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# Anchor Club

**Advisors:** Vickie Swafford

**Purpose:** To make a positive difference in Opelika High School and the community through volunteer service.

**Benefits:** Assisting OHS and the community by working as a service oriented organization; scholarship opportunities.

- Criteria:**
- Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior
  - Must be willing to dedicate time for service
  - Must apply by completing an application
  - Must have a positive discipline record
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful
  - Club operates on a demerit system
  - Required service hours (50)

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$25 dues—includes T-shirt  
\$10 Banquet

- Optional:  
\$50-\$75 convention

- Required Fundraising:  
\$15 Love-Lites  
\$15 Walk-America

Must sell at least 100 Candy-Grams

**Meeting Days & Times:** 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:15 a.m.

Officers: 1st Monday at 7:30 a.m.

**Month of Selection:** April

# Art Club

**Advisor:** Jeff Conway

**Purpose:** The Art Club is designed to give students the opportunity to participate in school and community based studio projects.

**Benefits:** Students gain valuable insight pertaining to the production, showing, and marketing of artwork.

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12
- Students need not be currently enrolled in art courses.

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues
- Optional: \$10 T-shirt (designed and printed by the Art Club)
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

**Month of Selection:** August

# Book Club

**Advisor:** Racquel Springer

**Purpose:** To encourage students to read for enjoyment

**Benefits:**

- Members will share their enjoyment for books through reviews and book-talks while aiding fellow students in developing an enthusiasm for reading.
- Members will perform service projects related to reading.
- Members will have the opportunity to meet authors.
- Members will enhance reading comprehension and communication skills while exploring various genres.

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12
- Must be willing to read one book a month and submit a review of that book and/or do a book-talk
- Must attend meetings
- Must have a positive discipline record
- Must complete a membership application
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful
- Must participate in Teen Read Week

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues (Service projects, journals, books, material for book-talks)
- Optional: T-shirt
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m.

**Month of Selection:** August

# Class Officers

**Advisors:** 9th Grade—Kirstin Walker  
 10th Grade—Allison Lee, Glenna Weaver  
 11th Grade—Stacy Royster  
 12th Grade—Donna Williamson

- Criteria:**
- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA
  - Must have no ISS or OSS referrals in high school
  - Must be willing to work with class advisors
  - Junior and Senior Class officers' parents may chaperone prom.
  - Senior Class officers' parents are responsible for Project Graduation.

**Senior Obligations for Project Graduation:**

- President's parents—Project Graduation Coordinators
- Vice President's parents—Spring Villa Picnic
- Secretary's parents—After Graduation Party
- Treasurer's parents—Finances
- Board Members' parents—Hot Dog Picnic

**Meeting Days & Times:** To be decided by advisors

**Month of Selection:** Class Officers and Board Members are chosen by class-wide elections in August or September.

# Environmental Club

**Advisor:** Betsy Gore

**Purpose:** To increase awareness of environmental issues and to provide opportunities for students to become directly involved in a variety of campus and community projects related to the environment

- Benefits:**
- To learn how to identify, investigate, and contribute to the resolution of environmental issues and problems
  - To gain experience in developing an outdoor classroom on campus
  - To support school-wide recycling and awareness
  - To have the opportunity to participate in EnviroBowl
  - To take field trips to local preserves

- Criteria:**
- Open to all students in grades 9-12
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues  
—Additional field trip transportation costs
- Optional: \$10 T-shirt
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** Third Thursday of each month at 7:15 a.m.

**Month of Selection:** October

# FBLA

## Future Business Leaders of America

**Advisors:** Stephanie David, Joy Davis, Betty Love,  
Tiffany Yelder

**Purpose:** To develop character; prepare for useful citizenship; develop competent, aggressive business leaders; strengthen self-confidence; create more interest and understanding of the business world; and facilitate the transition from school to work

**Benefits:** Assists students in the establishment of occupational goals

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$15 dues
- Optional: \$15 T-shirt  
\$10 convention  
\$15 competitions
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 1st Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

**Month of Selection:** Beginning of 1st and 2nd terms. Membership runs from August to August.

# FCA

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**Advisor:** Kyle Pinckard

**Purpose:** To allow Christian athletes and other OHS students the opportunity to learn how to apply the Christian faith in their lives and during athletic events

**Benefits:** Benefits include enjoying Christian fellowship, supporting OHS teams and players, and having holiday parties.

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: None
- Optional: T-shirt  
Providing Breakfast

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- Friday mornings at 7:15 in Room 305
- Various socials throughout the year

**Month of Selection:** Anytime of the year

# FCCLA

## Family Career & Community Leaders of America

**Advisors:** Martha Cates, Kim Osburn, Denise Pritchard

**Purpose:** To promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Science Education

**Benefits:** Benefits include individual and group involvement to achieve global cooperation, harmony, and opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life. Conventions and off-campus activities are available to members who have administrative approval.

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12 who have taken or are taking a Family and Consumer Science Education, Child Care, or Parenting Class
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

### **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$12 dues (for students who wish to hold office and attend all meetings)
- Optional: \$2.50 banquet  
\$20 convention
- If any member is elected to the state executive board, all expenses will be paid by the state organization.
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:25 p.m.
- Twelve to eighteen additional project hours are required for Homecoming, Career/Technical Education Week, & Awards Banquet.

**Month of Selection:** August and January

# FFA

**Advisors:** Collin Adcock, AnnaLee Gardner

**Purpose:** To make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success

**Benefits:** Benefits include developing a knowledge of leadership, competitive edge, and teamwork.

- Criteria:**
- Open to all students in grades 9-12 enrolled in a Horticulture class during the current school year
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful and Pitch-In For Pups

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$20 dues (club T-shirt is included with this cost)
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:20 a.m. in Room 605

**Month of Selection:** September and January

# French Club

## Le Cercle Français

**Advisor:** Glenna Weaver

**Purpose:** To expand interest in the French language and culture

**Benefits:** Benefits include participating in service to the community, social affiliation, and cultural awareness.

**Criteria:**

- Open to students in grades 9-12 who are interested in the French language or culture
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues
- Optional: \$10 T-shirt  
\$50 convention
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- Organizational meeting held at the beginning of each school year
- Club meets 2nd Wednesday of each month 3:30 in Room 305.
- Club meets for Homecoming activities, miscellaneous service projects, a Christmas Party, Foreign Language Week projects in February, and officer elections at the end of the school year

**Month of Selection:** September

# Government Club

**Advisor:** Shelley Stewart

**Purpose:** Legislative Division: to learn about the legislative process—write and debate bills  
Judicial Division: to learn courtroom trial procedures and compete in mock trials

**Benefits:** Benefits include gaining legislative and courtroom knowledge, a competitive spirit, and recognition for participating in an internationally recognized program sponsored by the YMCA.

