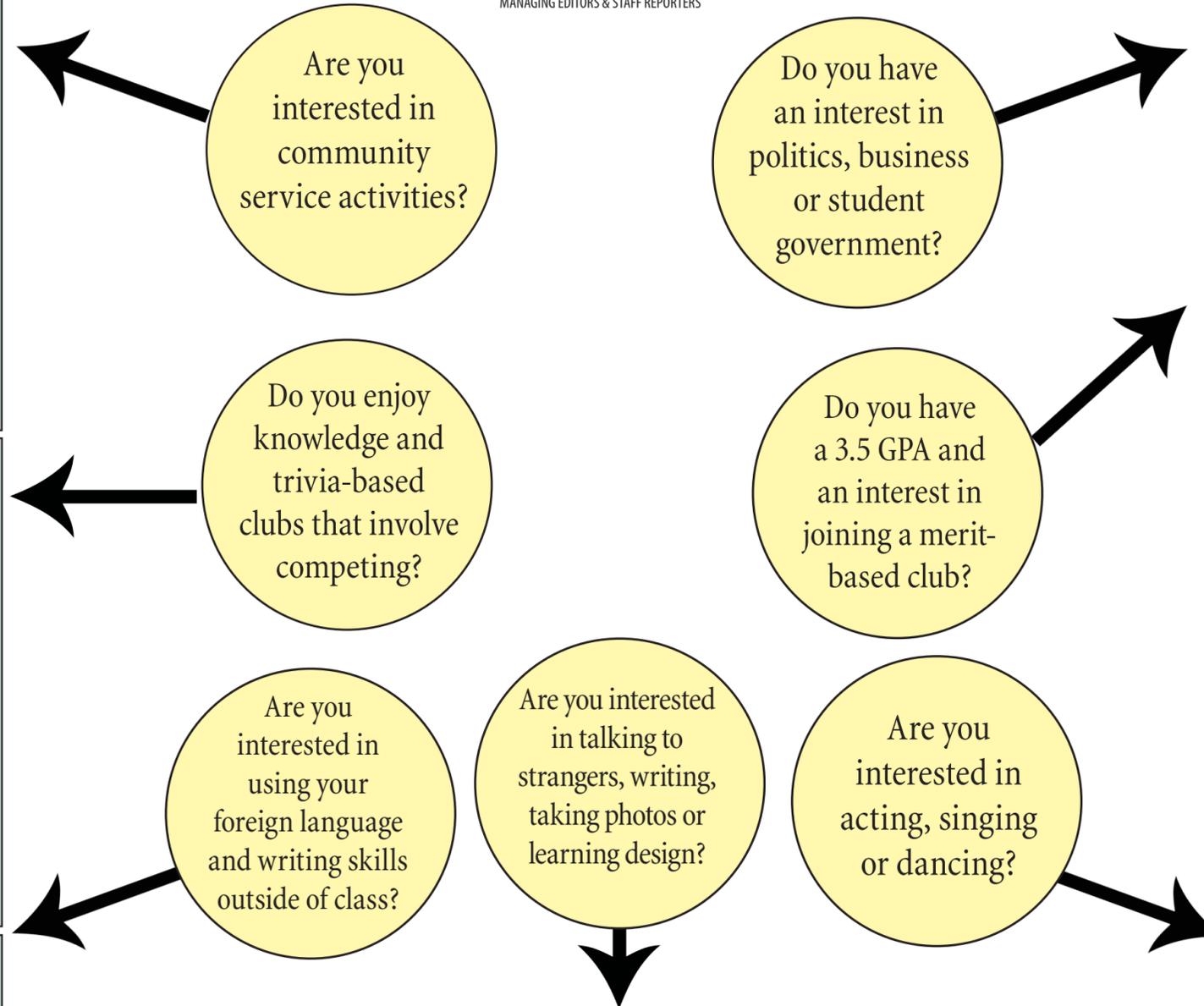


CLUBS

Welcome to the club

With 35 clubs offered at North, and the opportunity to create your own, there are plenty of ways for students spend their after school hours

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Leadership & community service

Students Against Violations Against the Environment (S.A.V.E.)- It is a club to help make students, staff and the community more aware of the environmental issues that impact society. Advised by science teacher Chris Skowronski.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.)- It informs North students about the cost of drunk driving. Educational programs provide awareness for "Youth at Risk." Open to all students. Advised by Paula Staperfenne.

