

Vicksburg High School Student Clubs and Activities

VHS offers students the opportunity to take part in a wide range of clubs and extracurricular activities including:

AIM Higher - Ms. King: Vicksburg High School's first entirely student-led volunteer group is open to all VHS students. Members consist of students inspired by helping others and making the world a better place. Our mission is to engage people in the act of compassion, to aim higher as a community, and make an effort to provide for the needs of those around us. AIM Higher strives to develop leadership thought service.

Band - Mr. Bennett & Mr. Rosier: The band program at VHS offers groups for musicians at all levels, including Early Dawgs Jazz Band, Top Dawgs Jazz Band, Marching Band (1st semester only), Concert and Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble (by audition only). Students will perform in a variety of settings and work together to inspire excellence, teamwork, and a lifelong love of music.

Bible Study - Mr. Latham: Students gather to share their faith and encourage each other through student-led bible study. Meets every other Tuesday during tutorial. Join the Google Classroom with code gbwez2tb.

Chess Club - Ms. Armitage: If you're looking for a fun, challenging way to sharpen your mind, come join the chess club after school! All skill levels are welcome - whether you're a grandmaster or just learning the ropes.

Choir - Mr. Morris: Whether you're just beginning your vocal journey or ready to take on advanced choral music, our choir program has a place for you. Chorale welcomes all singers to explore a variety of styles, from Broadway to spirituals, while building strong vocal technique. For dedicated vocalists, Treble Chorus and Chamber Singers (by audition only) offer the chance to perform advanced repertoire, develop music theory and sight-reading skills, and shine in concerts and special events. Join us to create powerful harmonies, unforgettable performances, and a lifelong love of music!

DECA - Mr. McDonald: An association of marketing students. It is an extracurricular club that current or former students can join. Students compete at the district level in December, the state level in March, and the international level in April. Competition consists of role-playing and tests that are related to a specific occupational area. DECA provides students with a variety of professional and social experiments.

Drama Productions - Mrs. Sparks: The Vicksburg High School Theatre Department puts on two productions every year. The Fall Play is open to anyone in the school who is interested in auditioning. The Spring Musical is done in collaboration with the music

department and is also open to anyone who is interested in auditioning, including stage roles, crew, and pit orchestra. No experience is necessary to participate. Both productions offer students the opportunity to act on stage or work behind the scenes. It is an excellent way to meet new people and gain self-confidence. Visit our website at: <https://www.vicksburgschools.org/performing-arts-center/theater/>.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - Mr. Caswell: The FCA aims to teach integrity, serving, teamwork, and excellence to athletes and coaches through the gospel. Join a community which empowers athletes and coaches to unite, inspire, and change the world.

FFA (Future Farmers of America) - Mrs. Hayman: The Vicksburg chapter of FFA offers opportunities for activities including local, state, and national conferences, skills competitions, individualized projects, and community service. Students are urged to join to have fun while developing leadership skills, achieving personal growth, and becoming ready for career success.

Interscholastic Sports: These are available to 9th-12th grade students throughout the year. Visit the Vicksburg Schools Athletics website or the Attendance/Athletic office for more information.

ITS (International Thespian Society) - Mrs. Sparks: ITS is an honor society for Vicksburg High School theatre students. Established in 1929, ITS is a division of the Education Theatre Association and a few famous alumni include Tom Hanks, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Stephen Schwartz. Students are invited to join our chapter of the International Thespian Society based upon their participation in the Vicksburg Theater Program. ITS members provide fundraisers and service hours for the Vicksburg Theater Program, while also attending workshops, enrichment classes, and field trips to enhance each student's theatre skills.

Model UN (United Nations) - Mr. Wood: Model United Nations is an opportunity to research and debate about current events through a different country's point of view. We discuss topics such as global currencies and human rights. Our group travels to Hope College and stays the night to compete in their conference against many other schools in Michigan. It is a great way to learn about politics and how the real United Nations functions.

