

**CENTER MORICHES  
HIGH SCHOOL  
2017-2018  
STUDENT ACTIVITY GUIDE**

## **ART CLUB**

**Advisor – Mrs. Sandberg - DeJohn**

The Center Moriches Art Club is offered for students in grades 9-12 who are interested in the arts and are seeking a creative outlet in addition to their academic schedule. Students have the opportunity to work in the medium of their choice and are encouraged to develop their own individual ideas with the assistance of their art teacher. All are welcomed and students do not need to be enrolled in an art class to be a member of the club. The Art Club meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of every month in room 303. Meetings start at 2:00 and end by 3:30.

## **BIBLE CLUB**

**Advisor – Mr. Gerhauser**

The Bible club is a student-generated, student-led club that studies the Bible and discusses its application to students' lives. All students are welcome regardless of religion or creed.

## **BOOK CLUB**

**Advisor – Mrs. Chance**

Do you love to read but don't love having to do the essay that comes after each novel you read in class? Join the CM Book Club! We will be reading a variety of modern day novels then getting together to talk

about it - no writing assignments, no laborious activities to do, just reading good books and sharing your thoughts about it with likeminded people. Members will vote on a book each month so bring suggestions if you have them. All are welcome - meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month.

## **CSIP**

**Advisor – Mrs. Turpin**

The Community Service and Involvement Program (CSIP) has been created in order to promote extracurricular opportunities and to encourage students to become creative, active participants in our school, our community, and our society. Each student at CMHS is a unique individual and has a multitude of talents to offer the school and the community. CSIP fosters continuous involvement, recognition, development, and the affirmation of an individual student's personal worth and ability while fostering civic responsibility. In addition, this program offers a unique opportunity for students to build a résumé of activities and community service for the future.

Our ultimate goal is for each of you to become a concerned, connected, and contributing member of the Center Moriches community. Each one of you can make a difference both now and in the future. You have the power to make a difference if you can take

action and look beyond yourself. As Mahatma Gandhi stated, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Center Moriches High School’s Community Service and Involvement Program is based on a total of 10 units of community service and involvement each year in grades 9 through 12. If you fail to complete the required number of community service and involvement units each year, you will have your deficiency added to next year’s CSIP requirement. The CSIP requirements are a graduation requirement and must be satisfied in order to graduate. Students who do not fulfill the CSIP requirements will not be permitted to graduate. Please refer to the CSIP eboard on the high school web site for more information on this program and ways to earn points.

## **DEBATE CLUB**

**Advisor – Mr. Roberts**

The purpose of the Debate Club, which meets most Tuesdays, is to engage in civic and historical discussion and debate. The topics range from recent policy decisions to historical questions. For example, the club may debate topics like “Should the county remain a nation of immigrants? Or the club may answer historical questions like “Did the Great Society fail”? In the end, the club hopes that students will become active citizens that become involved in the affairs of the community and nation and take informed action.

## **DECA**

**Advisor – Mr. Mischler**

DECA, an association of marketing students, has maintained a strong membership of well over one hundred students for the past twenty years. Students compete in county, state, and international contests in career and related areas such as TV commercial production, advertising campaign, radio advertising, apparel and accessories, marketing mathematics, finance credit, travel and tourism, public speaking, sales demonstration, economics, accounting, sports marketing, and job interviews.

Some contests require students to make oral presentations, while others are evaluated using written exams and role-plays. There are also contests that required a pre-submitted reports and presentation as well.

DECA offers students an opportunity to earn scholarships, be a part of the Center Moriches community, gain leadership skills, compete, travel, and have fun. As far as community and school activities, our plans and efforts are vast. DECA annually visits Cedar Lodge and IGHL during the holidays, we also raise funds for the American Cancer Association, MDA and the Leukemia Lymphoma foundation.

## **DRAMA CLUB**

**Advisor – Mrs. Harkin**

The Drama Club provides a hands-on experience for those students interested in all aspects of theater production. Actors, singers, dancers, musicians and stage crew members are invited to participate. Annual community performances take place in early spring.

## **FRIENDS AND BUDDIES CLUB**

**Advisor – Mrs. Fabian**

This co-curricular club is offered to grades nine through twelve and will provide opportunities for social interaction for our students with and without intellectual disabilities. Friends and Buddies will focus on increasing acceptance of disabled individuals within our community while also forming meaningful friendships with in the school building. The group will meet twice a month, hold four quarterly evening events and seek to become more involved in school and community activities.

