Somerville High School Extracurricular Clubs & Activities 2026-2027

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ACADEMIC TEAM

Advisor: Ms. Karissa Astrella, kastrella@somervilleschools.org



The SHS Academic Team offers students in grades 9 through 12 the opportunity to compete against 11 other Somerset County high schools. The matches consist of questions regarding the regular high school curriculum; Math, Science, Literature, Social Studies, plus General Knowledge, Sports and Current Events. Teams of 4 students at the J.V. and Varsity levels will confer and then answer 26 questions in head-to-head competition against one other high school. The Academic Team season consists of nine matches beginning on the first Thursday in December and running on consecutive Thursday afternoons through late February. Students should expect to leave SHS at 3:00 p.m. and to return at approximately 5:30 p.m.

ART CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Jennifer Stafford, jstafford@somervilleschools.org



The Art Club is an opportunity for students who have an interest in the visual arts to gather in a social environment. Students engage in art production activities themselves, but also use their talents in service to the community and the Art Department. This club is open to all students with an interest in the visual arts.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Richard Sarles

Instagram: astronomy.shs



The Astronomy Club investigates human understanding of the universe. Whether it be planets, constellations, or spacecraft, there is so much to explore within astronomy. Meetings are student led and include presentations, discussions, activities, and more! If you're interested in astronomy or want to learn more, please stop by room 308 the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

BARBERSHOP/BEAUTYSHOP QUARTET

Advisor: Mr. Daniel Malloy, dmalloy@somervilleschools.org

Instagram: somervilleHSchoirs



Two quartets are auditioned in the fall of each year; a Tenor-Bass quartet and a Soprano-Alto quartet. These two groups rehearse once a week after school with Mr. Malloy. They prepare barbershop and pop style literature for school concerts and community events. Members **must** be enrolled in one of the three choir classes that meet during the school day: (Concert Choir, Chorale, or A Cappella Choir).

BLACK STUDENT UNION

Advisor: Mrs. Tracy Webster, twebster@somervilleschools.org, Ms. Asada Monae Taylor, ataylor@somervilleschools.org



Black Student Union fosters student growth and development through diversity, academics, and community Club members can participate in Fundraising, volunteering, field trips, cultural discussions, collaboration with other clubs, Black History Month spirit week, Friendsgiving celebration, and an end of the year gathering! Club meets in Room 106 one Wednesday a month. ***Google Classroom Code: mua3cesp***

Our Instagram Link: www.instagram.com/shs_bsu

CHAMBER CHOIR

Advisor: Mr. Daniel Malloy, dmalloy@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: somervilleHSchoirs



The Chamber Choir is an auditioned twenty-voice ensemble that rehearses after school from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesdays. This group performs at community events and school concerts. The choir also travels and competes. From January through March the students focus on pop/jazz music. April and May rehearsals are for learning challenging Spring Concert literature. Members **must** be enrolled in one of the three choir classes that meet during the school day. (Concert Choir, Chorale, or A Cappella Choir).

CLASS OFFICERS - JUNIORS

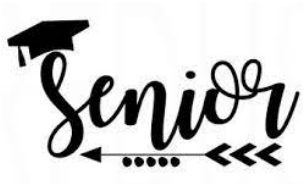
Advisors: Mr. Tyler Volpe, Mr. Tom Clark, & Mrs. Amy Sutphen tvolpe@somervilleschools.org, tclark@somervilleschools.org, asutphen@somervilleschools.org



The primary goal of the officers of the junior class is to participate in activities and fundraisers. The secondary goal is to help in the organization and planning of the Junior/Senior Prom. Each junior must be elected to his or her position. The winner of each of position must receive a clear majority of votes cast. Officers meet once a month. Officers must assist the advisor to coordinate and distribute the junior fall and winter fundraisers, and plan and organize all facets of the Junior/Senior Prom.

CLASS OFFICERS - SENIORS

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The primary goal of the officers of the senior class is to participate in activities and fundraisers. The secondary goal is to help in the organization and planning of the annual Senior trip. Each senior officer must be elected to the position and must receive a majority of the votes cast. Scheduled meetings include an organizational meeting in September and one in May to finalize plans for the trip. Other meetings are held in conjunction with activities and fundraisers. The elected officers must assist the advisor to coordinate and distribute the senior fall and spring fundraisers, and plan and organize all facets of the annual Senior Trip.

