

Get Involved

THS 2019-2020

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Raider Pride Guide to School Clubs

AFJROTC Advisers: Lt.Col. Coulouras, MSgt Sullivan

AFJROTC stands for Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. It is a military regulated high school program whose purpose is to educate high school students in leadership roles while making them aware of the benefits of citizenship. The mission of JROTC is to motivate young people to become better American citizens. The entire corps meets periodically to review and discuss after-school activities, field trips, awards and decorations and program objectives.



AFJROTC Cadet Executive Staff Advisers: Lt. Col. Coulouras, MSgt Sullivan

Cadet Executive staff is the senior leadership group within the Corps of Cadets that assists with the management of the program. They assist the instructors and serve as the upper cadet rank and structure for the unit. They are responsible for planning unit activities and service events, ensuring that unit goals are established and attained, leading and setting the proper example for the Corps of Cadets, teaching, instructing and mentoring junior cadets to be leaders in the corps, and helping to communicate unit directives and requirements.

AFJROTC Color Guard Advisers: Lt. Col. Coulouras, MSgt Sullivan

Color Guard is responsible for ensuring the proper techniques and procedures are used to honor, display and carry the US flag (and others) in accordance with proper military procedures and protocols. They actively present the US and State flags at civic and school functions. There are two primary components of the team. The first involves carrying the rifles and the second is carrying the flags. Often the team practices after school to maintain their proficiency and/or train for upcoming events.



Art Club Adviser: Mr. Leger

The Art Club meets to beautify our world by painting murals around THS and the community. Students collaboratively design and create art projects. The Art Club meets every other Thursday after school.



Book Club Advisers: Mrs. Magistrali

THS Book Club is for book lovers! Our monthly meetings center around books, book discussions, book recommendations, book fairs and movies inspired by books. The club is open to all students and staff.

Care Closet/ Community Service Club Adviser: Mrs. Pepper

Established in 2016, The THS Care Closet and Community Service Club formed in the effort to help unstably housed students at Torrington High School and throughout the community. The Care Closet, (a room located in the lobby of THS), allows students to access basic every day items confidentially, for no cost. These needs include items such as toiletries, clothing, school supplies and much more. In the past, the club has worked on collecting and organizing supplies for the Care Closet, fundraising, and more. This year, we plan to expand into doing more Community Service activities, such as "beautifying" our school, mentoring middle school students, etc...we are open to



Ceramics Club **Advisers: Mrs. Amoroso, Ms. DeMarchi**

The Ceramics Club offers students the opportunity to create handmade objects out of clay and help the Torrington community by participating in the soup kitchen fundraiser called Empty Bowls in the fall.

Chess Club **Advisers: Mr. Ressel**

The purpose of the club is to provide members with opportunities to compete in chess games and increase their skills and understanding of the game of chess. The members play in a club-level tournament, establish a "Chess Ladder" for competition within the club, and compete in some interscholastic tournaments.

Fashion Club **Adviser: Mrs. Murphy**

Fashion Club provides students opportunities to discuss fashion, learn how to sew, develop an understanding of fabrics, and explore how to put outfits together. All member will have an opportunity to create a project of their choosing. We will meet during Club time as well as after school.



Fishing Club **Adviser: Dr. Shannon**

The fishing club was started with the following goals, to develop a competitive bass fishing tournament team, to teach fishing and to engage in recreation fishing for students of all abilities and experience, and to provide an avenue for water related conservation projects around our community. Central to this will be cleaning up and monitoring Besse pond. We seek students of all levels of participation from leadership through just a casual fishing session or trip.



French Club **Adviser: Ms. Martin-Ocain**

Bonjour! Through cultural activities centering on holidays, cuisine, and field trips to sites of French interest, our purpose is to promote an appreciation of various parts of the French-speaking world. Venez nombreux au Club Français!

Future Business Leaders of America **Advisers: Ms. Ferrare**

Future Business Leaders of America Club allows students to develop business skills used in the working world. Students will be able to compete on against other students in the State in categories like, impromptu speaking, business communication, Sports Marketing, Website Design and many others. The club offers a great chance to network with the outside community and employers from around the area.

The Gaming Club **Adviser: Mr. Tyler**

Our club will consist of Dungeons and Dragons, Warhammer 40K and Age of Sigmar and 13th Age and Magic the Gathering. We are sponsored by Games workshop and have a curriculum for playing the Warhammer games. Come see what we have! We are also open to other types of table top / RPG games if you have ideas for the club. We will meet during the THS periods and will play during THS and after school on late bus days. FOR THE EMPEROR!



Interact Club **Advisers: Mrs. Magistrali/ Mrs. Chamberlin**

Interact Club is a social, service club sponsored by the Torrington/Winsted Area Rotary Club and is part of Rotary International. We have fun while giving back to worthy causes with our time and through fund-raising efforts. Some of our service projects include the Parkinson's Walk, Breast Cancer Awareness, hot chocolate at Christmas Village, and the annual Dodgeball Tournament.



Japan Club **Adviser: Ms. Conroy**

The Japan Club is committed to learning about all aspects of Japanese history and culture.

