<u>AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL</u> <u>2021 - 2022</u>

Extracurriculars, Clubs, School Activities and Academic Resources

- Academic Bowl

- <u>Academic Representative:</u> Euleda Turner (<u>turnere@scsd1.com</u>)
- Purpose of the Competition / Mission Statement: This group competes for state qualification against several other schools every spring. Academic Bowl is divided into five subject area teams and one interdisciplinary team. Students can join up to two subject area teams and also possibly compete on the interdisciplinary team.
- What can someone expect if they choose to participate: This year the topic of Academic Bowl is CANADA. The teams and coaches are: English (Mr. Plasse), Social Studies (Mr. H), Science (Mrs. Sterns), Math (Ms. Daniel), Fine Arts (Mr. Schotter), and Interdisciplinary (Mrs. Turner and Mr. Jones).
- **How to Join:** Anyone interested in being on one of the teams may see the individual coaches or Mrs. Turner.

- Advanced Manufacturing

- <u>Class Instructor:</u> Eric Rigel (<u>eric.rigel@scsd1.com</u>)
- Purpose of the Class / Mission Statement: This class is designed to establish students in the manufacturing field, whether they choose to further their education in manufacturing or immediately begin working in the field. Students that complete the class will receive 15 college credits from IvyTech, training in how manufacturing plants work, and many certifications such as: six sigma whitebelt, project management, and an OSHA 10 certification. This class is currently looking to add other certifications and licenses.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: Manufacturing is one of the largest growing fields in our area that offers great pay. Much of the classwork is straight from the IvyTech online courses. In addition to classwork, students participate in different projects including projects with the 3-D printer and laser engraving machine where students learn to create their own types of work.
- **How to Join:** Students that are interested in joining the manufacturing field or just learning more about manufacturing are encouraged to join! Students can join at the beginning of their JUNIOR year. To join, contact the school counselors to sign up for these classes.

- AHS Band

- <u>Course Instructor:</u> Jason Hougland (jason.hougland@scsd1.com)
- **Purpose of the Class / Mission Statement:** This consistently awardwinning program, which includes Pep Band and Concert Band, welcomes all musicians to expand their musical experience and interests.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: This group participates in a variety of musical events such as: a winter competition for Pep Band and a spring competition for Concert Band. They also participate in the city-wide Christmas Parade, all home varsity basketball games, and a trip to Kings Island every spring at no charge to the students. Mr. Hougland also offers instruction on Solo Ensemble performances. Students will also receive a course credit for Arts and Physical Education.
- **How to Join:** We recommend that students have 1-2 years of musical experience (middle school band experience preferred) if they wish to join. Students that wish to join with no experience should contact Mr. Hougland.

- <u>Art Club</u>

- <u>Club Representative:</u> Gary Schotter (<u>gary.schotter@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** The club began 7 years ago to give students a place to belong, create and promote the artistic talent of our students.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: Socialization and community with other artists and to work on art projects for Austin schools and the community. Anyone with an interest in art/artists can join. This club meets most Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- How to Join: Contact -Gary Schotter, Art Teacher/Sponsor. Lensey Couch, President Rhianon Deskins, Vice President Jesse Williams, Secretary

- Austin Recycling Guild (ARG)

- <u>Club Representative:</u> Steve Plasse (<u>steve.plasse@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** This club started in 2004 when three senior girls wanted to start a school recycling program and for the cafeteria to stop using single-use plates, containers, and cutlery. Ever since we've recycled paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, steel, and aluminum cans. We've planted over twenty trees on campus, installed the school's first water bottle filler, and hosted an annual talent show.

 Who can Join / How to Join: Any high school student can join and help. Just see the schedule on Mr. Plasse's door (room 212). We make recycling runs every other Tuesday at 7:55 AM. This club receives no monetary support from the school. All efforts are completely voluntary.