COSMETOLOGY CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Kristen DiYanni, kdiyanni@somervilleschools.org



The Cosmetology Club is for any Somerville High School student interested in learning more about hair, nails and/or make-up as well as possible career options in the field. No previous knowledge or experience is required. Students learn through tutorial sessions, practice during meetings, field trips and guest speakers. The club participates in fundraisers and events throughout the year to raise money for supplies and as a result it is completely free to join and participate. ***Google Classroom: v26ouit***

CROCHET & KNITTING CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Sharon Gornick, sgornick@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: shs_crochetclub1



The Crocheting and Knitting Club offers students the opportunity to crochet or knit in a safe space, regardless of experience or expertise. This club welcomes everyone from brand-new crocheters to master crocheters to create new and fun projects at every meeting. Come join our friendly community and meet others with similar interests while working on your crocheting/knitting skills, listening to your favorite songs, and eating delicious snacks. Our club aims to spread a love of crocheting and knitting amongst all Somerville students! ***Google Classroom: ea4f2yt***

CULTURAL DIVERSITY CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Andrea Caporale, acaporale@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: @shsculturaldiversityclub



The Cultural Diversity Club is dedicated to promoting diversity, inclusivity, and a deeper understanding of different cultures within our community. The Cultural Diversity Club is a vibrant group who share a passion for embracing the many cultures that encompasses the SHS community. We will meet with and learn from the various culture based clubs of SHS, host a holiday extravaganza, and end the year with a spring party in which we host, embrace, and celebrate the wonderful microcosms of SHS. This will be a safe and inclusive space for students of all backgrounds to come together, learn from each other, and celebrate our differences. Membership is open to all eligible students in grades 9-12. The club will meet bi-weekly. Participate if you want to have fun!. ***Google Classroom: kgxlb4j***

DRAMA CLUB

Director: Ms. Meghan Sullivan, msullivan@somervilleschools.org
Assistant Director: Ms. Nicole Zivkovic, nzivkovic@somervilleschools.org



The Drama Club is open to all students who participate in the annual spring musical and our annual October fundraiser concert which is called *Best of Broadway*. Drama Club includes the actors, musicians, technicians, designers, artists, and set constructors. Interest meeting in September of every school year!

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Justine Violante, jviolante@somervilleschools.org



The Environmental Club promotes awareness in the school and community of pressing global and local environmental concerns. The club tries to improve environmental awareness. Members can expect to attend one or two weekly meetings and participate in recycling of many reusable materials throughout the school. Members will be expected to participate in various community wide clean ups. We will reduce the environmental impact as a school community.

ESPORTS

Advisors: Mx. Wen Chiao O'Boyle, wcoboyle@somervilleschools.org



The Game Club and Esports team provides high school students with the opportunity to pursue their interests in esports and STEM-related academic curricula and work-related interests while developing a greater sense of community and enhancing their skills in innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, communication, teamwork, analysis and problem-solving. Teams will compete against other schools in esports matches, and other members will participate in games, art, website design, streaming, and sportscasting. Game club meets weekly during the school year, while esports teams meet up to 5 times per week in season.

F.I.R.S.T. ROBOTICS TEAM

Advisor: Mr. Tyler Kazar, tkazar@somervilleschools.org
Website: https://team102.org/



The goal of the SHS Robotics Team is to allow students an opportunity to interact with professional engineers, scientists, and skilled tradesmen, and to gain insight into the skills and practical applications related to science, technology, and mechanical careers. The students and volunteer professionals design and build a large, complex robot, which is then taken into competitions on regional and national levels against other teams. The hope is that experience will expose the students to the fun and excitement of science and technology. All students are eligible for the team and selection to the team is based on involvement, commitment, and acceptable behavior standards. Meeting dates and times vary depending upon the time of year and mandated deadlines and schedules.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Vicki Kessler, vkessler@somervilleschools.org



The purpose of the French Club is to develop an appreciation of French history and the culture of France and other Francophone countries. Students will expand their knowledge of Francophone history, individuals, holidays, events, geography and cuisine. All students in good standing at Somerville High School are welcome.
Google Classroom Code: krejsfhs

