



Dear Whitman Students and Parents,

This school year has already been a great success, and the Student Government here at Whitman will continue to work hard to ensure that the rest of the year is more of the same. While Homecoming and Spirit week have just recently passed, and with it, Battle of the Classes, the dance, and the football game, there is still much to look forward to the rest of the year.

The SGA holds a variety of events throughout the year, including Whitman Idol, Guy Auction, the Spring Fair, and multiple blood drives. We see it as our responsibility to bring together not only the energetic and spirited student body we have here at Whitman, but the surrounding community as well. We do this by holding events like the Spring Fair that involve the entire Whitman family, and by raising money and awareness for organizations like the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

As is evident by the many events and fundraisers we have here, Whitman students are highly encouraged to get involved, whether it be through sports, academics, theatre, SGA, debate, journalism, music, community service, or any of the many clubs Whitman has to offer. What makes Whitman a unique school is the variety of opportunities provided to students. There are clubs here for people of any interest or hobby you can imagine, and then some. And if you still can't seem to find your niche, starting your own club is always an option.

Whitman Clubs Night is a fantastic opportunity to get a taste of what each club has to offer. Students and parents can visit the booths run by each club and ask questions to club representatives.

If you have any further questions, comments, or suggestions, the SGA will continue to run its website, www.whitmansga.com, and can also be contacted by email at whitmansga@gmail.com, through Facebook, or by simply visiting room W-119 during 5th period any day of the week.

Remember that high school really is what you make it. By getting involved in clubs, sports, music, and other extracurriculars, students find ways to express themselves outside of the classroom. But also remember the importance of balancing extracurriculars with school work, and realize that each club you sign up for will have varying levels of time commitment. So choose wisely, but don't be afraid to try something new either. Good luck and have a great school year!

Sincerely,
Zach Schloss
SGA President

Whitman Clubs Night is a joint activity of the PTSA and the Student Government Association. Many people contribute to the success of this evening. Special thanks go to the following people: Dr. Goodwin and Ms. Cook, for helping with the arrangements; all the teachers, staff and parents who lend their time to these clubs; Zach Schloss of the Student Government Association; to Sheryl Freedman, SGA sponsor, and the building staff for their help before and after the event. Finally, of course, thanks to all the students whose enthusiasm and hard work make these clubs possible!

- * **Prerequisites:** Unless stated, there are none.
- * **Cost:** Prior to participation in any club or activity listed herein, the student must have paid the extracurricular activity fee to the Montgomery County Public School system. If you have not yet paid the fee, you may pick up a form in the main office or call 301-517-5000 to obtain one.
- * **Extra Cost:** Unless stated, there is no additional cost other than the above-mentioned activity fee.
- * **Service Learning Hours:** Student Service Learning (SSL) hours may be earned through participation in school-sponsored clubs and organizations that include activities with a service focus. Members of any club can talk with their advisor and apply for SSL approval with Mrs. Geisler, SSL Coordinator, in Room A119. Club advisors are responsible for covering the SSL phases of preparation, action and reflection. Questions from club advisors regarding any aspect of earning SSL hours with school-sponsored clubs and organizations should be posed to Mrs. Geisler in advance of any activity for which SSL hours are desired. SSL hours will only be awarded after approval has been given by Mrs. Geisler. A list of clubs that have already been approved for SSL activities is included on the Whitman SSL web site at www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/whitmanhs/ssl and posted on the bulletin board in Room A119. Only work done outside of the school day will be approved and there is a maximum of 8 hours a day that can be earned. Before the end of the semester when the service was performed, each student should submit MCPS Form 560-51, Student Service Learning Activity Verification, to Mrs. Geisler.
- * **Liability/Waiver** Whitman High School, MCPS and the Whitman PTSA are not responsible for any injury that may result from participation in these clubs.
A signed medical waiver (included in this booklet and available from the club sponsors) is required for some clubs as stated. Some clubs might require the signed medical waiver even though it is not listed as such in this booklet.

All telephone numbers are area code 301 unless otherwise noted.

If you are interested in forming a club that is not listed in this booklet, please pick up the appropriate forms in the main office.

WTWN-PTSA Chairs: Judy Brookes, Joan Wolf-Chiaverini, Sheila Duncan-Peters

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CLUB MEDICAL LIABILITY WAIVER

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless Walt Whitman High School, Montgomery County Public Schools, Board of Education members, club sponsors, employees, volunteers, students, from any and all medical claims, injury claims of any nature arising out of or in any way related to my/child/children(s) participation in the _____ club during the school year 2009 – 2010.

Signing the club form grants permission of participation in this club activity is an acceptance of possible risk of injury. I agree that my child/children participate in the club with my knowledge, awareness that injury is possible.

I also acknowledge and assume all risks related to participation in the _____ club and agree that Walt Whitman High School, Montgomery County Public Schools, Board of Education members, club sponsors, employees, volunteers, students, assume no liability whatsoever for personal injuries or property damage that may arise out of my child/children’s participation in the _____ club.