- Austin Show Choir - Dimensions

- <u>Group Director:</u> Kathy Sego (<u>kathy.sego@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Class / Mission Statement:** Dimensions is a co-curricular show choir class where students are vocally trained and taught several elements required for quality music performances. Students receive Fine Art and Physical Education credit.
- What can someone expect if they are selected: Students will develop musicianship and specific performance skills through ensemble and solo singing. Class activities will create the development of a quality repertoire in the diverse styles of choral literature appropriate in difficulty and range for the students. Instruction is designed to enable students to connect, examine, imagine, define, try, extend, refine, and integrate music study into other subject areas. Show choir Dimensions provides instruction in creating, performing, conducting, listening to, analyzing, and focusing on the specific subject matter. Students will develop the ability to understand and convey the composer's intent in order to connect the performer with the audience. Students have the opportunity to experience live performances by professionals during and outside of the school day. There are rehearsals required outside of the school day. Public and competitive performances serve as a culmination of daily rehearsal and music goals. Students must participate in after school rehearsals and performances/competitions that support and extend the learning in the classroom. The choral repertoire must be of the highest caliber. Mastery of basic choral technique must be evident. Areas of refinement include A Capella singing, sight-reading, and critical listening skills. This course is a performance-oriented choir featuring jazz, pop, Broadway and rock music choreographed to create a musical show that is presented to school, community, and contest events. Students are expected to participate in all rehearsals and performances including extracurricular events. This class is an exciting opportunity for singers to be involved in an extensive performance in all styles of music. Dimensions show choir is an award-winning group that has represented the school in several competitions in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and West Virginia. Some awards include: Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Grand Champion, Best Crew and Best Male and Female Soloist in a Show.
- How to Join: All students must audition to be selected to participate. Auditions for Dimensions are held every May. Please contact Mrs. Sego. Previous experience in choir is preferred but not necessary.

- Conquer the Chaos

- <u>Group Facilitator:</u> Kim Williams (kim.williams@scottcountypartnership.org)
- **Purpose of the Group** / **Mission Statement:** Conquer the Chaos is a support group for students that is constantly evolving based on the needs of the students and the advice of the school counselors. Previously, this has been a student support group for students who may have been at risk of substance use, have depression, need a place/person to talk to, find resources, find mentorship, etc.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: This year in particular, the group will meet about the second week of February until the first week of March. The group will focus on SENIORS and specifically seniors who are at risk of not graduating. The group will meet to try and find ways to improve grades so students can graduate on time.
- **How to Join:** For more information and to learn how to join, contact Kim Williams (<u>kim.williams@scottcountypartnership.org</u>).

- Early College High School

- <u>Academy Coordinator:</u> Bill Jones (<u>bill.jones@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Program / Mission Statement:** The Early College High School program at Austin High School includes three options. Students can earn an associate degree in general studies (*University Academy Program*) from Ivy Tech via our Academy program, the Indiana College Core (ICC) (*University Academy Program*), or technical certificates of 15+ dual credit hours (*Advanced Manufacturing*). In addition, there are ten programs (aircraft operations/flight, automotive collision, automotive tech, construction trades, cosmetology, criminal justice, electrical tech, fire and rescue/EMT, health science ed, and welding tech) offered at *Prosser* (see Prosser info below) that result in 15 or more dual credits and certification(s) in a specified field.

- EMT Certification:

- <u>Class Instructor:</u> Tammy Davis (<u>tammy.davis@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Class:** This is a full EMT course that provides all the training necessary to become a state-certified EMT. Students also have the option to only take the course for the medical training. This is a great first step to see what a career in the medical field will look like.

- What can someone expect if they choose to join: This is a full EMT course so students will have to participate in a ride-along with Scott Co. EMT ambulances, clinical time in the hospital's ER, and be prepared to fully participate as an EMT would while on the ambulance. Once students pass the course, they have to take a state skills exam and national written exam. After passing the exams, students are a certified EMT in the State of Indiana and can work for any ambulance service in the state.
- **How to Join:** This class is currently only available to SENIORS. Those seniors who are wanting to join should talk with the school counselors to get this class put on their schedules.

- <u>Foreign Language: French</u>

- <u>Club Sponsor:</u> Elizabeth Ostertag (<u>elizabeth.ostertag@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** This is a club that helps students learn about French cultures, food, films, and music. This club is available for all students at AHS or Crothersville.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: This club aims to provide enrichment activities! We will plan some activities for the second semester and hopefully a field trip.
- **How to Join:** Interested students should email or talk to Madame Ostertag room 406

- Foreign Language: Spanish

- <u>Club Sponsor:</u> Tammy Davis (<u>tammy.davis@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** This is a club that offers extra opportunities to learn about Spanish cultures, foods, holidays, and music. This club is available for any Spanish students at AHS.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: This club aims at making learning Spanish fun! Students can expect a movie night, food sampling day, a music/dance day, and so much more on Spanish culture!
- **How to Join:** Interested students should email or talk to Mrs. Tammy Davis in room 221.

- <u>Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)</u>

- **<u>Club Sponsor:</u>** Cindy Watts
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** The GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) is a student led club that is creating a safe space of unity and support for the LGBTQ+ youth and allies. This alliance will help educate

others on the LGBTQ+ community and offer a place for fun and social activities for everyone.