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12 who are willing to work toward competition and convention
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful
- Practices are usually held after school hours.
- Additional work is required outside regular meeting times.

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$15 dues
- Members may attend one or both conventions:
  - \$10 (PreJudicial—Sept.) &
  - \$225 (Judicial—Nov. in Montgomery)
  - \$225 (Legislature—April in Montgomery)
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- Judicial-meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Legislature- meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Month of Selection:** August or September

# HOSA

## Health Occupations Students of America

**Advisor:** Leigh Kemp

**Purpose:** To develop leadership and technical skills through a program of motivation, awareness, and recognition

**Benefits:** To strengthen leadership and citizenship abilities through development of skills and community service projects

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 10-12 currently enrolled in the Healthcare Science Technology program
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$20 dues
- Optional: \$5 banquet
  - \$20 state convention
  - \$15 regional convention and competitions
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.
- Committee meetings called as needed.

**Month of Selection:** Students should join in either August or September but may join at any time before February.

# Key Club

**Advisors:** TBA

**Purpose:** The club is designed to develop pride and promote service to the school and community;  
Club motto: “*CARING—Our Way of Life.*”

**Benefits:**

- Development of pride, leadership, teamwork, and citizenship
- Completion of service projects throughout the community
- Opportunity to attend District and International Conventions

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12
- Positive discipline record
- Required service hours (50)
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$20 dues  
\$10 Banquet (estimated)
- Optional: \$100 convention (estimated)  
\$10 T-Shirt (estimated)
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Bandroom
- Board Meetings at 6:30 p.m.

**Month of Selection:** September / October—Grades 9-12

# Latin Club

## Corona Latina

**Advisor:** Janet Smith

**Purpose:** To provide a forum to participate in the Latin language and Roman culture as an extension to the classroom

**Benefits:** Benefits include increased knowledge of Roman culture and the Latin language

- Criteria:**
- Open to students in grades 9-12 who are interested in the Latin language or Roman culture
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues
- Optional: \$10 T-shirt  
\$50.00 convention
- Required Fundraising: None

- Meeting Days & Times:**
- Organizational meeting held at the beginning of each school year
  - Club meets for Homecoming activities, miscellaneous service projects, the Christmas party, Foreign Language Week projects in February, and the end-of-the-year officer elections.

**Month of Selection:** September

# Multicultural Exchange Club

**Advisors:** Kendra Buchannon, Oneika Smith

**Purpose:** The Multicultural Exchange Club is an educational support and enrichment organization for all Opelika High School students who have a desire to learn and participate in culturally diverse workshops and activities. The club places emphasis on learning to respect and appreciate the differences in those cultures. Members must be committed to providing a series of forums and activities to highlight persons of diverse cultures.

**Benefits:** The members are exposed to national historic sites and personalities by attending and/or participating in activities featuring historians or historic events. They also sponsor cultural activities at primary schools and in the community, and they invite their mentors to speak on cultural diversity at various times throughout the school year.

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students in grades 9-12
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful
- Must have an interest in the club and the organizational purpose

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$5 dues  
\$10 projects and field trips
- Optional: \$12 banquet  
\$10 T-shirt
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** 4th Monday of each month at  
3:25 p.m.

**Month of Selection:** August

# Opelika Current Events/Debate Club

**Advisors:** Don Shirley, Tracy Tidwell

**Purpose:** To raise awareness of current events and to provide skill building for future career choices

**Benefits:** The members are exposed to national historic sites and personalities by attending and/or participating in activities featuring historians or historic events. They also sponsor cultural activities at primary schools and in the community, and they invite their mentors to speak on cultural diversity at various times throughout the school year.

- Criteria:**
- Open membership in grades 9-12
  - Should be interested in current events
  - Must be willing to speak/present in front of a group of peers
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$5 dues
- Optional: \$15 T-shirt
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**Month of Selection:** September

# Opelika High Theatre Society

**Advisor:** Revel Gholston

**Purpose:** An honorary society for theatre performers and technical workers

**Benefits:** Opportunities to participate in and observe live theatre, theatre competitions, college audition opportunities, formal awards, and scholarship opportunities

- Criteria:**
- Open to all students in grades 9-12
  - Students must audition for fall and spring productions. Acceptance varies based on production cast size.
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful
  - 100 Hours of work

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: None
- Optional: Trips to Atlanta, Columbus, & Montgomery to see stage shows  
Participate in live stage productions.  
\$10-\$15 T-shirts  
\$20 Sweat-shirts
- Required Fundraising: Drama Productions

**Meeting Days & Times:** Time varies, depending upon fall play and spring musical productions and rehearsals.

**Month of Selection:** Actors—Auditions in May for 2 fall productions; auditions in December for spring production.  
Technical Workers—Contact the advisor.

# Open Hands Serving

**Advisors:** Karen Bush, Summer Upton

**Purpose:** To raise awareness and funds for disadvantaged people locally and globally

**Benefits:** Satisfaction of giving back

- Criteria:**
- Open to all students in grades 9-12 who are interested in making a difference
  - Must participate in fundraising events and other activities
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues
- Optional: \$10 (approximate) shirts
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:25
- Committee meetings scheduled as needed

**Month of Selection:** August and September

# Robotics Team

**Advisor:** Bill Ward

**Purpose:** The club is designed to inspire careers in engineering, science, technology, and math.

**Benefits:** Students gain exposure to science and engineering-based robotic competitions that will increase their desire for the technology industry.

- Criteria:**
- Open to all students in grades 9-12
  - Members must commit to teams that will participate in BEST competition beginning in September. Teams will have 6 weeks to complete their robots for competition.
  - Members must commit to work for 6 weeks prior to the competition and participate in the competition on Saturday.

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 Competition T-shirt
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 1st and 4th Thursdays at 3:30 p.m..