Interact Club- Meetings are monthly and students participate in a community service project each month. All students are welcome to join for any activity if they come to that corresponding meeting. The majority of community service projects are done in school, but out of school projects are being planned for the 2014-2015 year. Advised by counselor Barbara Skelly.

Brotherhood- It consists of a group of young men who mentor and do community service. Advised by English teacher Jonathon Byrne.

Link Crew- It's a welcoming and comforting group for the incoming freshmen. Ten freshmen are linked with two upperclassman and throughout the year a bond is built between the students. You must apply and be accepted to participate. Advised by English teacher Joe Drouin.

Peer To Peer (Norsement Knots)- It's a club to increase interaction between general education and special education students. Each member is linked with a student and relationships are built. Advised by Christine Kuhl, Julie Brewster and Nancy Ringler.

Women In Leadership Leading Our World (W.I.L.L.O.W.) - WILLOW is a girls support program open to all girls at North. It has monthly meetings and has had multiple events such as women's self defense, healthy eating and exercise, etiquette and while bringing in professional women to speak about their careers. Advised by math teacher Jessica Roman and student activities director Pat Gast.

Gay/Straight Alliance (G.S.A.)- A dedicated group of students at North meet every week to try to end discrimination, harassment and bullying based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Advised by social studies teacher Dan Gilleran.

Diversity Club- Students try to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and accepted at North. Plans Diversity Day, Mix it Up Day and other forums to bring awareness regarding diverse cultural and social issues. Advised by social studies teacher Dan Gilleran.

Science & competition

Chemistry Club (C.O.P.S.)- It develops chemistry skills and takes place outside of North. Advised by science teacher Steve Kosmas.

Quiz Bowl- It gives students the opportunity to participate in the Macomb Area Quiz Bowl League of 15 high schools from October through May. The team also participates in regional tournaments on weekends and the state championship competition. Advised by English teacher Jonathan Byrne.

Health Careers Investigation Club (H.C.I.C.)- It's open to grades 9-12 interested in a medicine. Meetings occur monthly and students work on projects to better themselves. Advised by science teacher Susan Spiers.

Gearheads Robotics- The Gearheads consist of students from both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. They meet at North in the machine shop every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and every Saturday from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. during robot building season. Advised by physics teacher Don Pata.

Science Olympiad- This club is for students interested in sciences such as: physical, earth, biology, chemistry and physics. Advised by science teacher Steve Kosmas.

Radio Astronomy Team (R.A.T.Z.)- It's open to all students at North and South. R.A.T.Z. operates a student-built radio telescope on the roof of the B Building, but also studies optical astronomy during telescope observing nights and planetarium sessions. Some club members also work on science or engineering research projects. Advised by astronomy teacher Ardis Herrold.

English & foreign languages

Foreign language clubs- These clubs allow students to to increase their knowledge of the language and culture of the countries. Languages and corresponding teachers are as follows: Chinese-Sean McCarroll, French- Andrea Ciocovenaru, German- Madeline Salonen, Italian- Albina Trumza, Japanese- Sean McCarroll and Spanish- Tamara Shepard.

Harbinger- It is Grosse Pointe North's literary journal. It's published as a collection of original literary and artistic work created by students. Those involved on staff of Harbinger take responsibility for the format, content selection, design layout, presentation, publicity and distribution of the journal. Meets weekly and publishes at the end of the school year. Advised by English teacher Geoffrey Young.

Journalism

North Pointe newspaper- What you're reading right now. One of the top student publications in the country, it publishes bi-weekly on the latest in news, sports, life and ideas. Staffers write for the print edition and the website, www.mygpn.org. To be on staff, students must take Honors Journalism. Advised by Shari Adwers.