GENESIS CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Aida Wahba, awahba@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: @shsgenesisclub



Looking to make a real difference in your community and beyond? Genesis Club is a student-led club focused on community service and faith-based outreach. Whether you're passionate about helping others, growing spiritually, or just want to be part of something meaningful, we've got a place for you.We serve locally across New Jersey, in neighboring states, and even support global causes through partnerships with international organizations (Forming Lives and Handsfull of Hope). Members organize food drives and serve meals at shelters, visit nursing homes and create care packages…we spread kindness and hope wherever we can. While our club is rooted in faith and guided by the belief that serving others is a way to show love for God, students of all backgrounds are welcome. No matter where you're coming from, if you care about making a difference, you'll fit right in. In the past 14 years, we've helped change lives and had a lot of fun doing it. Come be part of something bigger. Come be part of Genesis Club. ***Google Classroom:7mewa3b***

INDOOR PERCUSSION

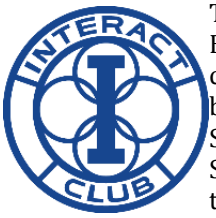
Advisor: Mrs. Meghan Major, mmajor@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: @somervillepercussion



Ville Indoor Percussion (VIPER) allows students to continue to learn and practice percussion instruments following the fall marching band season. VIPER rehearses two evenings a week from December to April with regional competitions occurring almost every weekend in February/March. VIPER is composed of two sections: drumline and front ensemble (also known as the pit). Drumline includes snare, tenor drums and bass drums. During the winter season, there is no marching so students play these instruments standing still. The pit includes instruments such as the marimba, vibraphone, xylophone, cymbals, tambourine, and more. While VIPER welcomes everyone (no prior music or percussion experience is required), we do have placement auditions in late November. Further information on these auditions will be available at that time. It is highly recommended (but not required) that percussionists are enrolled in the appropriate band class. Schedules and further information will be available in early November. ***Google Classroom: lizyov7***

INTERACT CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Kelly Rachel, krachel@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: interactclub_shs



The Interact Club is a community service and International action club that works with the Rotary Clubs of Branchburg and Somerville/Bridgewater. Our goals are to take action to make a difference in our school and community, discover new cultures, promote international understanding, allow students the opportunity to become a leader in our school/community, have fun, and makeasdwasd new friends from around the world. Some of the events we have done in the past include: movie nights, bake sales, the BackPack Program at Somerset County Food Bank, haunted high school, pancake breakfast, school supply drive for Nepal, toys for tots, gift wrapping, Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner, Holiday Happiness, nursing home visits, Relay for life, and Feed the hunger at RVCC. ***Google Classroom: xvswm27***

INVESTMENT CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Richard Sarles, rsarles@somervilleschools.org



The Investment Club explores different investments, personal finance concepts, and literature. Investments which will be explored over the course of the year may include Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Real Estate, REITs, Precious Metals, and others as determined by student interest. The club's goal is to empower students with the knowledge to make more informed choices with respect to their future individual financial goals. Prior knowledge of investing is not required. Investment Club meets after school on the 3rd Thursday of the month in room 103 from 2:30 pm -3:45 pm..

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Advisor: Mr. Sean Ferguson, sferguson@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: @somervillehsbands
Website: www.somervillebands.com/



Jazz Ensemble is the premier instrumental performance ensemble at SHS. This group is available to select instrumentation (saxophones, trombones, trumpets, guitar, bass, drums, piano) by audition only. The group meets only one evening per week; a serious commitment to learning a broad repertory of music is required. The Jazz Ensemble performs at concerts, competitions, and community events. All students who auditions will make it into an ensemble. We have 3 jazz ensembles at SHS.
Google Classroom: dslp5zh

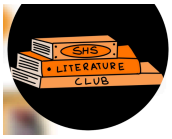
KEY CLUB

Advisors: Ms. Courtney Eldridge, celdridge@somervilleschools.org

Key Club is a local, district, and international service organization open to all students. It is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, which is composed of the leading business and professional people of the community. Students in this club will work on developing initiative, leadership ability, and good citizenship practices through gaining access to service opportunities and through tracking of community service activities. Club meets once or twice a month in the morning and afterschool for preparation of events in room 306. ***Google Classroom: ge6oet4***