**Month of Selection:** April / May

# SADD

## Students Against Destructive Decisions

**Advisor:** Claudette Tennant

**Purpose:** To help students become aware of the impact their decisions have on friends, family, and themselves

**Benefits:** The self-satisfaction of helping others make positive decisions

**Criteria:**

- Open to all students grades 9-12.
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful
- Must participate in Red Ribbon Week
- Must participate in Prom Promise

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$5 dues
- Optional: T-shirt \$10—\$15
- Required Fundraising: Must sell cookie dough

**Meeting Days & Times:** 4th Wednesday of each month  
at 3:25 p.m.

**Month of Selection:** August and September

# Spanish Club

## La Alianza Española

**Advisors:** Michael Cauley, Donna Starks, Jennifer Walz

**Purpose:** To build interest in and enthusiasm for the Spanish/Hispanic language and culture

**Benefits:** Allows students to increase knowledge of the Spanish language and culture and to enjoy informal activities with other students taking Spanish

- Criteria:**
- First-time member must be currently enrolled in a Spanish course. Students who do not have Spanish until 2nd Term are eligible.
  - Renewing member of the club in good standing does not have to be enrolled in a Spanish class
  - Must attend meetings
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful, Honeygram sales, and two other service projects

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues—new members  
\$7 dues—renew members
- Optional: \$7-10 T-shirt
- Required Fundraising: Honeygram Sales

**Meeting Days & Times:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. in Room 111

**Month of Selection:** First two weeks of each term

# SGA

## Student Government Association

**Advisor:** Jennifer Walz

**Purpose:** The SGA is the main governing body for the students. It protects the student body's interests, safeguards student rights, promotes democratic ideals, develops good citizenship, and represents the student body on any occasion. The SGA also governs and unifies the activities of the student body and all student organizations.

**Benefits:** To improve school spirit, pride, tradition, and unity as well as to render worthwhile services to the students, faculty, and community

**Criteria:**

- Open to students in grades 9-12
- Elected Board Members must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- No ISS or OSS
- Must attend all SGA sponsored events and meetings (per guidelines)
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful
- Dismissal will occur with 10 or more demerits.

### Financial Obligations:

- Required: \$40 dues
- Required Fundraising: Candy Grams

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- Executive Board & Committees—2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
- Executive Board—4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. (after football season)
- Full Council—3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. or 3:30 (after football season)

**Month of Selection:** March-April of previous school year

# Skills USA

**Advisor:** Michael Brown

**Purpose:** To provide competition in the trade and industrial areas

**Benefits:** Students learn to work together for a common goal.

- Criteria:**
- Must be enrolled in an Auto Technology class
  - Must maintain a “C” (70) average in all classes
  - Must be willing to attend meetings and participate in all activities and elections
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$20 dues (includes T-Shirt)
- Optional: \$5 competitions
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:25 p.m. in Room 606
- Additional time required to work on projects and prepare for competitions

**Month of Selection:** September

# TSA

## Technical Student Association

**Advisor:** Bill Ward

**Purpose:** To assist students in the development of leadership and citizenship through social, scholastic, and civic activities, and to increase the students' understanding of our industrial and technological society

**Benefits:** Students will learn to recognize their strengths and how they relate to employment.

**Criteria:**

- Must be enrolled in a technology course or have taken a technology course
- Must maintain a "C" average in all classes
- Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$15 dues
- Optional: Conventions, Competitions
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 2nd Monday of each month at 3:25 p.m.
- Additional time required to complete projects and prepare for competition

**Month of Selection:** August and January

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# French Honor Society

## La Société Honoraire de Français

**Advisors:** Janet Smith, Glenna Weaver

**Purpose:** To honor academic excellence

**Benefits:** Membership is recognized internationally

- Criteria:**
- Must maintain a 90 or above for 1 ½ consecutive terms in French
  - Must be enrolled in a minimum of French II
  - Must have a 2.5 GPA in all other classes, excluding A's in French
  - No continuing requirements

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues (one time only)
- Optional: \$10 T-shirt  
Banquet (individual expenses)
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** Only meets on special occasions as deemed necessary by the advisors.

**Month of Selection:** October and March

# Latin Honor Society

## Latina Honoris Societas

**Advisor:** Janet Smith

**Purpose:** To honor academic excellence

**Benefits:** Membership is recognized internationally

**Criteria:**

- Must maintain a 90 or above for 3/4 term in any level
- No continuing requirements

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 dues (one time only)
- Optional: \$10 T-shirt  
Banquet (individual expenses)
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** Only meets on special occasions as deemed necessary by the advisor.

**Month of Selection:** November and April

# Mu Alpha Theta

## National Math Honor Society

**Advisors:** Katie Murray, Beth Worthy

**Purpose:** To foster an interest in mathematics among students

**Benefits:** Students receive recognition of mathematics achievement.

- Criteria:**
- Maintain an overall 3.5 GPA or higher in mathematics
  - Has successfully completed Algebra I and Geometry
  - Currently enrolled in Algebra II with Trigonometry, Algebra III, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful and one additional service project
  - Must have no ISS or OSS
  - Must not be a former member

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 national dues  
\$25 local dues (includes club dues, T-Shirt, and new member reception)
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** Last Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

**Month of Selection:** January-February

# National Honor Society

**Advisors:** Susan Bruce, Brittney Cahela, Katie Murray

**Purpose:** To recognize and promote higher academic standards along with qualities of leadership, service, and character

**Benefits:** Students receive recognition at graduation with gold tassels and cords as well as opportunities for service and leadership.

- Criteria:**
- Must have a minimum 3.2 GPA and take the appropriate honor courses to be eligible for membership. (Specific guidelines are in the Curriculum Guide.)
  - Must be a junior or a senior
  - Must have outstanding leadership and character as rated by the faculty
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful and Toys For Tots
  - Individual service hours (15 total hours)
  - Membership is not guaranteed based on minimum qualifications attained
  - Faculty Council makes final membership decisions

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$25 dues
  
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 3:25 p.m.

**Month of Selection:** October

# Science National Honor Society

**Advisor:** Brittney Cahela

**Purpose:** To recognize the excellence of science honor diploma students

**Benefits:** SNHS encourages participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought, advances the students' knowledge of classical and modern science, aids the civic community with its comprehension of science, and encourages students to participate in community service.

- Criteria:**
- Must be a junior or senior
  - Must have and maintain at least a 3.0 overall GPA
  - Must have and maintain at least a B+ average in all science courses
  - Must have successfully completed at least one honors science course prior to junior year
  - Must be enrolled in at least one honors science course during junior year
  - Must be enrolled in at least one honors science class during senior year
  - Must maintain behavior that is acceptable to the guidelines of Opelika High School and this organization
  - Must participate in Keep Opelika Beautiful

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 (\$5 national dues + \$5 local dues)
- Optional: T-Shirt
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** One meeting each quarter, times to be decided by advisor

**Month of Selection:** September/October

# Spanish Honor Society

## “La Mancha” Chapter

**Advisor:** Michael Cauley, Donna Starks, Jennifer Walz

**Purpose:** To recognize high achievement in Spanish by students of secondary schools, and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies

**Benefits:** Benefits include receiving recognition for achievement, social opportunities, service opportunities, and scholarship opportunities.