• How to Join: Contact Mrs. Watts

- Jazz Band

- <u>Course Instructor:</u> Jason Hougland (jason.hougland@scsd1.com)
- **Purpose of the Class / Mission Statement:** This course accredited class aims to teach students to play in a small group, familiarize students with Funk, Jazz, Rock and other contemporary genres and develop their musical abilities.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: This class meets during school and offers a course credit in Art. They regularly play together and will perform a variety of songs from a variety of contemporary genres. This class if very flexible on music selection. This class also participates in a concert every fall and spring.
- **How to Join:** This class doesn't require as much musical experience as AHS Band, but some musical experience is still suggested. Students that wish to join should contact Mr. Hougland about incorporating this class into their school schedule.

- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

- <u>Program Representative:</u> Laura Lowe (<u>laura.lowe@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** A program for Juniors and Seniors where they participate in projects to help them build soft skills like leadership, teamwork, communication, and problem solving. They have a career association with officer positions. They engage in community service projects that they plan and run. They have guest speakers from colleges, careers, and the military to help them determine what they want to do in life. They learn how to budget, how to think critically about problems, how to navigate employment from applying, to interviewing, to quitting. They build a resume and cover letter.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: If the students are in their senior year, then I will continue to follow up with them for a year after graduation to ensure that they are successful/help them navigate the transition to adult life. We have had an initiation ceremony, elected officers, and planned some community service projects. They had a booth at Scottsburg's trunk or treat on the square. They are hoping to put together care packages for veterans. They are also hoping to do something for seniors at one of the nursing homes closer to Christmas. In the spring we are hoping to have a career fair. We are a class that they get credit for but our assignments are more projects and some hands-on work. It is tailored to

the students' goals/interests as much as possible and has a connection to life outside the classroom.

• **How to Join:** Students can join by talking to the counselors when creating their schedules. Ideally, they would start their junior year. They can also come talk to me in room 219.

- <u>Key Club</u>

- <u>**Club Sponsor:**</u> Katie Whitehead (<u>katie.tiemeyer@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** Key Club is an international student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to serve, build character, care for and include all people, and develop leadership. This club consists of caring and competent servant leaders transforming communities worldwide.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: This club puts time and effort into building leadership within themselves and serving their community. Students will take leadership roles within Key Club. All students are responsible for helping with community service projects both in our school and around our community.
- How to Join: Anyone wanting to join can contact Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. Davis (<u>terry.davis@scsd1.com</u>), or Mr. Schotter (<u>gary.schotter@scsd1.com</u>). Dues cost \$10.

- Maverick Challenge

- <u>**Competition Representative:**</u> Tammy Rice (<u>tammy.rice@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Competition / Mission Statement:** The Introduction to Business Classes at Austin High School participate in the Maverick Challenge every year. The Maverick Challenge is an entrepreneurial competition where high school students create a business. The students create a business plan and a slide show to go along with their presentations to the judges explaining their business ideas. Judges from the community critique the presentations and the top two compete in the county competition in January, the top three win cash prizes. The Maverick Challenge is sponsored by the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce.
- What can someone expect if they participate: Students create a business plan and a presentation for a business that they create and build. In their presentation and business plan they will provide information about the business description and the market, a profile of the business industry, competition analysis, and financial data.
- **How to Join:** Students who wish to participate in the challenge but not take Introduction to Business need to contact Mrs. Rice for more information.

- National Honor Society

- <u>Informational Contact:</u> Cindy Watts <u>(cindy.watts@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Society / Mission Statement:** The National Honor Society (NHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1921. Austin High School's Chapter Membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.
- What can someone expect if they get accepted: NHS chapters and students are in schools that care not only about student achievement, but also community engagement. NHS students and their peers volunteer in their communities at the highest rates and make connecting with and serving within the community a priority.
- How to Join / Qualify: Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who have met the standards set by the National Honor Society will be examined to determine eligibility consideration on the basis of scholarship. The minimum requirement is <u>a 3.3 or B+ Grade Point Average</u>. Students that are scholastically eligible are given a form to complete that will provide information about their <u>curricular activities</u>, <u>leadership positions</u>, <u>community activities</u>, <u>job experiences</u>, <u>and recognitions or awards</u>. They are also asked to submit <u>two letters of recommendations</u>: one regarding their service and one regarding their leadership. Induction candidates will also be required to sign a statement acknowledging their commitment and understanding of the character traits expected of National Honor Society Members. After everything is submitted, reviewed, and accepted, the student must then attend the induction ceremony or they will not be included.