Valhalla yearbook- It prints in late May and captures the year at North and covers student life, sports, clubs and people through photos and writing. Students are given the opportunity to explore photography, design, reporting and writing in a real-world situation for a nationally recognized publication. Advised by Shari Adwers.

Politics & business

Young Americans for Freedom (Y.A.F.)- It's a conservative, educational organization that brings students together to advocate for the ideas of limited government, individual freedom, free enterprise, traditional values and a strong national defense. YAF holds conferences across the country at the Reagan Ranch in Santa Barbara as well as in Washington D.C. They hold the annual 9/11 Never Forget Project, Freedom Week, Respect ALL Women month and Black History Month as well as others. Advised by Dr. Renee Strobl.

Close Up- They visit Washington D.C. for a week to increase awareness in the political process. Participants learn about the US government first hand. Members must be juniors and seniors who are recommended by social studies teachers. Advised by history teacher Barry Mulso.

Student Association (S.A.)- It's an organized student body who organizes student activities, encourages communication between the faculty and student body, promotes responsible school citizenship and assists in formulating and expediting school policy. It also helps with fundraisers. Advised by English teacher Jonathan Byrne.

Distributive Education (D.E.C.A.)- The group undertakes several projects that benefit the school and community. They also run the school store. However, membership is limited. Advised by business teacher Michelle Davis.

Honors

National Honor Society (N.H.S.)- The Honor Society shows leadership in and out of school in their actions and provide tutoring and support to the student body. Students are invited with a GPA of 3.25 or higher at the beginning of junior or senior year. Advised by counselor Milissa Pierce.

Performing Arts

AcaFella- It's an auditioned mens ensemble for all grades. AcaFella meets once a week for two hours and performs at all choir concerts, the yearly Holiday Tea, community events, and MSVMA Festivals. Advised by choir teacher Ben Henri.

Dance Team- It's open to all girls with dance experience. The team performs at varsity basketball halftime and competitions. Advised by student activities director Pat Gast.

Jazz Band- Rehearsals are on Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instrumentation is made up saxophones, trombones, trumpets, keyboards, drum-sets, guitars and basses. Members have to be enrolled in band or orchestra class to be a part of Jazz Band. Advised by band teacher Dave Cleveland.

Pep Band- Band members play at football games, basketball games, the homecoming game, the pep rally and the Santa Parade. Rehearsals start in August and are held on Monday evenings once the school year begins. Members must be enrolled in band or orchestra class to participate. Advised by band teacher Dave Cleveland.

Pit Orchestra- Students must audition. The pit orchestra performs all of the music for the annual high school musical. Rehearsal are several times a week and begin in mid November and finishes with several major productions in early March. Advised by band teacher Dave Cleveland.

Counterpointe- It's an auditioned women's ensemble for all grades. Meets once a week for two hours and performs at all choir concerts including the yearly Holiday Tea, community events and MSVMA Festivals. Counterpointe performs advanced music of varying genres including chamber works, world music and collegiate. Advised by choir teacher Ben Henri.

Step Team- The team performs at the pep assembly only. Step team is open to anyone. Advised by student activities director Pat Gast.

Drama Club- It is a social club which promotes involvement in school musicals, fall plays and the spring One Acts. Advised by Sean Kifer.

Solo Ensemble- Students participate in this festival by performing a solo or ensemble for a professional adjudicator. Students receiving a first division rating have the opportunity to advance to the state level in March. Students must be enrolled in band or orchestra class to participate. Advised by band teacher Dave Cleveland.

Video Club- It's for students interested in video production and the making of the Video Yearbook. Advised by choir teacher Ben Henri.

Movie Club- Students meet once every other week on Thursday nights to watch a movie. They analyze the movie to discuss some of the techniques that were used to portray the storyline and the greater meaning. No membership is needed—just a signed permission slip is required. Advised by history teacher Sean McCarroll.