- Criteria:**
- Open to grades 9-12
  - Must be a member of the Spanish club
  - Must have an overall 3.2 GPA in all courses
  - Must have 4.0 in all Spanish courses
  - Must pay initiation fee and annual dues
  - Must attend induction banquet

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10 initiation fee for 1st time members  
\$5 each following year
- Required Fundraising: Honeygram Sales

**Meeting Days & Times:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. in Room 111

**Month of Selection:** Induction Ceremony in April

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# Chamber Choir

**Advisor:** James McDonald—Choral Director

**Purpose:** To provide the opportunity for the most advanced singers to strengthen their musicianship through various styles of literature

**Benefits:** To gain musical independence and self-confidence

**Criteria:**

- Open to students in grades 10-12 unless approved by Choral Director
- Must pass audition process
- Must be academically eligible
- Serious musicians only

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$50
- Required Fundraising: Available

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 3rd block-Black day

**Month of Selection:** April

# Impressions

**Advisor:** James McDonald—Choral Director

**Purpose:** To provide the opportunity for intermediate to advanced female singers and dancers to learn the art of entertainment through performing

**Benefits:** To gain musical independence and self-confidence

- Criteria:**
- Open to female students in grades 9-12
  - Must pass audition process
  - Must be academically eligible and have good academic standing in all classes
  - Must be willing to practice and perform outside of class
  - First-year members (except seniors) must also be enrolled in Women's Chamber

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$300-\$400 dues  
(costume rental, accessories, choreography, & travel expenses)
- Required Fundraising: Available

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 1st block-Black day

**Month of Selection:** April

# Ovations

**Advisor:** James McDonald—Choral Director

**Purpose:** To provide the opportunity for advanced singers and dancers to learn the art of entertainment through performing

**Benefits:** To gain musical independence and self-confidence

- Criteria:**
- Open to male students in grades 9-12, female students in grades 10-12
  - Must pass audition process
  - Must be academically eligible and have good academic standing in all classes
  - Must be willing to practice and perform outside of class

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$700-\$800 dues  
(costume rental, accessories, choreography, travel expenses and additional costuming)
- Required Fundraising: Available

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 3rd block-Red day

**Month of Selection:** April

# Women's Chamber Choir

**Advisor:** James McDonald—Choral Director

**Purpose:** To provide the opportunity for Impressions members, intermediate and advanced female singers to further their musical skills and talents through various styles of treble literature

**Benefits:** To gain musical independence and self-confidence

- Criteria:**
- Open to students in grades 9-12
  - Must pass audition process
  - Must be academically eligible

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$35 dues
- Required Fundraising: Available

**Meeting Days & Times:** 1st block-Red day

**Month of Selection:** April

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# MainStreet Gazette (Newspaper)

**Advisor:** Glenna Weaver

**Purpose:** To produce a professional student newspaper

**Benefits:** A knowledge of computer, writing, communication, organizational, and time management skills

- Criteria:**
- Must have a “B” average or better in English
  - Must have an overall “C” average or better
  - Must supply sample of writing with application
  - Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior
  - Must have an English teacher recommendation
  - Must have advisor’s approval
  - Must have no discipline problems
  - Must be willing to write
  - Must have willingness to work and ability to cooperate with others
  - Must sell advertisements
  - Must be able to meet designated deadlines

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: All members must sell at least \$350 worth of advertisements
- Optional: \$10--\$15 T-shirt  
\$70--\$100 convention & workshops
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** 3rd block

**Month of Selection:** February or March

# Perspectives (Literary/Art Magazine)

**Advisor:** Charles Hannah

**Purpose:** To produce a student magazine for Opelika High School which includes original poetry, fiction, nonfiction, artwork, and photography

**Benefits:** Students choose the content for each magazine and write feature articles. They work together as a staff to create something new each year.

**Criteria:**

- Open to students in grades 9-12
- Must have overall 2.75 GPA
- Must have recommendations from one English teacher and one other teacher
- Must complete a Feature Section for the magazine including writing & photography
- Must have advisor's approval

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: None
- Optional: \$15 T-Shirt
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** 1st Block-Black Day

**Month of Selection:** February or March

# Publishing

**Advisor:** Charles Hannah

**Purpose:** This class teaches students elements of design and layout. Students also learn to use *Adobe InDesign CS5 Creative Suite*, an industry standard layout program.

**Benefits:** Students work independently with faculty members desiring work for their classes and other school organizations.

**Criteria:**

- Must be a junior or senior
- Must have recommendations from one English teacher and one other teacher
- Must have Publishing teacher's approval

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: None
- Optional: \$15 T-Shirt
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:** 1st Block-Red Day

**Month of Selection:** February or March

# Zig Zag (Yearbook)

**Advisor:** Briana Harrison

**Purpose:** To put together a yearbook for the present school year

**Benefits:** Students learn journalism, art design, time management, computer programs, how to work as a team, and how to deal with customers.

- Criteria:**
- Must have overall 3.0 GPA
  - Must have 2 teacher recommendations about the student's willingness to work and ability to cooperate with others
  - Must sell ads during summer as a requirement for 1st quarter grade
  - Must have no discipline problems
  - Must have advisor's approval
  - Must be willing to work at school at night and on weekends

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: Must participate in all projects, especially selling ads
- Optional: \$10-12 T-shirts
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- Meets 3rd block red and black days
- (Staff is divided—half meet on Red days and half meet on Black days)

**Month of Selection:** February or March

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# Concert Band

**Advisor:** Jason Smith

**Purpose:** To promote the performance and appreciation of the highest caliber of musical literature

**Benefits:** Members are exposed to many varieties of band music including classical, pop, and world, as well as contemporary band literature and orchestral transcriptions.

**Criteria:**

- Must pass audition held each spring
- Approval of Band Director

**Financial Obligations:**

- Fees are covered under “Marching Band.”
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 2nd Block-Black Day
- Some extra rehearsals are required to prepare for concerts.

**Month of Selection:** May

# Jazz Ensemble

**Advisor:** Jason Smith

**Purpose:** To promote the performance and appreciation of jazz music

**Benefits:** Offers students an opportunity to perform jazz music at a high level

**Criteria:**

- Must be a member of the Symphonic or Concert Bands
- Exceptions are at the discretion of directors
- Must pass audition in spring

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$10.00 T-shirt
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 3rd Block-Red Day
- Extra time involved for performances at civic clubs, concerts, and community functions.

