



Whitman Parent, Faculty, and Students,

The SGA looks forward to a wonderful year filled with great events and memories. We work very hard to ensure a phenomenal school year for all students at Whitman. We see it as our responsibility not only to bring together a energetic student body but also a community committed to compassion. We do this by holding events such as Homecoming, Battle of the Classes, Guy Auction, Mr. Whitman, Whitman Idol, the Spring Fair, and so many more. Our primary fundraiser during the school year is Leukemia Lymphoma Month. In February, students rally together to raise money and awareness for those affected by leukemia and lymphoma through the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

One of my goals this year is to motivate students to get involved in a variety of ways. Whether it be through sports, music, art, academics, theatre, SGA, journalism, debate, model UN, Young Republicans or Young Democrats, Whitmaniacs, or any other activity, I hope that students will not only have a school that they attend, but a community which they belong to.

What makes Walt Whitman a unique school is a variety of opportunities it provides for its students to grow. Whitman Clubs Night is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about the many ways they can become involved. 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 . We can also be contacted by email at whitmansga@gmail.com , through facebook, or simply by visiting W-119.

I hope you all have a wonderful year. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me or the SGA.

Best,
Ari Kapner
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; Ari Kapner 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.

WCN-PTSA Chairs: Laurie Wolff and Sheryl Steinberg

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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
Coed	Corollary Track and Field

Winter Sports

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

Spring Sports

Boys	Baseball, Varsity and Junior Varsity
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
Coed	Corollary Softball

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](mailto:Kirkland_S_Shipley@mcpsmd.org)

Meetings: 5-6 times a week

CRICKET CLUB

This new club requires no experience. Anyone interested can join.

Prerequisites: None
Meetings: Every Thursday/Friday, 2:30, Pyle Middle School
Student Contact: Yevin Jayatilake, yevin_94@yahoo.com, 301.656.5962
Sponsor: Jacobson

GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM

Prerequisites: Enthusiasm for learning new gymnastics skills and some basic gymnastics background is advantageous.
Meetings: TBA
Student Contact: TBA
Sponsor: TBA

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 10/4, period 5&6, D209
Extra Costs: Depends on what activities/trips you participate in
Student Contact: Clara Schneider, Clara_P_S@hotmail.com, 240.671.4529
Sponsor: Ms. Mornini

RUGBY TEAM

Our co-ed rugby club will teach how to play rugby in a friendly, fun atmosphere.

Meetings: Once per week starting Monday after Club Night, 2:15-4:00, Back Field
Student Contact: Jaime Mullins, jaime_M94@hotmail.com, 407.2320
Sponsor: Marafatsos

SAILING CLUB

Learn to sail competitively with the DC Sail Organization.

Prerequisites: Comfortable on water
Meetings: 2-3 times per week
Extra Costs: \$400 registration fee for each sailer with DC Sail
Student Contact: Noah Martin, noahnbmartin@aol.com, 332.9643
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: TBA
Student Contact: TBA
Sponsor: TBA

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: \$190/10 week session for Mondays 4:00-5:00; \$190/10 week session per Wednesday 3:00-4:00. Sessions held Fall/Winter/Spring. League play is \$150 extra (includes tournament).
Meetings: Twice per week all academic year (may attend once per week); Chevy Chase Athletic Club
Student Contact: Jacqui Barnes, aussiemeatpies@gmail.com, 240.743.9965
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 Monday, 2:30, Baseball field behind Whittier Woods
Student Contact: Ari Kapner, abkapner@yahoo.com, 240.491.6646
Sponsor: Bruneel

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: Weekly on Thursday starting 10/13, 2:15, Whittier Woods Tennis Courts
Student Contact: Larry Lenkin, skeeballer@gmail.com, 365.4123
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: TBA
Extra Costs: Yes - TBA
Student Contact: TBA
Sponsor: TBA

WATER POLO CLUB

This new co-ed water polo team will compete against local high schools. Season is Mid-August through Mid-November. Swimming experience preferred.

