

# BRYAN HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Below is a list of clubs, organizations, and other programs at BHS. Sponsors are identified so you can drop by their rooms or email them for more information. Be brave – explore the after-school side of BHS.

# **ANIME CLUB**

Sponsor: Jason Cordes | Room 5151 | jason.cordes@bryanisd.org

The Anime club is dedicated to increasing awareness of Japanese culture in the Bryan community. Activities include: Japanese lessons, video screenings, manga book studies, manga and anime development (we hope to publish what we make!) and many more fun activities!

### **ART CLUB**

Sponsor: Kim Marshall | Room 4148 | kimberly.marshall@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Jennifer Easterling | Room 4153 | jennifer.easterling@bryanisd.org

Art Club helps students discover their unique creative energies and develop visual, intellectual and technical skills that will allow them to explore their artistic interest. The Art Club will meet to produce special projects and organize exhibitions of the arts. Membership will be open to all BHS students wishing to join; no previous artistic class or training is required.

# **AUDIO VIDEO CLUB**

Sponsor: Casey Richardson | Room 4157 | casey.richardson@bryanisd.org

Student members are part of the Radio/TV/Video crew for various events throughout the school year. Members do not have to be in the AV Production classes to join. Meets monthly on 1st Thursday of the month after school in room 4157. For more information, contact Casey Richardson.

# **BLUE CREW**

Sponsor: Jim Boydston | Room 6140 | james.boydston@bryanisd.org

The Blue Crew is responsible for assisting the Cheer Leaders with equipment loading and unloading, running the flags when the football team scores, assisting in pep rallies, and helping other clubs with fundraisers by working the drive-through for dinner delivery.

### **BOWLING CLUB**

Sponsor: Joseph Wesp | joseph.wesp@bryanisd.org

The Travis Bryan School Bowling Club is open to all students, grades 9-12, with the opportunity to participate in a competitive sport against other high school students. Each school has a bowling coach who works with the students on proper techniques, and a school sponsor, who verifies the grades of the student. The students bowl individual games for points and a team Baker game, where each member bowl two frames. Practices and most competitions are held during the week. The top team winner qualifies to represent the Brazos Valley High School Bowling at a Regional tournament with the opportunity to advance to a State Tournament. Some members may make the "All-District" team. There are scholarship opportunities at the Regional and State tournaments and other various bowling associations.

Freshman Sponsor: Brandi Wallek | Room 2213 | brandi.wallek@bryanisd.org

**Sophomore Sponsor**: to be determined

**Junior Sponsor**: Colleen Holmes | Rm 5240 | colleen.holmes@bryanisd.org **Senior Sponsor**: Maria Field | Silver Front Office | maria.field@bryanisd.org

Class Council is a part of the student council organization. It is made up of students who are interested in promoting camaraderie within their class. Members of each class council are involved in promoting school spirit among their peers and participating in community service events. The Sophomore Class Council plans and organizes the Sadie Hawkins Dance, which is a fundraiser for the prom. The major fundraiser and service event for the Junior Class Council is the Junior/Senior Prom; students meet Wednesdays at 7:50 in Room 5240. The Senior Class Council chooses the class gift, assists with their Prom, organizes the Powder Puff football game, helps with graduation events, and makes/sells the senior t-shirt.

# **COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB**

Sponsor: Jason Cordes | Room 5151 | jason.cordes@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Allison Robertson | Room 2110 | allison.robertson@bryanisd.org

Computer Science club is dedicated to exploration of topics in computer programming. Topics reviewed include game programming, professional software development, scientific programming, competitive programming and problem solving. No experience is required, but a desire to learn is.

### **CRIMESTOPPERS**

Sponsor: Gary Parks | Room 6131 | gary.parks@bryanisd.org

Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming the two key elements that inhibit community involvement: fear and apathy. Crime Stoppers provides a telephone number, Web site for Web tips and Text messaging to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime

# FAMILY, CAREERS, & COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)

Sponsor: Rhonda Cupit | Room 6156 | rhonda.cupit@bryanisd.org

FCCLA encourages personal growth & leadership development in teens through family & consumer sciences. Any student in the 9th thru 12th grade who has taken or is taking a Family & Consumer Science class is able to join.

### FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

Sponsor: Chris Biggs | Room 2228 | chris.biggs@bryanisd.org

FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. Bryan High School FCA is open to all students, not just athletes, who are interested in having fun and fellowship.

# **FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)**

Sponsor: Scott Pesl | Room 6135 | scott.pesl@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Barbara Volk-Tunnell | Room 6144 | barbara.volk-tunnell@bryanisd.org

FFA is a dynamic youth organization within agricultural education that prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. FFA was created in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America; the name changed to National FFA Organization in 1988 to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture. Today, more than 500,000 student members are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in the agricultural science, food, fiber and natural resources industry. Student success remains the primary mission of FFA. Students must be in an Agriculture class in order to be eligible to begin their FFA membership.

Sponsor: Suzy Richards | Room 5244 | suzy.richards@bryanisd.org

GSA is dedicated to creating safe environments in schools for students to support each other and learn about homophobia, transphobia, and other oppressions; our purpose is to educate the school community about homophobia, transphobia, gender identity, and sexual orientation issues; and fight discrimination, harassment, and violence in schools.

### **GUITAR CLUB**

Sponsor: Eric Eike | Room 5226 | eric.eike@bryanisd.org

The Guitar Club began in 2004 as opportunity for BHS students to get together and share their common love of the guitar. Since that time, the club has grown to include musicians and music lovers from all backgrounds (not just the guitar). The club has a complete PA system that allows members (groups and individuals) to showcase their talents at live events. All Bryan High students are welcomed!

# HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA (HOSA)

Sponsor: Erin Wright | Room HS 10 at Hammond-Oliver | erin.wright@bryanisd.org

HOSA is a club for Hammond-Oliver High School students. Its mission is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development to health science technology education students, therefore helping students to meet the needs of the health care community. Members participate in leadership conferences, community service projects, social events, and healthcare competitions at regional, state and national levels. Visit sites.google.com/a/bryanisd.org/hosa for more information.

# HISPANIC YOUTH PROMOTING EDUCATION (HYPE)

Sponsor: Atanacio Valadez | Room 2122 | atanasio.valadez@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Joanne Reyes | Room 2124 | joanne.reyes@bryanisd.org

HYPE (Hispanic Youth Promoting Education) is an organization for students who have aspirations of continuing their education upon completing high school. Our goal is to raise student awareness in regards to collegiate and professional work place experiences. Some of our activities include open discussions, mini workshops, guest speakers, and college visits.

### I AM SECOND

Sponsor: Alex Medlock | Room 4133 | mark.medlock@bryanisd.org

I am second is an organization that is centered around Christ: Jesus is first and i am second. Each week we watch a video testimony from the website, read scripture, and discuss in small groups the impact Christ has made on their life and how it can apply to us. We meet every Monday from 4-5pm in the choir room (4133).

### **INTERACT**

Sponsor: Kristen (White) Richardson | Room 3124 | kristen.white@bryanisd.org

Interact is Rotary International's service club for 9th through 12th grade students. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work, and advancing international understanding and goodwill.

Sponsor: Ted Vaughan | Room 6129A | teddy.vaughan@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Morgan Messick | Room 6147 | morgan.messick@bryanisd.org

Key Club is an international, student-led organization which offers its members opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. The club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students in the world. Members of Key Club perform acts of service in the community, such as cleaning up parks, collecting clothing and organizing food drives. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and international levels.

#### THE MURAL CLUB

Sponsor: Renee Richards | Room 4154 | renee.richards@bryanisd.org

Each year, the mural club has donated a mural to the Children's Museum in downtown Bryan for auction. They have won first place the last two years and second place the previous year. They also donate time and art for the back drop for the Life Skills Graduation and have donated a painted violin to Music for the Brazos. Other projects include chalk murals, oil and acrylic paintings, the train in front of the Bryan Library (done in collaboration with the Art Club), and posters for an A&M Glass exhibit. Their art has been recognized in The Eagle and in Flair Magazine. This year's projects include creating art for the prom, working on the life skills graduation, and working on a large fine arts mural.

# NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS)

Sponsor: Kim Marshall | Room 4148 | kimberly.marshall@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Jennifer Easterling | Room 4153 | jennifer.easterling@bryanisd.org

National Art Honor Society program is specifically for high school students. NAHS goal is for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in working toward the attainment of the highest standards in art areas, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community. BHS NAHS is active in school & community projects, activities, and fundraisers.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)

Sponsor: Lindsey Kostelnik | Room 3208 | lindsey.kostelnik@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Leah Savens | Room 3207 | leah.savens@bryanisd.org

National Honor Society is a service organization for juniors and seniors. Qualified candidates are invited to apply at the start of each school year based on their scholarship as well as citizenship, character, leadership, and service to school and community. Members participate in individual, small-group, and chapter service projects.

### NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE)

Sponsor: Djuana Hill | Room 3213 | djuana.hill@bryanisd.org

The mission of NSBE is to increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community. It is open to ALL students regardless of race. The A&M NSBE officers attend each meeting and work with students on topics they are interested in to help them be overall successful students.

### NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY (NTHS)

Sponsor: Heidi Ragusa | Room 5155 | heidi.ragusa@bryanisd.org

The National Technical Honor Society is an honorary organization that recognizes student achievement and leadership, promotes educational excellence and enhances career opportunities. Membership not only requires a high grade point average, but the nomination of a Career Tech teacher. Nominations are based on course work, personal efforts, dedication and expectation of excellence and personal skills.

Sponsor: Candace Garrard | Room 5135 | candace.garrard@bryanisd.org

Every Tuesday students are encouraged to come and listen or perform their own original poetry. Also at the end of the meeting students participate in informal debate discussions.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Sponsor: Brian Magouirk | Room 6133 | brian.magouirk@bryanisd.org

Photography club is for anyone interested in photography. We meet and share photos, techniques and tricks, and are able to sit at a well-equipped workstation and experience editing. In the past, we have taken group photos and provided portrait services for Sadie Hawkins dance.

### **REMIX**

Sponsor: Lauren Black | Room 3110 | lauren.black@bryanisd.org

REMIX is a step dance club open to all BHS students. STEP is a form of percussive dance in which participants use their entire body as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps. Stepping draws from the elements of gymnastics, break dance, tap dance, march, hip-hop, and traditional African or Caribbean dance.

### **SCIENCE CLUB**

Sponsor: Josh Bergerson | Room 2120 | josh.bergerson@bryanisd.org

There are two main components of the science club. The first is preparing to compete in the Science Olympiad competition in the spring, and the second is to organize trips to a wide variety of science-themed events (i.e., special lectures or demonstration days at Texas A&M that are for high school students). The Science Olympiad competition consists of over 23 events that teams can choose to compete in and are either knowledge-based (i.e., written tests on earth science, physics, astronomy, or biology), hands-on (i.e., chemistry lab practicals), or engineering-based (participants construct a device to do specified tasks). This competition has regional, state and national levels with the opportunity for students to win prizes and/or scholarships in each event as well as in the overall competition.

# **SKILLS USA**

Auto Tech Sponsor: Nathan McCann | Room 6161 | nathan.mccann@bryanisd.org
Cosmetology Sponsor: Sharonda Williams | Room 6120 | sharonda.williams@bryanisd.org
Criminal Justice Sponsor: Gary Parks | Room 6131 | gary.parks@bryanisd.org

SkillsUSA is a national student organization that works directly with business and industry to maintain American productivity, quality and competitiveness. Students develop essential skills such as communication and teamwork. In addition, SkillsUSA teaches the importance of developing leadership skills, positive attitudes and pride in workmanship. They also gain a competitive edge in the work force. Students compete at 4 levels (District, State, National and World) by placing first or second place.