**Month of Selection:** May

# Symphonic Band

**Advisor:** Jason Smith

**Purpose:** To promote the performance and appreciation of the highest caliber of musical literature

**Benefits:** Members are exposed to many varieties of band music including classical, pop, and world, as well as contemporary band literature and orchestral transcriptions.

**Criteria:**

- Must pass audition held each spring
- Approval of Band Director

**Financial Obligations:**

- Fees are covered under “Marching Band.”
- Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 3rd Block-Black Day
- Some extra rehearsals are required to prepare for concerts.

**Month of Selection:** May

# OHS “Spirit of the South” Marching Band

**Advisor:** Jason Smith

**Purpose:** To perform at high school football games, marching competitions, and parades throughout the community

**Benefits:** Gives students an opportunity to participate in an activity that teaches dependability, commitment, and responsibility

**Criteria:**

- Must pass audition held each spring
- Approval of Band Director

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$200 Band Camp fee
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 2 hours after school during the football season as well as Friday nights
- Homecoming Pep-Rally and Christmas Parade
- Multiple marching competitions

**Month of Selection:** May

# OHS Majorette Line

**Advisor:** Alice Meadows

**Purpose:** To perform with the Marching Band at halftime, during parades, and competitions.

**Benefits:** Gives students the opportunity to use their twirling abilities to perform at community events

**Criteria:**

- Must pass tryouts judged by 3 impartial judges
- Must be skilled in all areas of twirling

**Financial Obligations:**

- Estimated: \$400
- Optional Fundraising

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 1st Block Red Day
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 2 hours after school during the football season as well as Friday nights
- Homecoming Pep-Rally and Christmas Parade
- At least one marching competition

**Month of Selection:** March

# Flag Corps

**Advisor:** Kasey Williams

**Purpose:** To provide visual effects that enhance the Marching Band's performance

**Benefits:** Provides discipline and gives an opportunity to belong to an outstanding organization

**Criteria:** • Must pass tryouts judged on flag fundamentals by 3 impartial judges

**Financial Obligations:**

- Estimated: \$400
- Optional Fundraising

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 1st Block-Black Day

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 2 hours after school during the football season as well as Friday nights
- Homecoming Pep-Rally and Christmas Parade
- Multiple marching competitions

**Month of Selection:** April

# Kick Line

**Advisor:** Julie Spain

**Purpose:** To provide visual effects that enhance the Marching Band's performance

**Benefits:** Provides discipline and gives an opportunity to belong to an outstanding organization

**Criteria:** Must pass auditions judged on dance fundamentals by impartial judges

**Financial Obligations:**

- Estimated: \$600
- Optional Fundraising

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 1st Block-Red Day
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—  
2 hours after school during the football season as well as Friday nights
- Homecoming Pep-Rally and Christmas Parade
- Multiple marching competitions

**Month of Selection:** April

# Percussion Ensemble

**Advisors:** Jason Smith and Mike McGlynn

**Purpose:** To provide musical support by way of percussion instruments for the marching band as well as perform concert, symphonic, concert percussion, and marching percussion literature.

**Benefits:** Opportunity for students to participate in an activity that teaches dependability, commitment and responsibility.

**Criteria:**

- Must be a member of the band program and audition for placement in the percussion class.
- Approval of Band Director

**Financial Obligations:**

- Fees are covered under “Marching Band.”
- \$25 Stick and Mallet Fee
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- 2nd Block-Red Day
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—  
2 hours after school during the football season as well as Friday night football games
- All other Band events (homecoming rally and Christmas Parade)
- Other events and rehearsals as assigned by directors
- Additional rehearsals required for Concert and Symphonic Band preparation.

**Month of Selection:** May

# Band Solo and Ensemble

**Advisors:** Jason Smith and Mike McGlynn

**Purpose:** To provide students with the opportunity to prepare for solo and ensemble competitions such as All-District and All-State Bands or college scholarship auditions or to explore music theory and perform on other instruments

**Benefits:** Students will be instructed in a more in-depth and a more individualized environment to prepare for their future musical goals.

**Criteria:**

- Must be a member of the band program and audition for placement
- Must be a member of the concert or symphonic band (with exceptions made by the directors)
- Must participate in after school rehearsals and required auditions

**Financial Obligations:**

- Fees are covered under “Marching Band.”

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 1st Block – Red and Black Days –  
Second Term

- Required after-school auditions and rehearsals

**Month of Selection:** May

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# Athletic Organizations

**Purpose:** To provide young people with a positive competitive environment; to develop teamwork, positive attitudes, and leadership skills; to provide physical and mental disciplines; develop strong values, and to become positive role models in school and the community.

**Benefits:** Benefits gained include being responsible, self-disciplined, cooperative, sportsman-like, physically and mentally tough. These organizations also improve individual skills, motivation, dedication, and a desire to work hard to be competitive at a state level.

- Criteria:**
- Each participant must have a physical examination before participating. The Opelika High School Athletic Department offers physicals to all current or future athletes every May for \$10.00. Athletes who do not have the school physical must have a physical on their own time and pay, as well as present proof before practicing or competing in any athletic event.
  - Each participant must provide proof of medical insurance or take out the school insurance. No student can participate in athletics without being covered by medical insurance.
  - All athletes must take a mandatory drug test each year before participating in athletic activities. This drug testing is set up by the Athletic Trainer. Athletes are also subject to random drug tests throughout the year.

# NCAA Academic Eligibility

After graduation from high school, a student's final official transcript, which is based on the academic record from grades nine through twelve, will also be evaluated under the new NCAA rule. If a student is ineligible under the new rule, the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse will automatically re-evaluate that student's academic record under the former rule to obtain the best possible result. It is not possible to mix-and-match rules. For example, a student cannot use the 13 core-course standard of the former rule and the sliding scale from the new rule.

## **The New NCAA Rule**

If a student enrolls in a Division I college in 2008 or later and wants to participate in athletics or receives an athletics scholarship during his first year, he or she must:

- **Graduate from high school;**
- **Complete these 16 core courses:**
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of math (algebra 1 or higher)
  - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
  - 1 extra year of English, math or natural or physical science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy);
- **Earn a minimum required grade-point average in your core courses; and**
- **Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core course grade-point average and test score sliding scale.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Computer science courses can be used as core courses only if the student's high school grants graduation credit in math or natural or physical science for them, and if the courses appear on his high school's core course list as a math or science courses.**

**Students first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2008, must meet the new 16 core course rule.**

**Additional information is available in the Guidance Office and at the NCAA Clearinghouse Website: [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).**

# NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE

## List of Approved Core Courses (formerly 48H)

The NCAA has approved the following courses for use in establishing the initial-eligibility certification status of student-athletes from Opelika High School.