LITERATURE CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Meghan Sullivan, msullivan@somervilleschools.org



The Literature Club is a club where students are able to enhance their love for reading and writing, and gather to share their common love of literature throughout the school community. It will promote individual excellence by working together, as well as individually, to cultivate and hone in on skills of reading and writing to the highest standard possible. The club will aim to share the love of literature, and spread it throughout the community to make a positive impact. ***Google Classroom: lszsovi***

MARCHING BAND

Marching Band Director: Mr. Sean Ferguson, sferguson@somervilleschools.org
Marching Band Assistant Director, Meghan Major mmajor@somervilleschools.org
Color Guard Director: Ms. Breanna Ferenzi, bferenzi@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: @somervillehsbands
Website: sites.google.com/somervilleschools.org/somervillebands/home

The SHS Marching Band has earned an admirable reputation as a leader in the marching music activity. This incredibly successful group performs at regional competitions, local parades, and at all football games during the fall. The band rehearses two evenings a week with games or competitions every fall weekend. The Marching Band is composed of three sections: the *winds, drumline, and colorguard*. Drumline and Color Guard auditions occur the spring prior to the fall season; further information on these auditions will be available at that time. It is highly recommended (but not required) that wind players and percussionists are enrolled in the appropriate band class. All members must attend band camp, held at Somerville High School in August. Schedules and further information will be available in late April.

MEDICAL SCIENCE CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Ronald Tsung, rtsung@somervilleschools.org

Interested in learning more about medical professions? Want to be a medical professional or pursue a medical-related field in college? Join us!!! We foster and promote an understanding of health care issues and societal issues in the medical and scientific fields among members of the club. We help to promote health care career awareness for students interested in pursuing a career in the medical or scientific fields by facilitating discussions about current advancements and accomplishments. Medical Science Club participates in volunteer activities such as collecting donations and volunteering at local runs for charity. We take trips to medical facilities and have guest speakers in the field to share their experiences! We host a variety of fundraising and organize drives to collect supplies for local charities. Our meetings are every other week. Join our ***google classroom for details: nk2xmdh.***

MOCK TRIAL CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Richard Sarles, rsarles@somervilleschools.org

Each year the Mock Trial Club participates in the New Jersey High School Mock Trial Competition. The club is provided a case developed by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation to try in real courtrooms before real judges against other high schools. In preparation for trial, students develop their ability to analyze text, collaborate on a complex and challenging project, speak in public, and think on their feet. Through this process, students gain an understanding of the law and develop skills that will benefit them in their future lives and careers. Mock Trial meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm, from October through February after school in room 103 with flexibility to have additional meetings for team members who may have conflicts during he week.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Advisor: Mrs. Shannon Strunk, sstrunk@somervilleschools.org

Instagram: mun_shs

The Model United Nations club offers students the opportunity to debate real word issues, and create resolutions to solve these problems. This program gives high school students the opportunity to prepare and take part in a three-day conference of debating and simulations with students from across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. During these three days, students participate in committees, general assembly sessions, and caucuses where they are able to sharpen debating and public speaking skills, and utilize research skills. Students develop self-confidence as they positively interact with other motivated students. All students may participate; however, in order to hold a leadership role, the student must have one-year prior participation. There are also opportunities for leadership roles at the conference. For the 2026-2027 school year, meetings will be held in Room 215 after school on every Monday from September to January, then will meet once a month until June. If you are interested you can join the MUN ***Google Classroom: tbhiicl***

MORGAN'S MESSAGE

Advisors: Ms. Emma Giantisco, egiantisco@somervilleschools.org and Ms. Meghan Macaluso, mmacaluso@somervilleschools.org

Somerville High School's chapter of Morgan's Message strives to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health within the student-athlete community and equalize the treatment of physical and mental health in athletics. The club aims to expand the dialogue on mental health by normalizing conversations, empowering those who suffer in silence, and supporting those who feel alone. During meetings, club members will participate in activities emphasizing the importance of mental health, work on initiatives to reduce stigma and spread awareness within the school community, and plan dedication athletic events. ***Google Classroom: ulh4t2yl***

THE NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mrs. Lisa Conklin, lconklin@somervilleschools.org