Fee: \$400 (this is approximate, as pool costs still under negotiation)
Meetings: 3 practices/week M/W/F, 5:45-7:00
Student Contact: Nicholas King, ledgeaudge@verizon.net, 320.7510
Sponsor: Poll

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

CHINESE CLUB

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

Meetings: Once per month starting 9/30; 2:10; A335
Student Contact: Zihao Lin; Laceylinzh@hotmail.com; 351.9879
Sponsor: Mao

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

We help promote interest in the culture of Francophone countries through activities and events and meetings. French 4 and teacher recommendation required.

Prerequisite: French IV or above
Meetings: Every week,
Student Contact: Maria Paterson, maria.t.paterson@gmail.com, 301.229.5415
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, lucasark92@gmail.com, 240.421.0043
Sponsor: Ms. Maroni

JAPANESE CLUB

Come to share and expand the fascinating culture and traditions of Japan and Japanese Anime culture.

Meetings: Once per Month, starting 10/7, 2:30-4:30, A304
Student Contact: Azumo Nishimura, aznishimura@gmail.com, 301.983.8240
Sponsor: Ms. Moorman

JAPANESE CULTURE SOCIETY

Educating those interested in the Whitman community about Japanese language and culture. Activities will include origami, calligraphy, language study and Japanese food.

Meetings: Two Fridays per Month, starting 9/23, 2:15 A304
Cost: \$5
Student Contact: Marius Harnischfeger, maharnischfeger@gmail.com, 240.643.1885
Sponsor: Ms. Moorman

JAPANESE HONOR SOCIETY

Support the Japanese community with volunteer work. Educate the Whitman community on Japanese language and culture.

Meetings: Two Fridays per Month, starting 9/23, 2:15 A304
Student Contact: Isaac Chenitz, ichenitz@gmail.com, 240.344.6358
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: Once per month on Tuesdays, 2:15
Student Contact: Ryan Sherman, num3sherm@gmail.com, 301.219.5699
Sponsor: Mathis

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 week of 9/26, 2:30-3:30
Student Contact: Ethan Eisenstein, ethan0077@gmail.com, 240.723.2726
Sponsor: Rosen

LINGUISTICS CLUB

We offer free native speaking tutors to help students in different languages, Members also learn about different cultures. SSL hours, free food, and occasional social gatherings included.

Meetings: Once per month
Student Contact: Xiyao Song (Pamela), pamela528z@yahoo.com, 202.510.0858
Sponsor: Song, Yi

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

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 CAPIES 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: Sasha Berger, sashaberger@gmail.com, 301.257.2475

Sponsor: Mr. Gerken

SHAKESPEARE CLUB

Let's explore Shakespeare's world together by viewing (monthly movie nights), reading and performing plays, including two student productions: "All's Well That Ends Well" and another TBD.

Fee: \$10

Meetings: Once per month with show rehearsals as needed, 2:30-4:00, W AUD

Student Contact: Simone Levine, simoneliebanlevine@gmail.com, 229.9506

Sponsor: Ms. Hyson

IMPROV CLUB

A fun environment where students will study and practice the fun art of improvisational acting.

Meetings: Every Friday, starting 10/7, 2:15, A216

Student Contact: Ian Berry, iab_dc@yahoo.com, 301.767.7819

Sponsor: Houghton

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: TBA
Student Contact: TBA
Sponsor: TBA

WHITMAN BREAKDANCE CLUB

Be part of one of Whitman's longest running clubs and perform at pep rallies, fundraisers and International Night. Preferably some form of athletic or performing experience is required.

Fee: \$25 for a shirt
Meetings: Twice per week after October 4; 2:10-4:00; Rotunda
Student Contact: Brandon Eng, senshiro713@yahoo.com, 215.298.3947
Sponsor: Maroni

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: TBA
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: TBA
Student Contact: TBA
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: TBA
Sponsor: Beth Rockwell

CHARITABLE AND HUMANITARIAN CLUBS

ARTS AND ACTION

This weekly program is designed to bring together students from the special education programs and other students who provide assistance as needed. Activities include aerobics, music and dance in 6-week mini-sessions.

Meetings: Wednesdays starting late October ; 2:30-3:30
Cost: Participants \$35/6-week session; free with SSL hours for student assistants
Student Contact: Elizabeth Medeiros, patricia.a.medeiros@verizon.net, 240.252.9078
Sponsor: Sutherland

BEST BUDDIES CLUB

The Best Buddies Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating one-on-one friendships and leadership development for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We go on various trips around the community including the movies, pumpkin patch, a baseball game and more.