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, freely accept, and sign this waiver. I expressly agree that this agreement shall be constructed and enforced in accordance with laws of the State of Maryland, with Montgomery County. I agree that this waiver and release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted under the laws of the State of Maryland.

Student name and ID number Date

Signature of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Date

ATHLETICS

WHITMAN ATHLETICS

The following sports are listed by season. Questions may be posed to the Whitman Athletic Director, Mr. Andy Wetzel, by visiting his office in the gym lobby or telephoning 301-320-6595.

Fall Sports

Coed	Cheerleading, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Coed	Cross-Country, Varsity
Girls	Field Hockey, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Coed	Football, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Coed	Golf, Varsity
Girls	Pompons, Varsity
Boys	Soccer, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Girls	Soccer, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Girls	Tennis, Varsity
Girls	Volleyball, Varsity and Junior Varsity

Winter Sports

Boys	Basketball, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Girls	Basketball, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Coed	Cheerleading, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Coed	Indoor Track, Varsity
Girls	Pompons, Varsity
Coed	Swimming & Diving, Varsity
Coed	Wrestling, Varsity and Junior Varsity

Spring Sports

Boys	Baseball, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Girls	Developmental Golf
Boys	Lacrosse, Varsity
Girls	Lacrosse, Varsity
Coed	Outdoor Track, Varsity
Girls	Softball, Varsity and Junior Varsity
Boys	Tennis, Varsity
Boys	Volleyball, Varsity
Coed	Volleyball, Varsity

OTHER SPORTS-RELATED CLUBS

CREW TEAM

The Crew Team is one of Whitman's largest, most dynamic sports. The team is seeking dedicated athletes who are willing to try something new and unique. No experience is necessary. All athletes who compete in other fall and winter sports are encouraged to row in the spring as it will keep you in shape, give you better balance and coordination, and help develop

flexibility. For more information, check out the team's website:
<http://www.whitmancrew.org> or contact Mr. Shipley, the Head Coach and social studies teacher: Kirkland_S_Shipley@mcpsmd.org

Meetings: 5-6 times a week

GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM

Prerequisites: Enthusiasm for learning new gymnastics skills and some basic gymnastics background is advantageous.

Meetings: 2-3 times/wk starting 10/5, photo room

Student Contact: Samantha Buxbaum, samshotline@gmail.com, 240.839.0298

Sponsor: Seymour

HIKING & NATURE CLUB

A light-hearted fun outdoor environment. Members will meet once a month for a semi-strenuous

hike. Members should bring own snack and water. Fun bonding for all.

Meetings: Once a month starting 9/29, 2:45, D313

Student Contact: Chase Jordan

Sponsor: Krimmel

MULTISPORT CLUB

Members of the Multisports Club train and compete together in multisports races – a combination of more than one sport (swimming, biking, running, adventure racing, cyclecross, etc.)

Extra Costs: Race entry fees

Meetings: 2:30, B314

Student Contact: Cara Bennet

Sponsor: Hays

REC. CLUB

The Whitman REC Club aims to provide opportunities for high adventure recreation activities like ski/snowboarding trips, kayaking, rafting, etc. Annual trips include Breckenridge, CO in January during semester break and Seven Springs Ski Resort over President's Day weekend in February. We work with Calleva to offer Friday night ski/board trips to Whitetail. The REC Club is always open to new ideas for adventure trips! A signed medical waiver is required.

Meetings: Monthly, starting 9/30, 2:10, D209

Extra Costs: Depends on what activities/trips you participate in

Student Contact: Sam Oshinsky

Sponsor: Ms. Mornini and Mr. Kuhn

RUGBY TEAM

Our club is designed to teach and reinforce the basics of rugby to amateur-intermediate players while inevitably having lots of fun in the process. Once the basics are taught, the club will play for the Maryland Exiles.

Meetings: Once a week starting October 18; 2:20, Olden-Stahl's room
Student Contact: Juliet Mullins
Sponsor: Olden-Stahl

SAILING CLUB

Learn to sail or get better with what you know already. We accommodate all levels of experience and are flexible to everyone's schedules in planning practice dates. We sail out of NMHF DC in southwest DC. A signed medical waiver is required.

Prerequisites: None.
Meetings: 2:30, 2x/wk, TBA
Extra Costs: \$350 – scholarships available if you are interested
Student Contact: Curtis Behre
Sponsor: Olden-Stahl

SNOWBOARDING & SKIING

To snowboard at local sites like Ski Liberty and Whitetail during winter weekends. All day trips, no overnight. We can also teach.

Extra Costs: Day trip fees if applicable
Meetings: 1x/month until winter begins then dependent on the necessary planning and participants, starting 10/5, 2:45, Ms. Stewart's room
Student Contact: Sylvia Escolero
Sponsor: Stewart

SQUASH CLUB TEAM

The purpose of the Whitman Squash Club is to provide an avenue where students can enjoy one of the best sports in the world. Ranked #1 for fitness, squash is a great cross trainer. Participants play 1 or 2 times per week and in winter against other school. A signed medical waiver is required.