NAHS (National Art Honor Society) - Mrs. Lacey: The purpose of the Vicksburg High School Chapter of the National Art Honor Society is to foster excellence and enthusiasm for the visual arts, recognize students who have shown outstanding ability in art, and

bring art to the attention of the school and community through service and leadership. Students must meet the requirement of a 2.5 overall grade point average, at least two semesters of art, and maintain a 3.5 or better average in those classes. Students are required to fulfill a community service activity such as volunteering at the KIA Art Fair. NAHS looks for students who also have a strong moral character and leadership qualities.

NHS (National Honor Society) - Mrs. Lamers: Membership in NHS provides high school students with a number of opportunities to serve their community, be recognized for their academic achievements, and participate in an organization that promotes positive role models. Each member may take away something different, but each member is enriched by the experience. Chosen on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership, and character, students must write an essay, maintain a GPA of 3.5+, volunteer in the community, provide leadership in school and community projects, and demonstrate high standards of character. Each year NHS completes at least two whole chapter service projects: school-wide canned food drive and spaghetti benefit dinner.

Robotics (“Control Freaks”) - Mr. Bombich: The “Control Freaks” is Vicksburg High School’s FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team, where students in middle and high school collaborate to design, build, and program competitive robots. Under the guise of our Applied Engineering and Robotics program, team members gain hands-on experience with CNC machining, CAD design, programming, and mechanical systems while developing critical problem solving skills. With strong parent and community support, the Control Freaks provide students an opportunity to explore STEM fields, compete at regional and national competitions, and build lasting skills for future careers in engineering and technology.

SASS (Students Advocates for School Safety) - Mrs. Ratashak: Student group working to advocate for fellow students and make Vicksburg High School a welcoming, fun, safe, and peaceful environment for everyone.

Ski Club - Mr. Smith: This is an informal group that goes skiing on Thursday nights at Timber Ridge ski resort. Information is released in November/December.

Spanish Club - Mrs. Lamers, and Mrs. Zemlick: The Spanish Club is an informal organization of students who want to expand their activities in Spanish beyond the classroom.

Student Senate - Ms. Taft and Mr. Dunham: There is a group of approximately 25-30 students who are elected from an application process, which includes teacher

recommendations, to organize and sponsor a variety of events. Senate is in charge of the Blood Drive (community members and students 17+ are welcome to donate!) and the March of Dimes Breadlift. The Senate also sponsors all voting for fall/winter homecoming courts, most high school dances, and teacher/staff appreciation.

TV Production - Mr. Lindeman: This course offers students an introduction to the art of Multimedia Journalism. Students will learn the skills necessary to produce a school news show produced for public viewing. All facets of public speaking, first amendment issues, camera operation, graphic editing, and technical skills will be addressed on a basic level. Students will also learn the basics of video editing and production. Students are introduced to several software applications that when used together can produce professional quality digital media. Students may be placed in various positions depending on their strengths: anchoring, editing, filming, writing, photography, etc. Students will have the opportunity to create more in depth feature pieces and explore the elements of digital storytelling. Check us out on YouTube at *VBTV Productions!*

Yearbook - Mr. Smith: The Yearbook class focuses on creating the High School Yearbook over the course of the school year. Students will learn page design, photography, and ad sales. Students will need to be able to take pictures both in and out of school, meet deadlines, be responsible for creating pages, and work well with others. Some students will be allowed to leave school and sell ads.

Vicksburg High School Athletics

Fall Sports:

Cross Country - Boys and Girls
Equestrian
Football
Golf - Girls
Sideline Cheer
Soccer - Boys
Tennis - Boys
Volleyball

Winter Sports:

Basketball - Boys and Girls
Bowling - Boys and Girls
Competitive Cheer
Downhill Ski (co-op w/ Kzoo Hackett)

Ice Hockey (co-op w/ Gull Lake)
Wrestling

Spring Sports:

Baseball
Clay Target - Boys and Girls
Golf - Boys
Lacrosse - Boys and Girls
Soccer - Girls
Softball
Tennis - Girls
Track - Boys and Girls