Meetings: Every two weeks on Tuesdays starting 9/22 ; 2:30; C207
Student Contact: Evan Reeves, evanreeves12@gmail.com, 240.252.9078
Beatriz Sevilla, bcsevilla@gmail.com, 646.709.1726
Sponsor: Sutherland

CAMP FOR A CAUSE

The purpose of this club is to raise money for kids who cannot afford to go to camp. We will also learn about camp craft, lashing, ridge lines, knots, campfires, tent pitching, and much more. There will be hiking trips and learning about our surroundings in the wilderness.

Meetings: TBD
Student Contact: Taylor Ricketts, tayricketts@yahoo.com, 301.742.6542
Sponsor: Traficante

COFFEEHOUSE

Coffeehouse is a group of dedicated musicians helping provide music education to schools in need. Whitman bands volunteer to play at a coffeehouse in a concert-like setting. All proceeds go to CHIME.

Meetings: Once per month, starting 10/7, 6:30-10:00, WAUD
Cost: \$40 for food and drinks once per month
Student Contact: Nuria Marquez, nuria.marquez93@gmail.com, 301.814.1502
Sponsor: Stewart

ELDERLY CARE CLUB

This club will meet several times a month to go and care for the elderly people in this community. You will befriend senior elders who have worked hard and had contributed to society. Join us to bring laughter into their lives!! The working time will be eligible for SSL hours.

Meetings: 1-2 times per month starting 9/30, 2:15, ESOL Room A335
Student Contact: Jenna Guo, rabbitjg@hotmail.com, 301.910.8099
Sponsor: Maroni

THE GREEN TEAM

As a club we work to better the environment. From small scale projects to trips and community outreach students have a chance to improve our school's recycling program and voice their concerns and ideas about the environment. Activities include recycling drives, park clean up and much more!

Meetings: 2x/month on Mondays, starting 9/26; 2:15, W106
Student Contact: Sonia Max, smax8194@gmail.com, 787.8472
Sponsor: Garton

H.A.L.T. CLUB

The H.A.L.T. Club (Hunger Awareness Leaders of Tomorrow) works to raise awareness of hunger worldwide through annual fundraisers and events.

Meetings: Once per month, starting 11/21; 2:15, Chorus Room B102
Student Contact: Jenny Finley, whodey828@gmail.com, 301.461.8973
Sponsor: Davidson

HELP OUR HEROES

Our club's purpose is to support American soldiers that are fighting for us. We perform at hospitals for wounded soldiers and do various fundraising activities. This way we can support the American soldiers in a small way.

Meetings: Once per month, starting October 18; 2:30
Student Contact: Caroline Park, sakurasweetie@gmail.com
Sponsor: Stewart

JEWISH ARAB ALLIANCE

A club organized to discuss strategy for peace in the Middle East and identify viable options for peace.

Meetings: Once per month
Student Contact: Emile Kaldany, emilekaldany@gmail.com; 240.481.9644
Sponsor: Mathis

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 after WCN, 2:20, C326
Extra Cost: \$15 per member
Student Contact: Emily Cavanagh; kcofficers1112@gmail.com
Sponsor: Mr. DeMember

MANOS UNIDAS CLUB

This club is a student-run service organization that supports local Hispanic community in the metro area. We take a yearly service trip to a Spanish-speaking country or spring break or summer. Preferably Spanish students or background with Spanish language.

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.
Meetings: Every two weeks starting October; 2:20, A315
Student Contact: Madison Wayne; midmidophin1@verizon.net; 301.648.7865
Sponsor: Alonso

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MSA)

We aim to decrease Islamic prejudice and increase awareness and understanding of Islamic beliefs and culture. We will celebrate holidays.

Meetings: Every Wednesday starting October 5, 2:20-3:20, C239
Student Contact: Mariam Azimi, azimi_mariam@yahoo.com, 802.9358
Sponsor: Curran

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. Activities will include collection of toys and books, making get-well-soon cards, and putting together gift baskets.