Prerequisites: None (Beginners welcome)
Extra cost: \$210/10 week session for Mondays 3:30-4:30; \$210/10 week session per Wednesday 4-5. Both days \$410/10 weeks. Friday matches (against other schools \$190 includes personalized t-shirt, winter matches, tournament in Feb 2010).
Meetings: Twice per week all academic year (may attend once per week); Bethesda Sport & Health
Student Contact: Jacqui Barnes
Sponsor: Mrs. Del Savio, 320-6598

ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB

The Ultimate Frisbee Club is a purely recreational club designed for students to get exercise and enjoy a game. Any student who is interested, regardless of ability, can participate.

Meetings: Weekly on Friday starting 10/1, 2:30, Field behind Whittier Woods
Student Contact: Jeremy Steinberg
Sponsor: Curran

UNICYCLE CLUB

At Unicycle Club we will teach students how to ride unicycles. It will not be necessary to have a unicycle for the first few meetings but if you stay in the club you will have to purchase one.

Meetings: Mondays starting 10/4, 2:30, Tennis Courts
Student Contact: Larry Lenkin
Sponsor: Alvey

WALT WHITMAN ICE HOCKEY

The Whitman Ice Hockey Team is comprised of 2 teams: Junior varsity, where playing time is distributed more evenly among players and players will develop their hockey skills; and varsity, where playing time is distributed based on skill and players will play in intense, highly competitive games against other MCPS varsity teams. A signed medical waiver is required.

Prerequisites: Some hockey experience preferred.
Meetings: Every weekday until 10/5, then every T/W at Cabin John Ice Rink and Rockville Ice Arena
Extra Costs: \$1000, \$35 USA Hockey fee
Student Contact: Danny Milzman
Sponsor: Paulson

YUM YUM RUNNING CLUB

Track without the meets. For people who want to get in shape, we run every day. Runners go hard!

Meetings: Daily starting 10/26, 2:45, Parking Lot
Extra Costs: \$1/week for cookies
Student Contact: Charlotte Goldman
Sponsor: Del Savio

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

ASIAN AMERICAN CLUB

Come learn about Asian and Asian American heritage through Asian dramas, movies, music and much more. Open to all.

Meetings: Every two weeks starting 10/1, 2:30, A304

Student Contact: James Palo

Sponsor: Moorman

CHINESE CLUB

This is a group for anyone interested in Chinese culture, food and tradition. We will watch Chinese movies, discuss Chinese culture and arrange group activities. Everyone is welcome.

Meetings: 2-3x a month starting 9/29; 2:20; A335

Student Contact: Beibo Zhao

Sponsor: Mao

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

The French Honor Society is a group of students who have mastered four years of French with an A average. They help promote interest in the culture of Francophone countries through activities and events and meetings.

Prerequisite: A average in French/French IV or above

Meetings: Every 2 weeks

Extra Costs: \$2

Student Contact: TBA

Sponsor: Maloney, 320-6541

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

International Club gives all students the chance to meet international students, attend fun get togethers, participate in International Night, earn SSL hours and more! We meet on Fridays once a month in Rm A335.

Meetings: Once or twice a month starting 10/8 2:30, A335

Student Contact: Lucas Amorelli

Sponsor: Ms. Maroni

JAPANESE CLUB

To expand the Walt Whitman Japanese community as well as volunteering for the Japanese community.

Meetings: Fridays once every 2 months starting October 23, 2:10, A304

Student Contact: Kevin Davis

Sponsor: Ms. Moorman

JEWISH STUDENT UNION

The Jewish Student Union creates an opportunity for Jewish students to bond through cultural events. The JSU will celebrate holidays and other events throughout the year. As always, food will be a central focus.

Meetings: Every other week, TBA, C239
Student Contact: Hailey Siller
Sponsor: Mathis

KOREAN CULTURE CLUB

Learn and experience Korean culture. You can learn Korean, listen to K-pop songs, and possibly watch dramas too! We will also be hosting Korean student from our sister high school.

Meetings: Monthly starting 10/7, 2:30, C215
Student Contact: Seungeun Lee
Sponsor: Stewart

KOREAN EXCHANGE CLUB

We are seeking to develop and sustain a long-term relationship between the students of Seoul High School and our own. Become culturally aware, Korean-style. That means kimchi, rice, Buddhism, pottery, k-pop, Korean dramas, taekwondo, fashion, Park Ji-Sung, Dukdo and much more.

Meetings: Monthly starting 10/5, 2:30, A309
Student Contact: Marina Booth
Sponsor: Safran

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club will give students a chance to learn Latin even though it has been cut from the curriculum. Carpe Diem!

Meetings: Twice a week starting October 20
Student Contact: Ethan Eisenstein
Sponsor: Rosen

LATINO STUDENT UNION (LSU)

LSU offers Whitman's Latino students a change to get more in touch with the Latino community through social advocacy, volunteer work and social outings.

Meetings: Biweekly starting 10/6, 2:30, A323
Student Contact: Omid Vatandoost
Sponsor: Garcia

PERSIAN CLUB

The club's purpose is to inform and participate in Persian culture. We will teach beginner Farsi, learn about the history, celebrate the Persian holidays and we will also participate at International Night.