### STUDENT COUNCIL (STUCO)

Sponsor: Cyndi Owens | Room 2223 | cynthia.owens@bryanisd.org Sponsor: Jim Boydston | Room 6140 | james.boydston@bryanisd.org

Student Council (StuCo) is the student government on campus. StuCo is responsible for campus and community service events like "Pink Out" the Stadium, "No Texting while Driving," and Viking Day at the Children's Museum. Student Council also serves as a liaison between the students and administration at BHS to bring student concerns to our administration's attention. Student Council is open membership and meets every Wednesday at 4 pm in Room 1200.

Sponsor: Gary Parks | Room 6131 | gary.parks@bryanisd.org

The City of Bryan Teen Court, established in January 2008, is a diversion program designed to offer an alternative to formal juvenile court proceedings. At Teen Court's sentencing phase hearings, trained Bryan High School student volunteers using a Peer Jury format, roughly modeled after the process used by a grand jury, perform the courtroom roles of clerk, bailiff, juror, defense attorney and prosecutor.

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS (TAFE)

Sponsor: Nina Wright | Room 6152 | nina.wright@bryanisd.org

TAFE is an organization that benefits the students involved by preparing them as future educators. They work on assignments that would help them prepare lesson plans, handling student attitudes, and designing a classroom. Each project they work on provides us with a more clear view of what it takes to become a successful educator.

### THESPIAN SOCIETY

Sponsor: Christopher Rogers | Room 4150 | christopher.rogers@bryanisd.org

The Thespian Society is a part of the International Thespian Society. Membership is gained through points earned by attending and being a member of plays here at BHS. Students regularly meet to attend theatre productions, build relationships, and attend the Texas State Thespian Festival.

# **UIL ACADEMICS**

Coordinator: Rebecca Dominy | Room 6160 | rebecca.dominy@bryanisd.org

The UIL offers the most comprehensive literary and academic competition in the nation, with 23 high school events. These activities, which exist to complement the academic curriculum, are designed to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of knowledge, to encourage students to confront issues of importance, and to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of specific skills. Students are challenged to think critically, exhibiting much more than knowledge and comprehension.

# VALHALLA SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB

Sponsor: Candace Garrard | Room 5135 | candace.garrard@bryanisd.org

Valhalla Speech/Debate is a club composed of students competing in individual events that collectively includes debate, public speaking, literary/dramatic performance, which teaches students to work collaboratively, build confidence, improve reasoning, research and organizational skills, and reinforces presentation skills.

# **VIKING GRAPHIC ARTS (VGA)**

Sponsor: Brian Magouirk | Room 6133 | brian.magouirk@bryanisd.org

Viking Graphic Arts (or Viking Graphics and Animation officially), is a group for students who are interested in the digital arts. The students meet in the Graphics lab (6133), and have use of the facility. We can design and produce print media, buttons, and other products for school groups and clubs.

### **VIKINGOTEO BAND**

Sponsor: Alex Morales | Room 2109 (meet in 6117) | alejandro.morales@bryanisd.org

Vikingoteo is a salsa and cumbia Spanish band that was established with the philosophy that studying music promotes cultural awareness, which is an essential ingredient to the development of individuals as contributors to society. If we invest in the minds of our youth, providing them with access to culture, they will accomplish more during their lifetime than if we do not. Society will be repaid many times over for the time invested in these young people when they come to appreciate, improve upon, and nurture it. The band performs at various school and community events.

# The following programs are part of the school day and may require an application/audition. Contact the person(s) listed for more info.

# Academic Decathalon (ACADEC)

Kristen (White) Richardson, Rm 3124 & 1123, kristen.white@bryanisd.org

This individual study course prepares students for the Texas Academic Decathlon competition. Emphasis is placed on study skills, research techniques, development of fact files, and academic subjects like economics, social studies, science, mathematics, language and literature, essay writing, speech, and arts and music

# Air Force Junior ROTC

Major James Boydston, Rm 6140, james.boydston@bryanisd.org

The objectives of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline through instruction in air and space fundamentals and the Air Force's core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do. Students who participate in AFJROTC have no obligation to the Air Force.

