

## **Vicksburg High School Student Clubs and Activities**

**VHS offers students the opportunity to take part in a wide range of programs 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.

**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!

**D&D Club (Dungeons & Dragons) - Mr. Jones:** Whether you're a seasoned hero or brand new to the game, you'll create unique characters, face epic challenges, and embark on thrilling quests with friends. No experience needed - just bring your creativity and a love for adventure.

**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/>.

**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.

**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