Meetings: 2-3 times a month starting 10/5, 2:30
Student Contact: Anousha Jaseb
Sponsor: Curran

RUSSIAN CLUB

Russian Club seeks to give students interested in Russian an opportunity to experience Russian culture at the same time as advancing their Russian speaking and writing skills.

Prerequisites: Either in any Russian class level or a native speaker.
Meetings: A few times each semester starting 10/5, 2:30, W123
Student Contact: Keren Tseytlin
Sponsor: Quackenbush

MUSIC, DANCE AND THE ARTS

CHORAL ENSEMBLES

All Whitman's choral groups have daily scheduled classes and regular concerts.

GENERAL CHORUS: Open to all students—no audition required

TREBLE CHORALE: Open to all girls' grades 10-12—no audition required.

MEN'S CHORUS: Open to all boys' grades 10-12, by audition only.

WOMEN'S CHORUS: Open to all girls, grades 11-12, by audition only.

CHAMBER CHOIR: Highly select mixed ensemble by audition only. Performance schedule is heaviest of all choral groups, approximately 40 performances per year.

JAZZ OCTETS: 2 octets (one for boys/one for girls) chosen from Chamber Choir. Both groups rehearse after school 1-2 days a week after school.

*Performance in school concerts and community concerts.

Prerequisites: Auditions, except where noted
Sponsor: Mr. Davidson 320-6542

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC GROUPS

All Whitman's instrumental music groups have daily scheduled classes and regular concerts.

BEGINNING BAND: No prerequisites—no audition required.

ADVANCED BAND: Open to all 9th grade students with more than one year of experience—no audition required.*

CONCERT BAND: Open to upper level musicians who meet audition requirements.*#

CONCERT ORCHESTRA: Open to 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. No audition required.

SYMPHONIC BAND: Open to highly skilled upper level musicians who meet audition requirements.*#

SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA: Open to upper level musicians who meet audition requirements.#.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE: Most selective of the music ensembles. Participation is by audition only. The jazz ensemble has the heaviest performance schedule of all instrumental groups.*#

*Required to play at selected home football games.

#Traveling, competing group

Prerequisites: Auditions as noted

Sponsor: Ms. Alvey 320-6542

DANCE CLUB

To expose members to different contra and ballroom dances including swing, salsa, cha cha and rumba. No experience necessary – this is to enjoy and learn ballroom dancing.

Meetings: 2 times a month starting 10/6, 2:30, C238

Student Contact: Caitlyn Guh

Sponsor: Mathis

DRAMA CLUB

Drama club offers students education/entertainment opportunities and the chance to determine which Whitman production (musical or dramatic) stands for review (and potential nomination) by the National Capital CAPPIES organization. The club seeks to host forums with professional actors, workshops by arts educators and trips to local and Broadway productions.

Extra Costs: TBA

Meetings: TBA starting 10/25, 2:20; chorus room

Student Contact: Emily Madden

Sponsor: Mr. Gerken

NATIONAL ART HONORS SOCIETY

We make paintings to donate to Fisher Houses, which benefit soldiers' families. We also decorate the school with murals in the cafeteria and stairwells. NAHS is a lot of fun and provides students a way to expand their artistic boundaries.

Meetings: Every other Tuesday starting 10/5; 2:15, C237

Student Contact: Emily Acker

Sponsor: Diamond

SHAKESPEARE CLUB

Exploring Shakespeare's world together by viewing, reading and performing plays, including two student productions: Romeo and Juliet in the fall, and Twelfth Night in the spring.

Meetings: Once a week starting 9/30, afterschool, W AUD

Student Contact: Lucas Amorelli

Sponsor: Ms. Hyson 320-6588

HIP HOP DANCE CLUB

Learning Asian Hip Hop dances and perform in International Night and some school events.

Meetings: Monthly starting 10/1, 2:20, 5325 Westbard Ave, Bethesda
Student Contact: Maureen Kho
Sponsor: Maroni

STATIC JAM CLUB

Various assortment of students playing unrehearsed music.

Meetings: Weekly starting 10/1, 2:30, Band Room
Student Contact: Max Light
Sponsor: Alvey

TECHNICAL CREW

Tech crew is rich in both talent and tradition. Students participate actively to help in all areas of tech such as set construction, lights, sound, running crew, advertising, production, stage management, props, costumes, hair and make-up. Tech is notable for its numerous awards, creative genius and exceptionally high amounts of fun.

Meetings: Up to everyday of the week starting 9/29; 2:15; auditorium
Student Contact: Erin Pearson
Sponsor: Mr. Rogers

PUBLICATIONS

BLACK & WHITE

The Black & White is Whitman's award winning student-run newspaper. We have a staff of 100+ students and produce ten issues/year.

Prerequisites: Intro to journalism class
Meetings: Everyday – academic class
Student Contact: Jamie Norwood
Sponsor: Reynolds

EIDOLON LITERARY MAGAZINE

The literary magazine showcases the work of Whitman student writers and artists. Editors work on selecting pieces and preparing the magazine for print.