National Art Honor Society chapters magnify the innovation, skill, and scholarship that visual arts programs and students bring to their school and community. Participation in NAHS provides your students, faculty, school, and community with invaluable benefits—including peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, college and career preparation, recognition of your art program, and so much more. ***Google Classroom: xmkhyt2***

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mr. Thomas Clark, tclark@somervilleschools.org

The Somerville High School chapter of the NHS is a service organization that is governed by the rules and regulations of the national organization. Membership is open to juniors and seniors who have fulfilled the criteria required by the national guidelines. Students are selected who show proof of exhibiting the four standard characteristics of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Members are expected to volunteer their time each year for the Peer Tutoring program, as well as a number of service projects designed to help the Somerville and surrounding communities. The minimum GPA requirement for eligibility is a 93% weighted average not rounded.

NEW JERSEY FUTURE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION (NJFEA)

Advisor: Mrs. Angela Flakker, aflakker@somervilleschools.org

The New Jersey Future Educators Association (NJFEA) aims to foster the recruitment and development of prospective future teachers by engaging its student members in innovative programming and experiential learning opportunities. The Somerville High School chapter of the NJFEA attends statewide conferences, participates in service learning projects, and creates local chapter activities for our schools and community. ***Google Classroom: 75jwzgk***

ORCHESTRA CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Regina Santangelo, rsantangelo@somervilleschools.org



The orchestra club offers students who play a string instrument in grades 9-12 the opportunity to make music and play together in a string orchestra ensemble. Students will learn to play a variety of different pieces from various composers and will also have some performances in the local community. The club meets weekly on Thursdays after school in the auditorium from 3:30-4:30PM and is open to all Somerville High School enrolled students. ***Google Classroom: pmgt4c6***

PEER2PEER

Advisor: Ms. Sarah Liguori, sliguori@somervilleschools.org

Peer2Peer club strives to create an environment of acceptance where students with and without disabilities feel safe and welcome as valued members of the school community. Club members serve as advocates for inclusion and equity among peers. There are opportunities to serve as mentors to students in the Life Skills classroom and volunteer in the community. Students who wish to participate in Unified PE (seniors only) or Unified Bowling must be a Peer2Peer member. Meetings will be held before and after school on the first Monday of each month between October and May. ***Google Classroom Code: sqmplls2***

PEER LEADERSHIP

Advisors: Mr. Colin Williamson, cwilliamson@somervilleschools.org, Mrs. Marybeth Annese, mannese@somervilleschools.org and Mrs. Debbie Grossmith, dgrossmith@somervilleschools.org



This program is designed to assist freshmen in adjusting to their new high school environment. They receive support from senior students who undergo intensive training from the Center for Supportive Students (CSS) in group dynamics and leadership techniques. Seniors and freshmen are involved in weekly group discussions about social and academic pressures, relationships with peers, parents, and faculty, and problems associated with drugs, alcohol, and personal relationships.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Lisa Conklin, lconklin@somervilleschools.org

The Photography Club is offered to students who would like to further their interest and technique in picture taking. Having fun while gaining knowledge of composition, format, and camera techniques. Students may also participate in taking photographs at school events for our school's website, bulletin boards, and yearbook. ***Google Classroom: j5bxduj***

PRIDE ALLIANCE

Advisors: Mrs. Andrea Caporale, acaporale@somervilleschools.org

Instagram: shs_pridealliance

Pride Alliance is a vibrant, community-driven space where your voice is valued and your identity is supported. We gather to discuss relevant topics, grow together, and give back to our local community. Whether you want to share openly, learn, or simply find a place where you belong, all gender identities, orientations, and backgrounds are always welcome. ***Google Classroom Code: dnoonfh5***

PROTECT ANIMALS WELFARE (P.A.W.) CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Justine Violante, jviolante@somervilleschools.org

The Protect Animal Welfare Club is available to students in grades 9 through 12. During meetings, members will be educated about animal cruelty, endangerment, and conservation, as well as supporting local animal shelters through fundraisers and volunteer work. ***Google Classroom: 7hayena***

SNOWRIDERS SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Courtney Grace, cgrace@somervilleschools.org

The purpose of the Ski and Snowboard Club is to provide students with the opportunity to ski and/or snowboard at local mountain resorts. Students will ride on chartered transportation to and from the mountain. Five trips will be scheduled between January and February. Students will be required to attend meetings, return all necessary forms, and pay a fee for transportation and snow passes.
Google Classroom: e4t42awd