## **FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB**

**Advisor – Mr. Melandro**

The Future Teachers of America Club serves as a guide for students who share the desire to make careers out of educating. Members will learn the value of being advocates on the

behalf of children, as well as discover various forums in which to do so.

## **GSA**

### **Gay-Straight Alliance**

**Advisor – Mrs. Marino**

This club is dedicated creating safer and more supportive schools for GLBT students. The GSA is a group of students who agree to unite to promote and foster a safe, unbiased and welcoming community among those students who understand themselves to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or allies. GSA allied members are people, regardless of their sexual orientation, who welcome and accept each other free from fear of harassment or persecution.

## **JAZZ BAND**

**Advisor – Mr. Conefry**

*Welcome to Jazz Band!* Jazz Band is a concurrent club that meets outside of the school day on TUESDAY NIGHTS from 7:00 pm – 8:30 p.m. Students involved will study and perform in a variety of styles including Blues, Latin, Pop and Rock. Students will also learn the basics for improvisation and soloing. Students may be auditioned if enrollment exceeds that of a balanced ensemble. This musical ensemble is an extra-curricular activity which demands 100% commitment from all of its members. It is expected that each member be present at all rehearsals and performances.

## **JAZZ CHORUS**

Advisor – Mr. Preston

Vocal Jazz is designed for students who wish to gain performance experience in popular genres of music including jazz, blues, doo-wop, and Broadway. Students will learn history and performance techniques appropriate to each genre. This is a Public Performing ensemble; therefore, attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory. Regular scheduled rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the LGI.

## **KEY CLUB**

Advisor-Mrs. Flynn-Trace

Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to engage in a wide variety of service activities. Students expand their knowledge and awareness of the importance of helping others in their role as a global citizen. Students use their abilities and skills to discover the importance and satisfaction of making their local and world community a better place while growing as confident leaders.

## **KEYHOLE**

Advisor – Mr. Tozzi

*Keyhole* is the Center Moriches High School fine arts magazine. The magazine features original works of art created by Center Moriches High School students. These works include

poetry, short fiction, essays, song lyrics, photography and graphic artwork. Participants in *Keyhole* enjoy editing their own work and the work of other students, and they help create layout and design of the final product. The club meets regularly and more often as the final deadline approaches.

## **MULTICULTURAL CLUB**

Advisor – Ms. Flieger

The Multicultural Club aims to increase ethnic awareness by bringing diverse cultures together in our school community. Members will experience exciting, new cuisines and refreshments as part of our meeting schedule. Some possible activities include Día de los Muertos celebration, Chinese New Year celebration, food and clothing drive, Toys for Tots, Mardi Gras celebration, Cinco de Mayo celebration, a foreign film festival and a Unity Day Feast. Students are encouraged to suggest ideas regarding their cultures or cultures they would like to learn about. The club will meet in Room 107 every other Wednesday from 2:35 pm to 3:15 pm; late passes can be provided for students who play a sport. Please contact Ms. Flieger at [jflieger@cmschools.org](mailto:jflieger@cmschools.org) or visit her website at <http://senoritaflieger.wikispaces.com/> for more information. New members are always welcome!

## **PEER LEADERSHIP**

Advisor – Ms. Hession

The Peer Leaders Club is open to all students in grades nine through twelve. Members of this club assist in welcoming new entrants to Center Moriches High School, including East Moriches students. Members are responsible for providing new entrants tours of the building, assist with the East Moriches Visitor's day and evening orientation. They can assist administration with the freshman orientation, open house and other presentations. Participation in volunteer organizations such as Relay for Life is encouraged.

## **PEP BAND**

Advisor – Mr. Conefry

If you like to share your love of music and support your school and community, than the Pep Band is the right club for you. Our main goal is to promote school spirit through musical performances. The upbeat music we provide enhances the exciting environment of any sports competition. The Pep Band performs during each home football game and at a few select events throughout the school year.

## **ROBOTICS**

Advisor –Mr. Roy, Mr. Voelger

"The varsity Sport for the Mind," robotics combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules, limited resources, and time limits, teams of 25 students or more are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It's as close to "real-world engineering" as a student can get. Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team.