Meetings: Every two weeks on Wednesdays starting 10/6, 2:15, A209
Student Contact: Ross Slaughter
Sponsor: Buckingham

YEARBOOK (SAGA)

SAGA, Whitman's award-winning yearbook, is published each May. Yearbook is an Honors elective class held during 5th period and is comprised of a staff of approximately 34 student writers, photographers, business managers and editors. Applications for writers and photographers are available in the early spring for consideration for the following year's staff.

Student Contact: Danielle Newsham, Safoora Biglari, Emily Acker – Editors-in-Chief

Sponsor: Beth Rockwell

CHARITABLE AND HUMANITARIAN CLUBS

BEST BUDDIES CLUB

The Best Buddies Club is an inspirational club that works to create one-to-one friendships for those with and without intellectual disabilities. We hope to change the way society views students with mental disabilities – one friendship at a time.

Meetings: Every two weeks starting 10/5 ; 2:15; C207

Student Contact: April Hut, 787-9330

Sponsor: Sutherland

BULAMBULI VILLAGE

Women's Microfinance Initiative's loan program "brings big changes to impoverished women" in "rural Uganda and Kenya." The Whitman auxiliary will organize fundraisers to support these women and their families and communicate via e-mail and Skype with those they have helped overseas.

Meetings: Monthly starting 10/19, 2:20, B311

Student Contact: Madison Dipman

Sponsor: Safran

CAMBODIA SCHOOL PROJECT

The purpose of this club is to construct a school in rural Cambodia. We will try to raise US \$13,000 and if successful the World Bank will match it and open a school by our name in Cambodia. After the school is constructed we will be very involved in the education and lives of these students.

Meetings: 1-2 times a month starting 10/5, 2:30

Student Contact: Devon Holt

Sponsor: Mathis

CAPS CARE

We will aid the poor, the hungry and U.S. veterans through volunteer and community service work as well as promote enthusiasm for both the Washington Capitals Hockey team and their service organization, "Caps Care".

Meetings: Bimonthly, C215
Student Contact: Jacob Trauberman
Sponsor: Stewart

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

Get 40+ hours this year with CSC!

Meetings: Once a month, TBD
Student Contact: Jamie Norwood
Sponsor: Duvall

ELDER CARE CLUB

This club will meet several times a month to go and care for the elderly people in this community. The working time will be eligible for SSL hours.

Meetings: Weekly starting 10/13, 2:30, C314
Student Contact: Jack Liu
Sponsor: Song

THE GREEN TEAM

As a club we work to better the environment. From small scale projects to trips and community outreach students have the chance to earn SSL hours, improve our school's recycling program and voice their concerns and ideas about the environment.

Meetings: 2x/month starting October 25; after school, W106
Student Contact: Sonia Max
Sponsor: Garton

GRASSROOTS SOCCER

We are the Bethesda chapter of Grassroots soccer club which works to raise money for AIDS awareness all across Africa. We will be holding a barefoot soccer tournament in the spring to get members and anyone else involved in a fun and benevolent activity.

Meetings: Monthly starting 10/6, 2:30, A227
Student Contact: Safoora Biglari
Sponsor: Herbert

HELP OUR HEROES

Our club's purpose is to support American soldiers that are fighting for us. We perform small talent shows at hospitals for wounded soldiers and we also like to perform at other places such as churches for donations. This way we can support the American soldiers in a small way.

Prerequisites: Must audition with an appropriate talent.
Meetings: Once every two weeks depending on shows starting October 22;
2:15
Student Contact: Caroline Park
Sponsor: Stewart

KEY CLUB

Key Club is an international organization that works on community projects, as well as fundraising projects. Its purpose is to serve the community and to help build leadership abilities.

Meetings: Twice a month on Thursdays starting 9/30, 2:15, C331
Extra Cost: \$11 per member
Student Contact: Molly Longstreth/Evelyn Tyan
Sponsor: Mr. DeMember

KIDS FOR WISH KIDS

This club will work to support the Make-a-Wish Foundation by organizing drives, fundraisers and other activities.

Meetings: Once or twice a month starting 10/26, after school, CIC
Student Contact: Melanie Kaplan-Cohen
Sponsor: Chaplin

LAS MANOS UNIDAS

The purpose of this club is to raise money through activities that will be spent in order to help fund a community service project we do every year in a Latin American country.

Prerequisites: Must be an active member of the club to participate in the service trip but you may participate in the club and not go on the service trip.
Extra Costs: Only if going on service trip
Meetings: Biweekly on Thursdays starting 10/14; 2:20, A315
Student Contact: Adoni Agnostolopoulos
Sponsor: Alonso

OPERATION EMBRACE

We will be raising money for Operation Embrace, an organization that helps victims of attacks in Israel by providing financial assistance for medical, therapeutic, and rehabilitative needs as well as provides emotional support through various programs. We will also have a day trip to Build-a-Bear to make gifts for survivors.

Meetings: 4-5x/yr
Extra Costs: TBD
Student Contact: Laura Scavo
Sponsor: Mathis

OPERATION FLY

Operation Fly fundraises money for the homeless, creates awareness to help the homeless in the DC area, and goes on homeless visitations. We will also have a clothing/backpack drive and participate in Sheets for Streets.