Meetings: Twice per month after school starting 10/3. Place TBD
Student Contact: Laura Scavo, WhitmanOperationEmbrace@gmail.com, 201-229-3732
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 conduct car washes, bake sales, and clothing drives to support our goals.

Meetings: 2-3 times per month, Time/Place TBD
Student Contact: Eileen Chang, eyeilean@hotmail.com, 240.751.6700
Sponsor: Leef

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, alexandersb1@aol.com, 240.386.7995
Sponsor: Cassidy

RUNNING STRONG FOR YOUNG INDIAN AMERICANS

This club will explore Native American culture with emphasis on community service.

Meetings: Once per month, starting 10/5, 2:30, C238
Student Contact: Paulina Levy, linalevy@hotmail.com, 240.413.4608
Sponsor: O'Brien

THAI SOCIAL PROGRESS AND BUSINESS (TSPB)

Designed to raise awareness of business activities in Thailand and develop relations with The Mechai Pattana School in rural Thailand to help villagers become self-sustaining. Possible trip to Thailand in January 2012.

Meetings: Once every two weeks, 2:30, C-131
Student Contact: Julia Watts, juliamwatts@hotmail.com, 512-4921
Sponsor: Marafatsos

WRITE OFF CANCER

Make a difference and support the fight against children's cancer. We will create awareness in our community in a variety of ways including fundraising for National Children's Medical Center and writing uplifting letters to patients.

Meetings: Every two weeks; 2:15, W-122
Student Contact: Kaiwei Hsu, khsu2414@yahoo.com
Sponsor: O'Brien

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). Visit

www.GovernmentAndPolitics.US

Meetings: every 2-3 weeks starting September 14, 2:20, W122
Student Contact: Juelia Fong, jfong94@live.com, 767.9769
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 third Winter Congress (in which over 800 students from the Mid-Atlantic region participated), we were one of less than ten total schools, to pass legislation. We also raised over \$1,000 for Team River Runner. Join JSA when you attend the first of our bimonthly meetings in October!

Extra Costs: \$3.00 membership tax
Meetings: Every Wednesday; 2:15, C242
Student Contact: Kevin Kay, 240.425.3181; topspin929@aol.com
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. The club anticipates attending Model UN Conferences.

Meetings: Every other Wednesday starting October 5, 2:15; W120
Student Contact: Rachael Strauss, rstrauss310@verizon.net, 461.3009
Sponsor: Osborne

MONTGOMERY EXCEPTIONAL SPEAKERS BUREAU

This is a club encouraging students with learning or physical challenges for making speeches to varied audiences disclosing their challenges and how they have overcome them to attain success.

Meetings: Once per month, TBD

Sponsor and Contact: Lynn Chvotkin, lynn_m_chvotkin@mcpsmd.org, 201.320.6608

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.

Extra Costs: Dues and travel to tournaments

Meetings: 6:30-8:45 p.m. Monday/Wednesday starting 9/21, W122

Student Contact: Kevin Cheng, kcheng613@gmail.com, 240.672.4086

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: TBA

Student Contact: Ari Kapner, whitmansga@gmail.com

Sponsor: Sheryl Freedman, 320-6516

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

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

Meetings: Once every 2 Wednesdays starting 10/12, 2:30-3:15, Mr. Shipley's room

Student Contact: Stephen Rodan, Stephenrodan@gmail.com, 240.994.9912

Sponsor: Shipley

YOUNG REPUBLICANS

To discuss and go over current elections and conservative candidates and their competition.

Meetings: Once a week every Wednesday, starting 10/5, 2:20, C320

Student Contact: Ryan McGill, ryansmcgill@yahoo.com, 301.547.5506

Sponsor: Reid

WALT WHITMAN MOCK TRIAL TEAM

Compete in Mock Trial competitions where competitors are given a fact pattern and have to argue it in a real trial situation.

Fee: \$35

Meetings: Twice per week, each T/Th

Student Contact: Jacob Rasch, nationalpastime9@gmail.com, 537.8404

Sponsor: Del Savio

SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB (ASL)

Join this “hands on” club for all levels of signing and learn communication skills and the culture of ASL. ASL speakers, guest speakers.