### Band

Rob Towell, Rm 4136, robert.towell@bryanisd.org | Zane Taylor, Rm 4136, zane.taylor@bryanisd.org | High school band curriculum encompasses multiple areas of instruction and is a full-year course. All band students are required to participate in the Marching Band (and will receive a PE waiver for each fall semester). Placement in the Band ensembles and Jazz Ensemble is by audition. The band rehearses outside the school day.

# Color Guard / Winter Guard

Marie Debellis, Rm 4136, marie.debellis@bryanisd.org

Color Guard is known as the "Sport of the Arts," and involves learning many different skills: jazz, ballet, and modern dance technique, equipment skills on flag, rifle, and saber, theatrical skills, musical skills, and strength, coordination, and endurance. Color Guard is a year round activity: Fall Marching Band Season as a part of the Viking Band, and Winter Guard, an indoor competitive season that begins in November and ends in April. Prior experience is not required, but potential members must attend a week-long mandatory clinic and tryout in early May. All members are required to be in the class which meets during the Wind Symphony band period, attend before and after school rehearsals, and participate in fundraising activities. You do not need to play an instrument.

### Cheerleading

Kim Speckman, Rm 2211, kimberly.speckman@bryanisd.org

<u>Tryouts are in the spring</u>; a background in gymnastics is recommended, but not required. Practices may be held every day after school during the fall; additional practices may be held throughout the year; there are summer obligations. Performances average 1-2 per week. One credit is counted toward state graduation requirements; additional years of Cheerleading are for local credit.

# Choir

Alex Medlock, mark.medlock@bryanisd.org | Rob Urbanek, robert.urbanek@bryanisd.org | Rm 4133 High school choir curriculum encompasses multiple areas of instruction and meets both semesters during the course of the academic year. Placement is by audition.

# Orchestra

John Lemons, Rm 4129, john.lemons@bryanisd.org

High school orchestra curriculum encompasses multiple areas of instruction and meets both semesters during the course of the academic year. <u>Placement is by audition</u>.

### **PALs**

# Kristen (White) Richardson, Rm 3124 & 1123, kristen.white@bryanisd.org

Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) is open to juniors and seniors by application; students work as trained peer facilitators with other students on their own campuses and/or from feeder middle and elementary schools. PALs combats problems such as violence in schools, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, gang participation and school dropouts. An application is required.

# **ShyAnnes**

Nikki Evans, Rm 4114, alecia.evans@bryanisd.org | Angie Weiss, Rm 4114, angie.weiss@bryanisd.org <u>Tryouts are in the spring</u>. The drill team/dance team learns dance skills, demonstrates sportsmanship, and attains a certain level of fitness. It is a full-year commitment in which students are required to perform at football games, home basketball games, spring competition and end of the year Spring Show.

# Yearbook / Newspaper

Rebecca Dominy, Rm 6160, rebecca.dominy@bryanisd.org

**Newspaper** students produce <u>The Norseman</u> and refine their fundamental skills in writing, editing, layout and design. **Yearbook** students learn format, organization, layout techniques, copy writing, and select pictures and artwork, and eventually produce the yearbook. They also raise funds to produce the book through advertising and mixed media sales campaigns. <u>Approval from director required</u>.

# Interested in participating in a team sport? Contact the coach of the sport you want to play. A physical is required. Call 209-7990 with questions or go by the Field House.

### **Baseball**

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# Basketball (Boys)

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# Basketball (Girls)

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### **Cross Country / Track (Boys)**

Justin Smith

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### **Cross Country / Track (Girls)**

Stacy Beal

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### **Football**

Ross Rogers

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# Golf

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# Soccer (Boys)

Tommie Allmon

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# Soccer (Girls)

Amy Pettibone

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# Softball

**Enrique Luna** 

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# **Swimming**

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# **Tennis**

Randy Stewart

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# Volleyball

Caroline Simpson

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# Wrestling

Michael Zito

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