Meetings: Once very two weeks starting 10/7, after school, A328
Student Contact: Eileen Chang,
Sponsor: Leaf

RACE4GOOD

Interested in running and helping important causes? The Whitman Race4Good Club will participate in 5K runs throughout the fall to sponsor causes like disabilities, Ethiopian health care clinics, and childhood brain tumor research. Have fun and make a difference.

Meetings: We will race on weekends through fall starting 10/3, 2:15,
Courtyard
Extra Costs: Race fees
Student Contact: Alexander Burnett
Sponsor: Cassidy

STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

Purpose: to inform students of the dangers/possible consequences of drunk driving and to encourage a decline of such behavior.

Meetings: Monthly starting 10/26, 2:20, cafeteria
Student Contact: Nikki Heimberg
Sponsor: Kuhn

THREE CUPS OF TEA

This club's objective is to hold fundraisers and different sales to raise money for the construction of schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The club's name comes from Greg Mirtensen's novel, Three Cups of Tea.

Meetings: Every other Tuesday starting 10/5, 2:30, C239
Student Contact: Ashley Sobhani
Sponsor: Kenah

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

A club to raise money for both an orphanage in India and a research institute to cure blindness. We will hold a variety of fund-raisers throughout the year.

Meetings: Every other week starting 9/16, 2:15, W108
Student Contact: Aliya Teja
Sponsor: Gingrich

WHITMAN GIFTS OF HOPE

Be a part of the world's largest Christmas project! This year, Operation Christmas Child (OCC) will hand deliver 8 million shoebox gifts to hurting kids worldwide. In cooperation with OCC, this club aims to collect gift boxes from the Whitman community. Our gifts will reach the hands of children in need.

Prerequisites: None except for a big loving heart
Meetings: Twice a month starting 10/15, 2:30, A335
Student Contact: Yingying Shi
Sponsor: Mao

WHITMAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

The Whitman Health Organization raises awareness as well as contributes to the welfare and health of people around the world through fundraisers and charitable activities. This done in support of the United Nation's World Health Organization and its affiliates.

Meetings: Weekly on Thursdays starting 10/7, 2:30, C331
Student Contact: Irene Solaiman
Sponsor: Hudock

WHITMAN RELIEF NETWORK

There are monthly food bank trips to provide underprivileged families with meals and SSL hours for students. The service trip at the end of the year helps a disaster stricken location recover. Typically this trip is 6 days and 5 nights and the location changes each year. Lots of SSL hours are given for this trip.

Meetings: Monthly for food bank trips. June after school for service trip.
Extra Costs: Annual service trip TBD
Student Contact: Sommer Wiss
Sponsor: Michael Curran

GOVERNMENT, POLITICS AND DEBATE

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Looking for: Students interested in Government and politics, with a particular focus on NSL. Activities will include preparing for the annual AP exam in May (club not restricted to AP students – past, present and current NSL students all welcome) as well as sharing questions and information on the subject. The output of club activities will be built into both an online and print resource. NSL veterans may volunteer to help tutor current students (to earn SSL hours).

Meetings: every 2-3 weeks on Wednesdays starting October 13, 2:15, W122
Student Contact: Juelia Fong
Sponsor: O'Brien

JUNIOR STATESMEN OF AMERICA CHAPTER

The Junior Statesmen Foundation, founded in 1934, and currently entailing a 500,000-student constituency, is a nationally chartered organization crafted by and for pupils interested in politics, government, foreign relations, law and education. Each school's chapter attends as many as three overnight conferences annually, offering a unique opportunity for members to travel and discover innovative perspectives on government. Whitman's JSA chapter was founded in 2008. Last year, at our first Winter Congress (in which over 800 students from the Mid-Atlantic region participated), we were the only first-year school and one of less than ten total schools, to pass legislation. Join JSA when you attend the first of our bimonthly meetings in October!

Extra Costs: \$3.00 membership tax
Meetings: Twice a month; 2:15, C242
Student Contact: Kevin Kay, 240.425.3181
Sponsor: Del Savio

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Model UN is an organized simulation of the United Nations where students represent different international countries, groups or people on a prescribed topic in such committees as WHO, Security Council, ICJ, IAEA, historical committees, etc. in 2010-2011, the club anticipates attending Model UN Conferences at UVA, Duke, McGill and GW. (The schedule is subject to change.)

Meetings: Every other Wednesday starting October 6 with variations due to conferences 2:20; W120
Student Contact: Rachael Strauss
Sponsor: Osborne

POLITICAL DISCUSSION CLUB

Too often do we come to conclusions based on partisanship. Why is it that two very smart people can hold opposite views? We provide a space for students to learn about political issues, discuss public policy and ideology, understand others' points of view and follow what goes on in Washington.

Meetings: Biweekly on Fridays starting 10/1, 2:15, C238
Student Contact: Beth Feldstein
Sponsor: Mathis

SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

Students compete in a variety of public speaking events, including one-on-one and two-on-two debate, public speaking about current events, original oratory, model Congress, and humorous and dramatic performances. The team travels to local tournaments and national tournaments in CA, TX, MA, NY, MN, GA, IL and more.