### *Students get to:*

- ✓ Learn from professional engineers
- ✓ Build and compete with a robot of their own design
- ✓ Learn and use sophisticated software and hardware
- ✓ Compete and cooperate in alliances and tournaments
- ✓ Earn a place in the World Championship
- ✓ Qualify for nearly \$14.8 million in college scholarships

## **SADD CLUB** **Students Against** **Destructive Decisions**

Advisor – Mr. Velotti, Mrs. Marino

Our SADD Club will meet on a bi-weekly schedule on Wednesdays during 10<sup>th</sup> period. Originally, the

mission of the SADD chapter was to help young people say "No" to drinking and driving. Today, our mission has expanded. Positive peer pressure, role modeling and environmental strategies can prevent other destructive decisions and set a healthier, safer course for their lives. SADD has become a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving and teen violence. We have Assemblies and a school wide blood drive in the spring. We encourage all students to join us after school on Wednesday's in Room 106.

## **SERIOUS ABOUT SCIENCE**

**Advisor – Ms. Nolan**

Students will be participating in STEM based activities that will cover many topics! Get ready to build models and participate in experiments that will test various physics, math and engineering principles!

## **TECH CLUB**

**Advisor – Mr. Roy**

Technology club is a fun and easy way to learn about using cameras & different forms of media. Students will learn all aspects of media-driven technology through

software application and a hands-on field experience. All are welcome.

## **THEATRICAL LIGHTING AND SOUND CLUB**

**Advisors – Mr. Clancy & Mr. Turnow**

The students in the Center Moriches Schools Lighting and Sound Club serve the school by setting up, operating, and maintaining the lighting and sound board in the high school auditorium. Students will be trained on how to set up, maintain, and operate the lighting and sound board, as well as be trained in lighting and sound design. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in lighting and sound in a theater setting. The amount of events to be worked will depend on the number of students who join. We are looking for a few good students who are willing to take part. The first event we are looking for members for is the High School Musical. This event will require being there on most nights from 5-9pm and possibly later. The musical requires a total of approximately 10 evenings, and one day event. Further events will follow in the spring in which students will be participating in the lighting and sound. More details to follow. Please see Mr. Clancy and Mr. Turnow at the secondary school for more details and information.

# **WEIGHT ROOM CLUB**

Advisor – Mr. Scott

Looking to enjoy the weight room and facilities the school has to offer? The weight room is open to anyone interested in becoming fit and is willing to learn how to exercise properly. Students will have the opportunity to work out twice a week for an hour from mid-September to beginning of June. During the fall the weight room will be open from 5:30-6:30pm Monday & Wednesday. Winter & Spring times will change and will be posted on the weight room door. All athletes and non-athletes are encouraged to come. Male or Female

# **YEARBOOK**

Advisor – Mr. Mischler

Yearbook is a challenging, rewarding year-long process. We need students to take pictures, create layout using special yearbook software, and motivate others to contribute their talents. Our job is to commemorate school functions including, sports, school plays and student life. All grades are welcome – freshman and sophomores especially! If you have the time, we have a project for you!

# **YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT** of Center Moriches High School

*"Democracy must be learned by every generation"*

Advisors – Mr. Schiavoni & Mr. Voelger

YMCA Youth & Government program of The Center Moriches High School is part of a national program of the Y that involves thousands of teens nationwide in state-organized, model-government programs.

Center Moriches High School in conjunction with New York State YMCA Youth & Government provides the education, the problem-solving experience, and the social arena for New York's future leaders to develop and strengthen their skills and confidence to better serve their communities. The program begins at the local level, where young people identify a community issue of concern, with the assistance of their local YMCA or Youth & Government affiliated school. The participants conduct extensive research on their issue and write a document based on their findings. Local attorneys and government officials are consulted during this process. After the documents have been presented at the District conference, they are sent to the New York State Youth & Government Model Legislative Program.

The second stage of the program is the District Conference. Participants are trained in parliamentary procedure, legislative committee process, debate, press relations, and lobbying techniques



The third stage is the Albany Model Legislative Weekend. This March, participants will travel to Albany to implement the Youth & Government program events in the authentic surroundings of the State Capitol, the Legislative Office Building and the Judicial Building. The Albany weekend culminates several months of hard work for participants; for three intensive days, they become completely immersed in the political process.

Those who participate in Youth and Government gain a rich educational experience that cannot be achieved in any other way.

**Meetings are Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the High School Library.**