SPANISH CLUB

Advisors: Mrs. Aida Wahba, awahba@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: villespanishclub



Love Hispanic culture, food, music, or just want to learn more? The Spanish Club is the perfect place to explore the rich traditions, history, and languages of Spanish-speaking countries. No Spanish skills needed to join! At our meetings, we dive into different cultures, try delicious authentic Latino food, and learn fun dances like salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia, and more. We also host guest speakers from various countries and go on field trips to experience real-life traditions and celebrations. Whether you're fluent or just curious, come connect with others who share a love for the Hispanic community. All are welcome. Come join the fiesta!
Google Classroom: ao73mrk

STUDENT COUNCIL

Advisors: Mrs. Jennifer Stafford, jstafford@somervilleschools.org and
Mrs. Pamela Vail, pvail@somervilleschools.org

The Student Council strives to act as the effective contact between the interests of SHS students, faculty, and administration. The Student Council Senate works throughout the school year to foster the best interests of the school community, to promote the general welfare of the students, and to help our school connect and engage with our municipal, state, national, and global high school communities New students interested in participating can serve as representatives of the student body to the council. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors, in good standing, who have served on the Council Senate for one year are eligible to seek the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, Communication Secretary, or Recording Secretary. Juniors, in good standing, who have served on the Council Senate for one year are eligible to run for the office of President. The SHS Student Council is an active accredited member of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils and, as such, adheres to the constitution and bylaws of the NJASC.

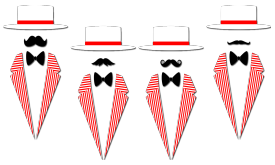
STUDENT MOVEMENT AGAINST CANCER (SMAC)

Advisor: Ms. Kathleen DeLuca, kdeluca@somervilleschools.org and Mrs. Ashley Joshi, ajoshi@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: shs_smac

Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC) is dedicated to empowering students and communities to fight back against cancer through fundraising, education, and leadership cultivation. We have a special partnership with the Meghan Rose Bradley Foundation and are always looking for new connections. The SMAC Club is run by a student Executive Board and regular membership is open to all students in grades 9-12 who want to support people impacted by cancer. To learn more about the story of SMAC and other local chapters, visit: https://www.supportsmac.org/who-we-are

TENOR-BASS CHOIR

Advisor: Mr. Daniel Malloy, dmalloy@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: somervilleHSchoirs



Formerly called Men's Choir, this extracurricular choir is open to all students at Somerville High School even if they do not take Choir as a class. This ensemble consists of tenor and bass voices and rehearses on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 3:15 beginning on October 1st in Room 120 by the auditorium. The Tenor-Bass Choir performs at the Winter and Spring concert as well as Showcase of the Arts. In the past, the group has sung "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" from the Lion King, "Lovely Day" by Bill Withers, and "Mr. Blue Sky" by the Electric Light Orchestra.

Classroom Code: fcbuxtum

THEATRE ARTS

Advisor: Mr. Jeffrey Carlson, jcarlson@somervilleschools.org



The Theatre Arts group is composed of those students who work on the sets for the spring musical under the supervision of the Theatre Arts advisor. They may help in constructing the props and the scenery. They may be selected to be transferred onto stage crew once the project is close to completion which is run by the Director of the play.

TRAIL AND HIKING CLUB

Advisors: Ms. Jessica Retamales, jretamales@somervilleschools.org and Mrs. Nikki Felice, nfelice@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: shs_trail_and_hiking_club



The Trail and Hiking Club is an opportunity for students of all grades to get outside and enjoy all that nature has to offer. We travel to local parks about once a month to hike and explore the scenery. All hikes are for beginners, so the club is open to all Somerville High School Students. The club runs from September-November and March-May.

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mr. Sean Ferguson, sferguson@somervilleschools.org



The Somerville High School Tri-M Music Honor Society is reserved for the most musically dedicated students. Students receive an official invitation to join this society through excellence in musicality, performance, and community service. Tri-M focuses in detail on building students musical confidence, creativity, compassion, and leadership skills.