Extra Costs: Dues and travel to tournaments
Meetings: 6:30-8:45 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, 2:15 Tuesday/Thursday starting 10/4, W122
Student Contact: Nikhil Gupta
Sponsor: O'Brien

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

The SGA works throughout the year (with a staff of 26) to plan events and fundraisers that raise money for community organization, individual grades and student clubs. Furthermore, the SGA is a representative body and is dedicated to discussing students' views when meeting with the administration.

Prerequisite: Must be an elected officer or apply to Leadership class
Meetings: Every day during 5th period
Student Contact: Zach Schloss
Sponsor: Sheryl Freedman, 320-6516

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Chats about current world issues from the verbal point-of-view. Examination of current democratic policies.

Meetings: Once every two weeks at 2:30 pm in A-221.
Student Contact: Stephen Rodan 240-994-9912 stephenrodan@gmail.com
mbruns34@gmail.com
Sponsor: Kirk Shipley

YOUNG REPUBLICANS

To discuss and represent views of Republicans in modern times.

Meetings: Once a week every Monday starting 10/3, 2:20, Reid
Student Contact: Ari Kapner
Sponsor: Reid

SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

CHESS CLUB

Are you the next Bobby Fischer? Join the Chess Club and get discovered as you play against friends, learn new moves and prepare for regional tournaments. Spend a semester with us and strut your stuff with the King's Gambit, the Sicilian Attack or even the Manhattan Variation if you dare.

Meetings: Every Friday after school starting 10/1, C313
Extra Costs: Optional fees to participate in tournaments or leagues
Student Contact: Oren Steinberg
Sponsor: Koppel

CLASSICS CLUB

In Classics Club we discuss, watch, listen and read classic literature, poetry, art, music and plays. No restrictions on place or time the classic is from.

Meetings: Every two weeks starting 9/30, 2:15
Student Contact: Katie Stanger
Sponsor: Kyser

CROCHET CRAFTERS CLUB

Want to learn to create cute awesome items out of yarn, and get a new skill? Then come and crochet! We will make a blanket as a group project, holiday gifts and much more in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. No experience required and both genders welcome.

Meetings: Every Wednesday starting 10/6, 2:30, Library/Media Center
Student Contact: Rachel Sieradzki
Sponsor: Maroni

DECA, AN ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS STUDENTS

DECA provides students with numerous opportunities to develop their marketing, business and leadership skills. Students gain valuable experience through state, regional, and national conferences and participate in projects to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy Association, the NIH, and more. Students in all grades are encouraged to join.

Prerequisite: Interest in business/marketing
Extra Costs: \$10
Meetings: Twice a month, starting 10/16; 2:15, C131
Student Contact: Grace Laboy
Sponsor: Mrs. Marafatsos

DON'T STRESS, STRETCH!

Don't Stress, Stretch! is a club focused on lessening the stress Whitman students face. As a group, we will do a variety of stress-reducing activities (with professionals) such as yoga, meditation, drum circle, and more. If you want to relax, stretch your body, mind and spirit and have some stress-free fun, come check out this new Whitman club!

Meetings: First Wednesday of every month starting October 6, 2:15
Student Contact: Sasha Berger
Sponsor: Wislar

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Walt Whitman's Equestrian Team competes on the local interschool circuit as well as the national interscholastic circuit. No experience necessary! Our coach can teach you all you need to know! All levels welcome! A signed medical waiver is required.

Extra Cost: Showing fees
Meetings: Once a month, 2 shows a month
Student Contact: Shannon Miglarese
Sponsor: Del Savio

FASHION SOCIETY

Fashion Society is a club in which students can express their love for fashion by designing and sewing clothing collections for the show at the end of the year.

Meetings: Once a month starting 9/22, 2:15, A202
Extra Costs: Money for the Fashion Show, obtained through fundraisers
Student Contact: Kirstin Baglien
Sponsor: Franklin

FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

Student athletes get together twice a month during lunch to have a "huddle" (Bible study with athletic application) and to hang out with other Christian athletes.

Prerequisites: To be a Christian or interested in Christianity; athlete
Meetings: Twice a month, during 5th lunch, Mr. Gohn's room
Student Contact: Rachel Norris
Sponsor: Gohn

FINANCE/STOCK CLUB

The club will promote awareness of finance in everyday life, basic understanding of finance, and major developments in the financial world. This will be carried out through presentations by guest speakers, investment simulation, visiting Wall Street and other financial institutions. Students will play a virtual stock game.

Extra Costs: TBD
Meetings: Every other week starting 10/6, 2:10, C131
Student Contact: Norris Pilleo
Sponsor: Marafatsos

FUTURE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

The Future Educators Club is part of an international network of 1,000 chapters. Our mission is to provide students with opportunities to explore careers in education and advocacy on behalf of children. Club activities include social events, staff appreciation, service activities and a national conference in February.