Prosser

- Application/Information Contact: Cindy Watts (cindy.watts@scsd1.com)
- **Purpose of the Program / Mission Statement:** Prosser Career Education Center is committed to providing multiple work-based learning experiences and programs to all students. Work-based learning activities collaboratively engage local employers and Prosser instructors to provide structured learning experiences for students. These experiences allow students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom and lab to real-world situations.
- What can someone expect if they choose to apply: Prosser offers <u>24</u> <u>different exciting Career and Technical programs</u>. Prosser continually adds new CTE programs and transforms others to ensure Prosser programs are

current and relevant for today's careers. Nearly all of Prosser programs are designated by the State of Indiana as "high-wage/high-demand" careers. Prosser students can earn college credits for successfully completing Prosser programs. *Most students will earn 6 college credits each year.* Prosser students earn Indiana state licenses and nationally recognized certifications. There are 46 different certifications offered within Prosser programs. Prosser continuously updates equipment to ensure that students are trained on the most current technology available. No other high school career center is better equipped than Prosser. Prosser students participate in multiple work-based learning activities such as job shadowing, externships, co-ops and mock interviews. These programs provide valuable experiential learning. All Prosser programs strive to provide real world learning experiences within the curriculum. The majority of Prosser programs actually operate as a place of business. Prosser students regularly participate in activities such as building houses, flying airplanes, driving bulldozers, interning in hospitals, and designing websites; it all happens at Prosser and more.

- How to Apply: Applications and more information about Prosser can be found in the Counselor's Office or by visiting https://prosser.nafcs.k12.in.us
- Publications
 - <u>Advisor:</u> Euleda Turner (<u>turnere@scsd1.com</u>)
 - **Purpose of the Club** / **Missions Statement:** The publications class produces the newspaper and the yearbook to inform students throughout the year and for a lifetime.
 - What can someone expect of they choose to join: In producing the yearbook and newspaper, students will write, photograph, and design pages through the use of Walsworth design tools, Adobe InDesign and Photoshop. Any student with a passion for writing or photography is encouraged to join.
 - **How to Join:** Talk to school counselors to try to get this class in their schedules for either 4th or 7th period.

- Sons of Liberty

- **Sponsor:** Kenton Embrey (<u>kenton.embrey@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** Sons of Liberty Creed is: I am a Sons of Liberty Member. I am loyal and patriotic. I am the future of this community. I will practice good citizenship and patriotism. I will seek the mantle of leadership, and stand prepared to uphold the Constitution and the American way of life.

- What can someone expect if they choose to join: Sons of Liberty along with Sunshine Society work together in raising money for school events such as our end of the school year dance and for organizations such as American Heart and Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital. During this time, we also teach our members the value of volunteering in the community they live in and how it is not only beneficial as an event to include on resumes or scholarships, but with how it teaches them important life skills such as communication and teamwork with their peers.
- **How to Join:** Anyone one in grades 9-12 can join Sons of Liberty. However, to become a full-fledged member they have to complete the following.

- Pay their yearly dues. These start at \$12 until Fall Break, \$15 until Winter Break, and \$20 after Winter Break.

- Earn 2 Service Points. - Working in the Christmas Parade, We Care Volunteer, Kids First Auction Worker, etc.

- Earn 1 Circle Point. - The Car Wash, Silly/Serious Initiation, grandparents' night, etc.

- Earn 4 donation points. - These can be donations we collect throughout the year for organizations.

The service and circle points have to be earned by attending and working the events they pick.

-Members also have to join the SOL google classroom with the code being available from signs in the hallways and from their teachers. This is how we best share information and have our meetings during COVID restrictions.

- <u>Spell Bowl</u>

- <u>Academic Representatives</u>: Euleda Turner (<u>turnere@scsd1.com</u>) & Bill Jones (<u>bill.jones@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Competition** / **Mission Statement:** This is a great way for students to get a small team experience in a fun, challenging, and rewarding environment while learning the spelling of thousands of words.
- What can someone expect if they choose to participate: Students participate in entertaining practices that require the study of more than 3,000 words for competition each fall. This team has consistently been. State competitor for the past two years. The new word list for fall competition will be available this spring.
- **How to Join:** Students interested in joining should see Mr. Jones or Mrs. Turner.

- <u>Student Council</u>

- <u>Contact Representative</u>: Nicole Kilburn (<u>nicole.kilburn@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** Student Council represents and is the voice for the student body.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: Student council members take place in various fundraising activities throughout the year to support and benefit local resources and scholarships.
- **How to Join:** Student Council members are elected by their peers and elections take place in the spring of each year. One new representative will be elected per grade level. Interested students will pick up an application in the counseling office in the spring. Students need to have at least a 3.0 GPA and no discipline referrals. Application and one letter of recommendation are then turned into the counseling office.