Meetings: Wednesdays, starting 10/12, 2:10, C127
Student Contact: Naomi Senehi, nlsenehi@gmail.com, 301.461.4491
Sponsor: Marafatsos

ANIMATION CLUB

Watch animated films and learn some basic animation techniques. We will make a short animation film as a group project.

Meetings: 1-2 times per month, starting 9/29, 2:30, D209
Student Contact: Maureen Kuo, komo830223@gmail.com, 240.535.3323
Sponsor: Kleiner

ARCHITECTURE CLUB

In this new club, we will discuss aspects of architecture that go into planning and completing a project. We will also discuss college programs and career paths in the architectural field.

Meetings: 1-3 times per month, starting in October, 2:20, D213
Student Contact: Gabe Steinberg, ghsteinberg@gmail.com, 650.521.3992
Sponsor: Stender

CHAI-5 (LIFE)

Come to this new club where you will participate in Jewish-connected activities, including Jewish cooking, watching Jewish movies, and much more!

Meetings: Every other Monday, beginning October 3, 2:20, A214
Cost: \$5.00
Student Contact: Janie Klein, greengalroks@aol.com, 301.646.2242
Sponsor: Walter

CHEMISTRY CLUB

This Honors club aims at helping chemistry students understand basic material and improve test scores with after-school review sessions. Receive notes, study tips and more!

Meetings: Twice every three weeks, 2:15-3:00, W107
Student Contact: Wai Lam Raphaella, wailamraphaella@hotmail.com, 642.2338
Sponsor: Gohn

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 Friday, 2:20, D-309
Student Contact: Katie Stanger, kstanger@comcast.net, 275.7096
Sponsor: Kyser

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: Once per month
Student Contact: Sasha Berger, sashajberger@gmail.com, 302.257.2475
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: TBA
Student Contact: TBA
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 9/29, 2:15, C215
Student Contact: Beatriz Sevilla, waltwhitmanfashionsociety@gmail.com,
Sponsor: Stewart

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.

Meetings: Every other week starting 10/5, 2:10, C131
Student Contact: Josh Daryoush, 301.706.1447
Sponsor: Marafatsos

FUTURE EDUCATORS CLUB

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.

Meetings: Every other Wednesday, starting 9/21; 2:15pm, C222
Student Contact: Alixe Siegel, alixecay@hotmail.com, 320.6597
Sponsor: Ms. Eiserike

GEOCACHING

Geocaching is a world-wide game where people hid objects and post clues as to where they are online, like a treasure hunt. We go on local hikes where we will look for geocaches.

Meetings: Wednesdays, starting 9/10/5, 2:15, W-111
Student Contact: Justine Wood, jesj95@comcast.net, 617.990.7226
Sponsor: Garton

GREEN TEAM

Come to this environmental club to learn about environmental issues and spread awareness about these issues. We help Whitman and our surrounding community to be more environmentally friendly by facilitating recycling drives, park clean up, and much more!

Meetings: Two Mondays per month, starting 9/26, 2:15, W-106
Student Contact: Sonia Max, smax8194@gmail.com, 301.986.0826
Sponsor: Garton

HERBOLOGY CLUB

Do you love lungwort? Adore anise? Explore the magical properties and abilities of herbs for everyday uses! We will make crafts such as papers, inks, potpourris, healthcare products, and more! Learn about the medicinal and functional uses of herbs.

Meetings: Every other Monday starting 10/10, 2:15, C326
Cost: Dues as notified
Student Contact: Alexis Sandler, alexisfromiowa@hotmail.com, 301.365.0868
Sponsor: Bauroth

HISTORY CLUB

Fun, history-focused trips will be held throughout the school year. You will enjoy museums, re-enactments, historic sites and much more!

Meetings: Based on trips
Cost: Payment per trip
Student Contact: Ali Foreman, alfa.foreman@gmail.com, 240.678.3014
Sponsor: Curran

INTERNSHIP HELP CLUB

This club helps students find internships for both the summer and/or during the school year.

Meetings: Once per month starting October 3, 2:30, C131
Student Contact: John (Yanni) Anagnostopoulos, yannianagnostopoulos@gmail.com, 301.503.4019
Sponsor: Marafatsos

INVESTING CLUB

Members will learn about investing through casual discussions, structured meetings as well as internet-based activities.