### English

9 ENGLISH  
 9 ENGLISH/H  
 10 ENGLISH  
 10 ENGLISH/H  
 11 ENGLISH  
 11 ENGLISH/H  
 11 ENGLISH/AP  
 12 ENGLISH  
 12 ENGLISH/H  
 12 ENGLISH/AP

### Mathematics

ALGEBRA II/TRIG  
 ALGEBRA 1  
 ALGEBRA 1 A  
 ALGEBRA 1 B  
 ALGEBRA II  
 ALGEBRA III WITH STATISTICS  
 CALCULUS I  
 CALCULUS/AP  
 CALCULUS/DE  
 GEOMETRY  
 PRE-CALCULUS  
 PRE-CALCULUS/DE  
 PRINCIPLES OF GEOMETRY

### Natural/Physical Science

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY  
 BIOLOGY  
 BIOLOGY/AP  
 CHEMISTRY  
 CHEMISTRY AP  
 CHEMISTRY CONNECTIONS  
 EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
 FORENSIC SCIENCE

GENETICS  
 HUMAN ANATOMY  
 HUMAN BIOLOGY  
 PHYSICS  
 PHYSICS CONNECTIONS  
 PHYSIOLOGY  
 ZOOLOGY

### Social Science

9 WORLD HY/GEOG SINCE 1500  
 10 US HY/GEOG  
 10 US HY /GEOG/ AP/DE  
 11 US HY /GEOG  
 11 US HY /GEOG AP  
 ECON/GOV'T  
 ECON/GOV'T/AP  
 ECONOMICS  
 GOVERNMENT  
 PSYCHOLOGY  
 SOCIOLOGY

### Additional Core Courses

FRENCH 1  
 FRENCH 2  
 FRENCH 3  
 FRENCH 4  
 FRENCH 5  
 LATIN 1  
 LATIN 2  
 LATIN 3  
 LATIN 4  
 LATIN 5  
 SPANISH 1  
 SPANISH 2  
 SPANISH 3  
 SPANISH 4  
 SPANISH 5

# Baseball

**Coach:** Barry Hightower—Coordinator &  
Varsity Coach

**Criteria:** *Varsity Squad*

- Must pass tryout process
- Must possess baseball ability

*Junior Varsity Squad & 9th-Grade Squad*

- Must pass tryout process
- Must possess baseball ability

## Financial Obligations:

- Required:
  - \$90 Baseball Spikes
  - \$40 Baseball Hats
  - \$80 Baseball Undershirts  
(long and short sleeve)
  - \$15 socks and belts
  - Each player must furnish one glove
- Optional: \$40 pullover  
\$75 heavy jacket
- Required Fundraising: Yes

## Meeting Days & Times:

*Varsity and Junior Varsity Squads*

- 4th block-2nd term
- After school and weekends
- Summer workouts for returning players

**Month of Selection:**

- November or December (New Players)
- January (Returning Players)

# Boys' Basketball

**Coach:** John Wadsworth—Coordinator and Varsity Coach

**Criteria:**

Varsity and Junior Varsity:

- Open to all male students in grades 9-12
- Must pass tryout process
- Two squads are selected: Varsity or Junior Varsity

Freshmen:

- Open to all males in 9th grade
- Must pass tryout process

**Financial Obligations:**

Varsity and Junior Varsity:

\$150 basketball shoes/game day shirt

Freshmen:

\$100 basketball shoes

Required Fundraising: None

**Meeting Days & Times:**

Varsity and Junior Varsity:

- 4th block
- After school
- Weekend practices

Freshmen:

- After school
- Some weekends

**Month of Selection:** • *Freshmen and Junior Varsity:* October  
• *Varsity:* August, September, April, May

# Girls' Basketball

**Coach:** Devin Booth—Varsity Head Coach

- Criteria:**
- Open to all females grades 9-12
  - Must possess basketball ability
  - Must possess desire to learn
  - Must pass a tryout process
  - Junior Varsity and a Varsity squad selected

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$150 basketball shoes and warm-ups, T-Shirt
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 4th block all year

- Additional practices before and after school are required
- Occasional weekend practices.
- Practices during Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.
- Participation in spring and summer training (May and June)

**Month of Selection:** September/October/May

# Cross Country

**Coach:** Jennifer Neighbors

- Criteria:**
- Open to all students in grades 9-12
  - Must attend all meets (Absence from a meet will lower grade because of non-participation.)
  - Must have desire to run distances

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$50 and must provide own running shoes
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • After school

- Some meets held on weekends
- Special practices held when needed

**Month of Selection:** August

# Football

**Coach:** Brian Blackmon—Athletic Director and  
Varsity Football Coach

**Criteria:**

Varsity:

- Open to all male students in grades 10-12
- Must pass tryout process
- Members of the Varsity squad also make up the Junior Varsity squad for Junior Varsity games

Freshmen:

- Open to all male students in 9th grade
- Must pass tryout process

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$200  
\$100 *Freshmen*

**Meeting Days & Times:** Varsity: 1st term--4th block  
2nd term is divided into 2nd, 3rd,  
and 4th blocks

**Month of Selection:** Varsity—November or December  
Freshmen—April and/or May

# Boys' Golf

**Coach:** Bill McManus

- Criteria:**
- Open to all male students in grades 9-12
  - Must pass tryout process
  - Must provide own transportation to golf course

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$300
- Must provide own golf clubs and shoes
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** 4th block-2nd term

**Month of Selection:** November or December

# Girls' Golf

**Coach:** Devin Booth

- Criteria:**
- Open to all female students in grades 9-12
  - Must pass tryout process
  - Must provide own transportation to golf course

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$300
- Must provide own golf clubs and shoes
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 4th block-2nd term

- Practices are Monday-Friday.
- Weekends can be used for individual practice.

**Month of Selection:** November or December

# Soccer

**Boys' Coach:** Craig Montel

**Girls' Coach:** Shelley Stewart

**Criteria:** • Open to all male and female students in grades 9-12

- Must pass tryout process

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$65
- Health Physicals: \$10
- Required Fundraising:
  - Soccer “Kiddie” Camp
  - Round Robin Tournament
- Optional Fundraising:
  - Spirit Pack

**Meeting Days & Times:** Practices are after school 4 or 5 days per week.

**Month of Selection:** • First week of November—Organization

- Training begins after Thanksgiving.
- Season runs February to April

# Softball

**Coach:** Stephanie Brown

- Criteria:**
- Open to all female students in grades 9-12
  - Must pass tryout process
  - Must have some ability for softball
  - Summer practice, games, or team camp  
(Six days allowed by state)
  - Two teams are selected: Varsity and Junior Varsity

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$350 Equipment Fees—Freshmen  
\$120 Equipment Fees—  
Sophomore - Senior years  
\$200 Team Camp (summer)
- Required Fundraising: Yes

- Meeting Days & Times:**
- 4th block-2nd term and after school.
  - Tournaments are played on the weekends.
  - Required—Team plays during spring break.