- Sunshine Society

- **Sponsor:** Nancy Stearns (<u>nancy.stearns@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** Sunshine participates in various service projects and activities such as a silly and a serious initiation, raise funds through carwashes, class supply donations, serve at Kids First and We Care, and host a Grandparent's Night, Dinner with Dad, and/or Ideal Lady Social.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: Members will earn points throughout the school year. Earning seven points allows each active member the opportunity to purchase up to two (2) tickets to the annual Spring Sunshine/ Sons of Liberty Dance.

Each member is required to earn a minimum of

•Two (2) service points

•One (1) circle points

·Four (4) donation points or 4 additional service points

Service Points for 2021-2022

Kid's First Auction Worker

Salvation Army Bell Ringer

We Care Volunteer

Concession for Area Academic Super Bowl

Scott County Fair Queen Contest

Elementary Book Fair

Elf at Austin Christmas Parade

Scott County Community Clearing House Volunteer

Circle Points

Officers: Car Wash, Sunshine Week, Silly Initiation, Serious Initiation, Mr. Irresistible Contest

Freshman Members and Officers: Grandparent's Night **Sophomore Members and Officers**: Dinner with Dad Night **Junior Members and Officers**: Ideal Lady Social **Senior Members and Officers**: Ronald McDonald house donation and tour.

Ideal Lady

Sunshine members may choose to participate in our Ideal Lady Program. The program is designed to honor a woman who has touched your life in a special way. Give some thought as you decide upon your Ideal Lady. Choose an <u>adult</u> who:

Ø Has made a difference in your life.

- Ø Changed your view of yourself or of the world.
- Ø Impresses you by how they live their live.
- Ø Inspires you to be your best.
- Ø Encourages you.
- Ø Believes in you.
- How to Join: Fill out a membership form and pay your dues. Pay your dues: \$20.00 at this time. Sell a minimum of 3 Carwash Tickets (Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be given to members to sell in early September). Participate in Silly Initiation during Sunshine Week. Attend Serious Initiation.

- <u>Teens Linked to Care (TLC)</u>

- <u>**TLC Coordinator:**</u> Lisa Herald (<u>lisa.herald@scsd1.com</u>)
- Purpose of the Club / Mission Statement: TLC is free to all AHS members and works more as a resource for students instead of a club. We do not have officers but instead everyone in TLC is referred to as Youth Advisory Board (YAB) members. Every member has equal say as to what items we purchase, events held, and activities performed. Each month a variety of activities are available for the YAB members to participate in.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: Members can be involved as much or as little as they like. For example, YAB members have displayed public service posters around AHS & AMS, created the Teens Linked to Cooking Cookbook, designed TLC hoodies, painted positive messages on rocks throughout the school and much more!
- Upcoming Events / Schedule: Every morning in room 223 members can enjoy fresh coffee and snacks while they plan the activities for the day that help uplift students and staff alike. Youth Advisory Board meetings are held monthly. Information can be found in the TLC google classroom or in room 223 in the mornings. Monthly meetings are usually held during Pride time.

- <u>Telecom</u>

- <u>Director:</u> Steve Plasse (<u>steve.plasse@scsd1.com</u>)
- **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement:** This class is open to high school students with an interest in current events, politics, culture, community service, and audio/video production techniques. The class produces a weekly television news magazine that includes headlines and student-produced stories that examine life at AHS and the wider community. Students are expected to work at the Kid's First Auction, to video basketball games, and have produced two Veterans Day Programs during the pandemic.
- **How to Join**: Interested students should see the counselors for an application.

- <u>University Academy</u>

- <u>Academy Program Director:</u> Bill Jones /(812) 794-8738 / <u>bill.jones@scsd1.com</u>
- – **Purpose of the Club** / **Mission Statement**: The Academy program allows a high school senior to earn an Associate of General Studies degree from Ivy Tech along with a high school diploma upon graduation.
- What can someone expect if they choose to join: In order to participate in the Academy, students must be enrolled at Austin High School, Crothersville High School, or Southwestern High School; complete an application; submit two letters of recommendation; earn at least a 3.0 GPA during their freshman and sophomore years; have at least a 95% high school attendance rate; have no disciplinary issues; complete an online Ivy Tech application; and meet the course prerequisites. Virtual students are not eligible for Academy admission. There are no tuition costs for courses associated with the University Academy. There are also currently no additional textbook costs for the courses.
- For more details and information visit: <u>https://www.scsd1.com/Downloads/Academy%20Brochure%202020%20(1</u>).pdf