Meetings: Every other Tuesday, starting October 4, 2:30, C242
Student Contact: Michael Shapiro, mshap09@aol.com, 301.807.5509
Sponsor: Del Sario

IT'S ACADEMIC

It's Academic represents Walt Whitman in local, regional and national quizboard competitions throughout the year, including NBC's It's Academic TV show. 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
Cost: Cost of tournaments that are attended
Student Contact: Basil Smitham, dippomeansthis@gmail.com, 301.224.8512
Sponsor: Safran

KNIT KNACK CLUB

Come and make handmade clothes and objects ranging from quirky to chic to cute. We will contribute clothing to the Salvation Army and objects to the Art Show!

Meetings: Every Friday, 2:15 -3:30, C237
Cost: Just your yarn
Student Contact: Phoebe Schmidt, spazzykat.cj@gmail.com, 301.204.4583
Sponsor: Diamond

MAHJONG CLUB

Gather and play this ancient Chinese game Japanese style! Play slightly different from the original style. All interested participants welcome.

Meetings: Once or twice per week, 2:30,
Student Contact: Itsuki Imamura, itsuki-i@comcast.net,
Sponsor: Mao

MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB

For all those interested in learning more about aquatic life and maritime activities. Must be comfortable on water.

Meetings: Three times per month
Student Contact: Noah Martin, noahnbmartin@aol.com, 332.9643
Sponsor: Kenah

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: TBD after school starting 10/5, A307
Student Contact: Kai Sandbrink, kaijsandbrink@gmail.com
Sponsor: Wang

NET BIBLE STUDY

The Net is a student-led Bible study where students meet and discuss the Bible and how it can be applied to our lives. Anyone is welcome.

Meetings: Each week, starting 9/22, 2:20, C309
Student Contact: Rafael Arreaza, raffiki10@hotmail.com, 301.266.2587
Sponsor: Konschnik

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

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

Meetings: Weekly starting after 9/20, 2:15, C238
Student Contact: Teymur Zulf, timzulf@gmail.com, 301.502.6934
Sponsor: O'Brien

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

We will be learning and experimenting with photography. We will provide open dark room days, go on trips, and have guest speakers. No experience necessary.

Meetings: Monthly starting 9/28, 2:30, Photo room C223
Student Contact: Talia Levinas, talia.levinas@gmail.com, 240.281.5763
Sponsor: Seymour

QUEER-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

For all students, no matter what your sexual orientation is. This is a supportive environment to raise awareness in the school. There will be many social and political activities.

Meetings: Wednesdays, 2:20, The band room
Student Contact: Ken Wesley, ken.b.wesley@gmail.com, 301.564.3646
Sponsor: Alvey

RELAY FOR LIFE CLUB

This American Cancer Society event raises money for cancer research. We will plan fundraisers, recruit members and participate in Rockville Relay for Life as our own team.

Meetings: once per month, then twice per month in April, starting 10/13, 2:20, A302
Student Contact: Allie Fues, relay4life12@gmail.com, 301.233.7087
Sponsor: Ryan, Derrick

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 of \$200 will be required.
Meetings: Wednesdays, 2:10, D-218
Student Contact: Arshom Foroutan, arshom@gmail.com, 657.8535
Sponsor: Pope

SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

We practice for and compete in the National Science Bowl Competition. Topics include biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, and computer science.

Meetings: Once per week, 2:15, W-104
Student Contact: Alexa Luta, alexaluta@gmail.com, 755.7823
Sponsor: Frank

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, raffiki10@hotmail.com, 266.2587
Sponsor: Konschnik

TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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: Bimonthly, starting first week of October, 2:10, W107
Student Contact: Nick Rosenberg, nrosen327@gmail.com, 301.980.2495
Sponsor: Gohn

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.

Meetings: TBD

Student Contact: Ali Foreman, alfa.foreman@gmail.com, 240.678.3014

Sponsor: Pope

WHITMAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Network with other students interested in medical studies. Will feature speakers, video presentations, community service projects in the medical field.

Meetings: Once per month on Tuesdays, 2:15, W108

Student Contact: Ben Bouvier, benadam7204@yahoo.com, 656.6973

Sponsor: Gingrich

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