**Month of Selection:** October, November, or December

# Boys' Tennis

**Coach:** Erik Speakman

- Criteria:**
- Open to all male students in grades 7-12
  - Must pass tryout process
  - Must have knowledge of the game of tennis
  - Must be academically eligible
  - Must be willing to practice on your own
  - If enough players are available, two teams will be selected: Varsity and Junior Varsity.

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: Must provide shoes and rackets

\$200 for tennis uniforms, balls, equipment, etc.

- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 4th block 2nd Term

- Tournaments are held on weekends.

**Month of Selection:** November or December

# Girls' Tennis

**Coach:** Erik Speakman

- Criteria:**
- Open to all female students in grades 7-12
  - Must pass tryout process
  - Must have knowledge of the game of tennis
  - Must be academically eligible
  - Must be willing to practice on your own
  - If enough players are available, two teams will be selected: Varsity and Junior Varsity.

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: Must provide shoes and rackets

\$200 for tennis uniforms, balls,  
equipment, etc.

- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 4th block 2nd Term

- Tournaments are held on weekends.

**Month of Selection:** November or December

# Boys' Track

**Coach:** Jimmy Johnson

**Criteria:** • Open to all male students in grades 9-12

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$90—All team members and managers. Nonrefundable
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 4th block-2nd term, Monday-Friday until 5:30 p.m.

- Attendance at all track meets is required. (Absence from a meet or failure to attend practice will lower grade because of non-participation.)
- Meets are most weekends from the last weekend in February until the 1st weekend in May.

**Month of Selection:** November, December, or January

# Girls' Track

**Coach:** Jennifer Neighbors

**Criteria:** • Open to all male students in grades 9-12

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$90—All team members and managers. Nonrefundable
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 4th block-2nd term, Monday-Friday until 5:30 p.m.

- Attendance at all track meets is required. (Absence from a meet or failure to attend practice will lower grade because of non-participation.)
- Meets are most weekends from the last weekend in February until the 1st weekend in May.

**Month of Selection:** November, December, or January

# Girls' Volleyball

**Coach** Melissa Bennett

- Criteria:**
- Open to all female students in grades 9-12
  - Must have some ability for the game of volleyball
  - Must attend camp
  - Must pass tryout process

## **Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$80 Volleyball Dues  
\$150–\$300 Individual Skills Camp  
\$65 Shoes
- Optional: \$10 T-shirt, \$10 Knee-Pads
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:** • 4th block-1st term and after school

- Tournaments are required and held on weekends.
- Summer Camp

**Month of Selection:** May

# Wrestling

**Coach:** Ryan Thompson—Varsity Coach

- Criteria:**
- Open to eligible students in grades 9-12
  - Must pass physical
  - Mandatory daily attendance
  - “Wrestle-Offs” used to determine starter for each of the 14 weight classes
  - Mandatory in-season tournaments and matches, summer tournaments, camps, and clinics

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: Spirit pack and wrestling shoes
- Required Fundraising: Yes
- Occasional Expenses: Meal money, hotel room, fees, and camps

**Meeting Days & Times:** Varsity and Freshmen: morning workouts, afternoon practices, and weekend practices

**Month of Selection:** April

**SPIRIT**

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# Cheerleaders/Mascots

**Advisor:** Brandy Riddle

**Purpose:** To set examples of good character, promote good sportsmanship, promote wholesome and enthusiastic spirit, build team work and good relations with the public, build positive relationships with other schools, and promote spectator participation in all athletic events

**Benefits:** To portray Opelika in the best possible image both on and off campus

**Criteria:**

- 10th-11th-grade JV or Varsity candidates (current 9, 10, & 11th grades) Must have earned at least 6 new Carnegie units/credits with an overall average of 70 or better, including four core courses (English, math, history, and science)
- All prior school debts must be cleared.
- Candidates may have only one referral resulting in ISS and no referrals resulting in OSS or time served in an alternative placement during the year in which they are trying out.
- No candidate may have been convicted of a crime.
- Each candidate (unless in school approved function and lets the coach know before the meeting) and a parent must attend the mandatory meeting held before tryouts.
- Each candidate must be in good physical condition.
- Each candidate must have all forms signed, completed, and turned in the first day of tryout clinic.

## **Financial Obligations: (estimates only)**

- First Time Cheerleader: \$800
- Returning Cheerleader: \$500
- Competition - \$300
  - \* \$1,000 - if squad gets a bid to Nationals
- Required Fundraising: Yes

**Meeting Days & Times:**

- All squads 4th Block – 1st Term with extra practices after school
  - Summer Camp – late May/early June
  - Summer practices
  - Football, basketball, and competition seasons

**Month of Selection:** Completion of Basketball Season  
(usually February/March)

# Diamond Darlings

**Advisor:** Summer Upton

**Purpose:** Support the baseball program and promote school spirit

- Criteria:**
- Must complete application
  - Must have at least an overall 3.0 GPA
  - Must decorate bags for baseball players
  - Must cheer at baseball games
  - Must work in concession stand

**Financial Obligations:**

- Required: \$15.00 dues
- Optional: \$9.00 - 20.00 T-Shirts/Sweats
- Required Fundraising: No

**Meeting Days & Times:** • Must attend meetings in December and

January

- Must attend after-school meetings in February / March
- Must be able to work baseball games and other projects during the baseball season (January-May)
- Must decorate lockers before school

**Month of Selection:** November

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## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Extracurricular activities associated with athletics are defined as those recognized and sanctioned by the Alabama High School Athletic Association and other extracurricular activities are defined as those that are sanctioned by the public school which are not related to a student's academic requirements or success in a course(s).

This policy is effective for all students in grades 8-12 beginning with the 1999-2000 school year with their eligibility determined by grades earned during the 1998-1999 school year and the 1999 summer school, and shall remain in effect for each succeeding year in the same format as described herein.

In order to participate in any extracurricular activity at Opelika High School, students must meet the following Opelika City Board of Education regulations for eligibility.