Meetings: Wednesdays, starting 10/6; 2:15pm, C222
Student Contact: Alixe Siegel
Sponsor: Ms. Eiserike

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)

To promote acceptance of everyone at Whitman and elsewhere, regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. Includes multi-school dances, movie nights, pride parades/festivals, community outreach, campaigning and open to other ideas. You may participate in as many or as few events as wanted.

Meetings: Tuesday short meetings once a week plus additional activities throughout the year (1-2 per month) starting 10/5, 2:20, band room
Student Contact: Clara McCreery
Sponsor: Alvey

GO CLUB (ASIAN BOARD GAME)

Go, an ancient board game originated from Asia, has been one of the most complex and interesting games throughout the world. Everyone interested in this club is welcome and beginners will be properly instructed.

Meetings: Every Friday, 2:30, A304
Student Contact: Beibo Zhao
Sponsor: Moorman

IT'S ACADEMIC

It's Academic represents Walt Whitman in local, regional and national quizboard competitions throughout the year. Quizbowl players improve their academic skills while having fun with learning, develop their leadership talents and build long lasting friendships. Open to all grade levels.

Meetings: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:10-3:30, B124
Student Contact: Todd Pollak
Sponsor: Danis

KNIT KNACK CLUB

This ain't your grandma's knitting! This club knits for Zen creativity and for charity. Everyone is welcome from beginners to advanced.

Meetings: Every other Thursday, 2:15 -3:45,
Student Contact: Phoebe Schmidt
Sponsor: Diamond

MATH TEAM

Whitman's Math Team participates in the Montgomery County Math League at which we explore topics outside the general mathematics curriculum.

Prerequisites: Interest in math
Meetings: Weekly after school starting 9/29, A307
Student Contact: Julia Cline
Sponsor: Wang

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

We meet after school several times a month to discuss contemporary philosophy.

Nothing too serious unless you would like to be.

Meetings: several times a month, TBA, contact Student
Student Contact: Heather Menefee
Sponsor: O'Brien

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

We will have guest speakers, go on shoots, and have critiques filled with feedback for your next time shooting. No experience necessary and everyone is welcome to join.

Photographers may shoot with film or digital cameras. Bring your own camera.

Meetings: Monthly starting 10/25, 2:15, B224
Student Contact: Talia Levinas
Sponsor: Seymour

PING PONG CLUB

Do you love playing ping pong? Perhaps you would like to brush up on your backhand? If so, join the ping pong club and improve your skills while have a great time!

Meetings: Mondays and Fridays starting 10/1, 2:30, small gym
Student Contact: Thomas Hitz
Sponsor: Gohn

ROBOTICS TEAM

The Robotics Team is part of the FIRST Robotics competition. Each year we have six weeks to build a robot for a game released each year in the beginning of January.

Extra Costs: Membership fee (TBA) will be required.
Meetings: Twice a week before January, January/February daily starting 6/15/09, 2:10, D216
Student Contact: Ian Simonson
Sponsor: Pope

SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

We practice for and compete in the National Science Bowl Competition.

Meetings: Weekly starting 10/4
Student Contact: Oren Steinberg
Sponsor: Frank

THE CLUB

The Club is a chance for its members to meet new people and try new things they may have never done before by taking part in numerous bonding activities (rec. games/sports, Six Flags, laser tag).

Extra Costs: Only those for special activities
Meetings: every 2 weeks or monthly depending on availability
Student Contact: Jenny Finley
Sponsor: Kenah

THE NET (BIBLE STUDY GROUP)

The Net is a Christian Bible study where we will discuss the word of God and how it applies to our lives. Everyone is welcome.

Meetings: Weekly starting 10/5, 2:30
Student Contact: Rafael Arreaza
Sponsor: Konschnik

WHITMAN FILM MAKERS

Film Makers meets each month to plan a variety of video projects for both school affiliated and competitive venues. Experience is a plus, but all are welcome.

Prerequisites: Editing experience is preferable.
Meetings: First Thursday of every month starting 10/7, 2:15, D218
Student Contact: Ali Foreman
Sponsor: Pope

WHITMAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Whitmaniac Club is to promote positive school spirit and plan activities to display it.

Meetings: Every other week, TBD
Student Contact: Hailey Siller
Sponsor: Gingrich

WHITMANIACS

The purpose of the WhitManiacs Club is to promote positive school spirit, and plan activities to display it.

Meetings: Twice a month Wednesdays during both lunches starting 9/2;
D209 (6th lunch), C239 (5th lunch)
Student Contact: Lucy Arledge
Sponsor: Mornini

WHITMAN PRIMATE ALLIANCE

To gain a more complete understanding of man by publicizing the anthropological study of nonhuman primates and to create a greater awareness of our closest living relatives. Our role is to raise consciousness of their impending extinction, creating a community that supports conservation efforts to save our fellow primates.

Meetings: Monthly on Tuesdays starting 10/19, 2:15, C243
Student Sponsor: Elise Adams
Sponsor: Eagan

WHITMAN QUIDDICH LEAGUE (WQL)

I'm flying on the pitch as I catch the snitch and if you don't play quidditch then you're a square.

Extra Costs: \$5 for equipment
Meetings: Once a week
Student Contact: Vivian Yang
Sponsor: O'Donoghue

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