Kindness Club Adviser: Mrs. Caruso

The Kindness Club meets once a month to make and create random acts of kindness throughout the school.

Leo Club Adviser: Mr. Sheib

Leo Club is a community service based club. Raising funds & goods for local charitable organizations while promoting youth civic involvement. Typical annual events: Haunted Hallways, Club Movie Night, Student/Staff Basketball game, Charity Lock-In.

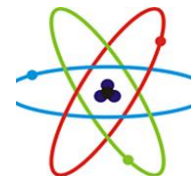


Mu Alpha Theta Adviser: Mr. Grenfell

Mu Alpha Theta is the National High School Mathematics Honor Society. The organization is dedicated to inspiring keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics in high school students.

Multicultural Diversity Club Adviser: Senor Zarazu

The Multicultural Diversity Club aim is to promote multiculturalism in our school regardless of race, religious or cultural differences. To achieve our goals, we use window displays at the library, the THS TV, music, dances, and an annual assembly.



National Honor Society Advisers: Mrs. Trocchi, Ms. Kuang

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students in the United States and outlying territories, which consists of many chapters in high schools. Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.



Raider Times Advisers: Ms. Sullivan, Mrs. Roche

The Raider Times and Symphony magazine are the student publications of Torrington High School. Students will contribute to these publication and manage the printing. Meetings are when announced and take place in room 2428.



Rho Kappa Advisers: Mrs. Rowland/ Ms. Conroy

THS sponsors the Frank M. Turner chapter of this social studies honor society. With membership by invitation, we are the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of social studies.



Science Club Adviser: Mrs. Debany

The Science Club was founded by a group of students interested in all aspect of science and the natural world. The Science Club's purpose is to encourage students to engage in science related activities, enjoy the outdoors, and raise awareness of environmental issues. The Science club hosts Earth Week activities and participates in science competitions. The club offers many field trip opportunities each year including travel to Costa Rica to explore biodiversity and sustainability.

Spanish Club Adviser: Mr. Lesser

The club is open to all students taking Spanish. It meets once a month during THS. Meetings promote Spanish speaking countries and culture and plan cultural based field trips, etc.



Spring Spruce Up Club Advisers: Mrs. Covelli, Mrs. Morrison

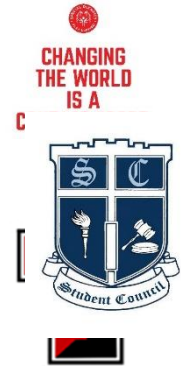
Our club will be working in collaboration with Mimi Kozlak's plant science classes to grow plants and flowers in the greenhouse through the winter and plant and beautify the school grounds in the spring.

St. Jude Telethon Adviser: Mrs. Porch

Let's give back to the community. Support the St Jude Telethon televised here at THS every March. Auction baskets will be needed with members providing supplies, money, and time. Tootsie Pop sales and other events will be planned.

Student Council Adviser: Mrs. Siegel

Student Council is a group of elected members from each class responsible for the organization, fundraising and execution of class events. Student council also serves as advisors to administration when needed regarding policy or school climate. The council meets twice a month, at 6:45, in room 2411.



Thespian Honor Society Adviser: Mrs. Chamberlin

Troupe #611 is an honor society open to any students who have significantly participated both on stage and offer in THS Student Theatre. Students are invited to join this selective group of thespians. Troupe #611 runs fundraisers and other outreach events for the THS community including Haunted Theatre, Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat, and the THS Cabaret.



Unified Sports Advisers: Mrs. Baranowitz

Unified Sports Program helps to foster an inclusive school community where the values of tolerance, patience and sensitivity are cornerstones.

Varsity Club Adviser: Mrs. Gamari, Mrs. Strawson

The Varsity Club is open to any student who has received a Varsity letter in any sport. The Varsity Club members will be responsible for building school spirit, promoting athletic events and merchandise, contributing positively to the THS and Torrington Community through service, and helping to organize the Gold T Banquet in the Spring for senior athletes. Meetings will be held once-a-month during Advisory Period in Room 1103. Let's go Raiders! #RaiderPride #Fam

Young Democrats Advisers: Ms. Conroy, Mr. Dillon

Young Democrats: This club promotes active civic engagement in the community at the local, state and national levels by working to elect Democrats and to advocate for issues that matter to students.

Youth Advocacy Club Adviser: Mrs. Debany

Become an advocate in your community! The Youth Advocacy Club was formed to give high school students a chance to create a healthier, tobacco-free environment in Torrington, from attending community events to travelling to the state capitol and Washington DC. We aim to do so by advocating for positive changes like raising the legal age for buying tobacco products, and creating smoke-free parks. If you are interested in sustainability, creating healthy environments for children, feel passionately about our cause against tobacco, or simply need more community service opportunities, then we are the club for you!



Torrington High School

Core Values and Beliefs

THS believes that a community of self-motivated individuals who exercise personal responsibility and respect, demonstrate intellectual curiosity and resiliency, and value hard work and integrity will create life-long learners and productive members of society. Students will uphold **TRADITION**, and bring **HONOR** and **SUCCESS** to themselves, the school and the community.

"Quod facis bene fac" -

What you do, do well...