1. Students entering the 9th grade must have passed during the last two semesters in attendance and summer school, if applicable, at least five new subjects with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those five subjects.
2. Students entering the 10th-12th grades must have passed during the last two semesters in attendance and summer school, if applicable, at least six new Carnegie units (credits) with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those six units.
  - (a). Four core curriculum courses must be included in those units passed and averaged (English, mathematics, science, and social studies are core curriculum courses).
  - (b). Any student that accumulates more than four units of core courses per year may earn less than the required four core courses during the next school year and be eligible as long as the student remains on track for graduation with his/her class.
3. A student that is academically eligible at the beginning of a school year remains eligible for the remainder of that school year as far as grades are concerned.
4. Students declared ineligible at the beginning of a school year may regain their eligibility at the end of the first term by meeting the academic requirements listed above.
5. Only one unit (or subject) of physical education per year may be counted.
6. Several school organizations have academic requirements that are in addition to those listed under #'s 1 and 2. They will be listed in the criteria for membership under the individual organizations.
7. Opelika High School students are expected to maintain a positive discipline record, have a willingness to work, and dedicate the necessary time to each school organization to which they belong.

## **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Students must meet all financial obligations before participating in field trips, band trips, choral trips, and athletic camps.

## **GENERAL POLICIES**

During the school year, the students will be able to set up meeting times with advisors, directors, and coaches during the school day. During the time that school is not officially in session, a student may call the school and leave his/her name and phone number with the secretary. The secretary will contact the advisor, director, or coach with the information to contact the student. The school number is 334-745-9715.

An activity board will be placed in Mainstreet to be used for general notification for registration or try-outs for all organizational activities. The notification must be posted for a minimum of two weeks prior to the registration and try-outs.

## **SAFE SCHOOL POLICY**

The Opelika City Board of Education and Opelika High School personnel believe that a businesslike, orderly and safe atmosphere must be maintained at all times. It is the responsibility of all students and staff members to adhere to self-discipline and conduct themselves with respect and consideration for the rights of others.

It is the responsibility of each school staff member to enforce the policies of Opelika High School and the Opelika City Board of Education to ensure that every individual is given the best and safest environment in which to work and learn.

The entire staff of Opelika High is committed to creating and maintaining a safe educational environment and to ensuring that the rights and human dignity of every member of the education community are respected.

Discrimination in regards to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age or handicap is against all that we believe in and strive to achieve. Sexual harassment is discrimination and is reprehensible. Neither sexual harassment nor sexual assault will be tolerated. **Violent Behavior and Discrimination Have No Place In This School and Will Not Be Tolerated!**

It is the policy of Opelika High School to promptly investigate and seek equitable resolution of allegations of any form of discrimination.

## **DRUG & ALCOHOL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS**

Students wishing to receive assistance in dealing with drug or alcohol related problems may do so by making appointments with a counselor or an administrator. No disciplinary action will be taken against a student seeking help, and all information will be kept in confidence.

**OPELIKA HIGH SCHOOL IS A TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT.**

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The Opelika City Board of Education is an equal educational opportunity agency and prohibits discrimination in any of its education programs, including employment, on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, age, disability, or reprisal.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Mr. Kenneth Burton, Section 504 and Title IX Coordinator; Dr. Brenda Rickett Title VI Coordinator, PO Box 2469, Opelika, AL 36830-2469; telephone (334) 745-9700; fax (334) 745-9721.

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SPECIALIST**

The ADA Specialist for Opelika City Schools is the Asst. Superintendent for Administration, Mr. Kenneth Burton, Opelika City Board of Education, P.O. Box 2469, Opelika, Alabama 36803-2469, telephone (334) 745-9700, fax (334) 745-9721.

## **CHILD FIND**

The Opelika City Schools is committed to locating and serving students with disabilities birth to twenty-one within the school system's jurisdiction. If you would like to refer a child for an evaluation for special education services please contact the Special Education Coordinator at (334) 741-5601.

## **SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT**

Students in need of services through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are those known or suspected to have a disability which substantially limits a major life activity. Major life activities are functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. A student who qualifies under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may receive supplementary services within regular education or services under special education. If you would like to refer a child for an evaluation to determine eligibility under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or if you would like to obtain a copy of "Parent/Guardian and/or Student Procedural Safeguards and Rights Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act", please contact the 504 Coordinator at (334) 741-5601.

|            | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Friday</b>        |
|------------|---|--|--|--|----------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <u>Anchor Officers:</u><br>7:15 - 7:30 a.m.           | <u>Anchor:</u> 7:15 a.m.<br><u>FBLA</u> 3:30 p.m.<br><u>Current Events / Debate Club</u> 6:30 p.m. | <u>Book Club</u> 7:30 a.m.   | <u>Art Club</u> 7:30 a.m.<br><u>Robotics</u> 3:30 p.m.<br><u>Legislative</u> 6:30 p.m.           | <u>FCA</u> 7:15 a.m. |
| <b>2nd</b> | <u>TSA</u> 3:25 p.m.<br><u>SGA Exc. Bd</u> 4:00 p.m.  | <u>HOSA</u> 7:30 a.m.<br><u>Open Hands Serving</u> 3:30 p.m.<br><u>Judicial</u> 6:30 p.m.          | <u>FEA</u> 7:20 a.m.<br><u>French Club</u> 3:30 p.m.                         | <u>Key Club</u> 7:00 p.m.<br><u>ETA</u> 3:25 p.m.  | <u>FCA</u> 7:15 a.m. |
| <b>3rd</b> | <u>SGA</u> 6:00 p.m. or 3:30. (after football season) | <u>FCCLA</u> 3:25 p.m.   | <u>Book Club</u> 7:30 a.m.<br><u>Gospel Choir</u> 3:30 p.m.                  | <u>Environmental Club</u> 7:15 a.m.<br><u>Robotics</u> 3:30 p.m.<br><u>Legislative</u> 6:30 p.m. | <u>FCA</u> 7:15 a.m. |
| <b>4th</b> | <u>MCEC</u> 3:25 p.m.<br><u>SGA Exc. Bd</u> 6:00 p.m. | <u>Spanish &amp; SHS</u> 7:30 a.m.<br><u>NHS</u> 3:25 p.m.<br><u>Judicial</u> 6:30 p.m.            | <u>FEA</u> 7:20 a.m.<br><u>SADD</u> 3:25 p.m.<br><u>Skills USA</u> 3:25 p.m. | <u>Mu Alpha Theta</u> 7:30 a.m.<br><u>Key Club</u> 7:00 p.m.                                     | <u>FCA</u> 7:15 a.m. |
| <b>5th</b> |   |  |  |  |                      |