VALKYRIE

Advisor: Ms. Katie Matulonis, kmatulonis@somervilleschools.org
Website: https://shsvalkyrie.org/



The Valkyrie is the student-operated newspaper of Somerville High School. Its goal is to provide information for the student body. All students are eligible to participate on the newspaper staff. The paper offers editorial positions, staff writing, and photography positions, as well as positions in business and layout design. Staff meetings are held on an as needed basis based on publication and distribution deadlines. Editor meetings for assignments and layouts are also held.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Josiah Panza, jpanza@somervilleschools.org and Mr. Robert Stashek, rstashek@somervilleschools.org
Instagram: shsvolleyballclub_

The volleyball club is open to all students. This club will meet in the mornings and will focus on skill development, basic rules/rotation, leading into game variations. It will ultimately lead into real games and a tournament at the end of the season.

YEARBOOK

Advisor: Mr. Michael Skomba, mskomba@somervilleschools.org
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The primary goal of the yearbook staff is to chronicle the events, activities, and students throughout the school year. The secondary goal is to expose students to the responsibilities that come with the yearbook, such as deadlines, layouts, photo spreads, and cover design. The yearbook staff is open to any student who wishes to participate in the creation of the book as long as they adhere to academic guidelines placed on co-curricular activities. The Pioneer staff meets approximately five days a week, whether it is prior to the start of the school day, in homeroom, or after school. The purpose of the Pioneer business staff is to market the yearbook. A special slide presentation, signs, and announcements promote the sale of the Pioneer. The second major goal is to sell advertising space in the book to parents and local business merchants. This club is open to all students. This activity requires students to be placed in a special mixed homeroom in order to conduct and plan activities throughout the year. The final activity is to coordinate the distribution of the yearbook to all grades.

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

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The Youth and Government program is different than traditional classroom civics—rather than just speak or read about civic engagement and responsibility, students in NJ YAG actually get to put their skills to the test and learn through experience. Students get to see the legislative process done first hand by participating as senators, assemblymen, justices, lobbyists, and members of the media in our legislative simulation. Students are able to address issues by writing, debating, and passing legislation all while being in the actual seats of legislators in the State House.

Through this program, students are better able to understand and get involved in political and public affairs; communicate their ideas and opinions; develop their research, writing and presentation skills; and understand the value of student leadership. The two and a half day legislative simulation takes place in the historic New Jersey State House, where students debate bills that they have written, forge new friendships, and gain a deeper sense of civic awareness.

WAGS FOR WELLNESS

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Mission: to bring happiness to others through interactions that are emotionally helpful, to be advocates for mental health, to appreciate time in nature and with animals, to bring others a mental break and reduce stress, to fundraise for less fortunate animals in shelters, to learn about animals and initiatives that benefit society
Come be a part of our club and help keep those tails wagging! All students are welcome!

WINTER GUARD

Winter Color Guard Advisor: Ms. Breanna Ferenzi, bferenzi@somervilleschools.org
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The Somerville High School Winter Guard is a competitive indoor visual ensemble that combines dance, performance, and the spinning of various pieces of equipment such as flags and mock weapons. Members can expect to create and perform a competitive program utilizing choreography, costumes, floor tarps, props, and a pre-recorded soundtrack. This ensemble allows membership the opportunity to showcase their creativity and performance skills in unique and exciting ways. As two-time WGI World Champions, six-time WGI Regional Champions, and nine-time MAIN Champions, the Winter Guard is a highly respected group in both local and international competitive circuits. No experience is required to join! Rehearsals are held two evenings a week, with competitions taking place on the weekend. The season spans from November until April. Schedules and audition information will be available mid-October.

WOMEN IN STEM (WiSTEM)

Advisor: Ms. Jaclyn Furnari, jfurnari@somervilleschools.org

The Women in STEM Club is dedicated to empowering high school women to explore their interests and potential in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The club provides students with opportunities to engage in hands-on STEM activities, explore related careers and fields of study, connect with women and other professionals working in the field, and develop leadership and collaboration skills. Members are encouraged to build confidence, expand their understanding of STEM pathways, and support one another in pursuing their goals. This is an inclusive and encouraging environment where students can discover new interests, challenge themselves, celebrate their accomplishments, and see themselves as future leaders in STEM. The Instagram is @ shs_womeninstemclub.