

SAINTS BLOCK CLUB OFFERINGS

2021-2022 SEMESTER 1

Bi-weekly meetings, 23 minutes



Academic Worldquest / Current Events

Room 402

Moderator - Mrs. Duprat

Students will prepare for the Academic WorldQuest State Competition and engage in the study of current events.

American Sign Language

Room 105

Moderator - Ms. Pate

Interested in learning another language? Come learn the basics of American Sign Language (ASL) and more about the Deaf culture. Together we will learn the ABCs, and signs for colors, school subjects, days of the week, and other topics of interest. The goal is to engage in basic conversation using ASL.

Ancestry / Genealogy

Room 102

Moderator: Ms. McAden

The purpose of this club is to help students explore their roots and personal history. We will develop our own family trees and gain a deeper appreciation for our ancestors and their journey.

The Artistic Expression Club

Room 208

Moderator: Mrs. Richburg

*Using a variety of color application on student-created or stock designs, club participants work towards finished pieces worthy of display in the school community and at home. While some pieces have a spiritual or religious meaning and interpretation, such as crosses, stars, flowers, etc., others may be more free-form. Students may collaborate on their pieces to develop a common theme or to create a paper quilt. Student participants must provide their own coloring supplies, such as pencils, crayons, or pastels, but not paints. *This club is limited to twenty:20 participants.*

Bird Watching Club

Room 103

Moderator: Mrs. Collins

This club offers a chance to get outdoors to observe and learn together. We'll go on short walks, identify common species as well as visitors to our region. On cold or rainy days we'll engage in making suet cakes or watching and learning about birds online. Bring along a jacket and binoculars if you have them!

Campus Ministry Leadership

Campus Ministry Center

Moderators: Mr. Adams and Mr. Couture

Campus Ministry provides students an opportunity to develop faith, engage in service, and foster relationships at STA. We are building a leadership team that will be involved in the vision, planning, and facilitation of school-wide Campus Ministry events of all kinds (prayerful, social, and service-oriented). If you have ideas and a willingness to serve, come check out this opportunity!

Computer Programming

3rd Flr. Technology Ctr

Moderator: Mr. Green & Mrs. Haudenschild

The computer programming club will give students the opportunity to explore a programming language and learn what goes into developing a software package. Students will be involved in selecting what project(s) and languages are covered in the club. The club will also look at the software engineering industry as a career and may involve guest speakers from industry.

Creative Writing Club

Room N201

Moderator: Ms. Graham

Creative Writing Club is for writers of any genre. Each meeting we will write and have the opportunity to share our work. A future goal of the club will be to publish an online literary magazine.

Design, Build, Compete

Room 408

Moderators: Mr. Holtz

This club will focus on DIY engineering challenges. Student teams will be required to design and build devices that meet project specifications and task requirements. Finished projects will be evaluated through head-to-head competition.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Aquinas Rm (2nd floor)

Moderator: Ms. Newland

This club will focus on today's important issues relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion. It will create a safe space for students to be themselves and learn about others while maintaining respect for all individuals.

Environmental Club

Room 403

Moderators: Mrs. Petelo and Mrs. Colford

Environmental Club is a group for students that are committed to raising awareness about environmental issues and reducing environmental impact as individuals, a school community, and as citizens of the world. There is potential to split into two divisions of the aquaponics/hydroponics club and the sustainability/sustainable design club or maybe with slightly different topics depending on how students show interest. We will all meet together at first and then split into smaller groups for later club meetings to work on specific projects.

Foodies Adventure

Room 406

Moderators: Mrs. Kennedy

In this club, we will explore all different types of food where we will learn about and sample foods from around the area and around the world. We will have tastings of different foods and even learn how to prepare some. Come learn about cooking and experience the world of food.

French Club

Room ND401

Moderator: Mme. Lennon

The French Club would be open to all French students and anyone with an interest in the French language or francophone cultures. We'll discuss the French language, culture, and of course, food!

The Great American Songbook

Music Room (410)

Moderator: Mrs. LaForce

A look at the most important and influential composers from the early 20th Century. Any student that signs up for this club must be willing to sing alone. Students will be expected to prepare songs from great composers like; Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, and Richard Rogers.

The History Club**Room 401****Moderator: Mr. Burnett**

Members of the History Club will share their love of history and promote historical discussion during SAINTS Block Club time. Activities may include lectures, discussions, and films. Homework outside of the club meeting time will be an expectation in order to prepare for discussions, lectures and films.

Knitting Club**Room 204****Moderator: Ms. Cummings**

For years, knitting clubs have been a way for communities to come together to help one another, provide support, make connections, build camaraderie, and learn new skills. During knitting club meetings students will learn about various types of knitting while building connections in their school community, and gaining a valuable life skill in the process. They will be introduced to basic stitches, and learn how to cast on, and off a needle. They will also use a knitting loom, and try their hand at arm stitching working at their own pace to create projects such as a hat, scarf, and bulky blanket. Students will be responsible for their own needles, and yarn for projects. Throughout the year students will give back to the community by donating one of their projects to a local non-profit organization.

Life Skills**Room 101****Moderator: Sra. Murphy**

Life Skills Club aims to help students manage themselves in a healthy and productive way. This club emphasizes everyday skills such as time-management, decision-making and problem-solving, effective communication, etiquette, household duties, and healthy lifestyle and nutrition. It also addresses topics such as what to do in emergency situations, how to prepare for a college interview, money management, and other "adulting" skills.

"The Moth" Storytelling Club**Room 106****Moderator: Mrs. Kirsch**

This club is based off of The Moth, a storytelling stage show, radio show, and podcast. Together we will learn how to choose a story topic, write an outline, and perform 5-minute stories about our lives. Great for students interested in gaining confidence in public speaking!

Math Club**Room 203****Moderator: Mr. Croteau**

Math Club is an opportunity to come together and work on challenging math problems in a non-classroom setting. Participation in the Southeastern Math League is also a possibility for those who are interested.

Pep Club**Room ND202****Moderator: Mrs. Wade**

PEP Club is ideal for students who are interested in spreading school spirit around the school. Participants should be self-motivated, creative, love STA, and be peppy! "Peppers" will decorate the hallways and lockers for holidays and brainstorm different ways to build and share Saints Pride in lots of fun ways! Opportunities to be Bernie at activities and events are included.

Photography & Yearbook Club**Room 301****Moderator: George Dannecker, Holly Hearn, & Mr. Marquis**

This club will allow students to experience the creative and rewarding elements of photography. Students will gather to share their own digital photographs and learn skills to improve the use of their cameras. Club members should expect to

participate by completing weekly photo assignments that are then shared with the club. The Club will work to support the STA Yearbook in providing photography that may be used in our yearbook.

Prayer Club

Room 302

Moderator: Mr. McCafferty

So many of us have the sincere desire to set aside time for prayer but never seem to get around to it. So think of this club as the ""pause"" button on your life's remote control -- a chance to slow down and reflect. Together we will explore the meaning and practice of prayer -- through a handful of short videos, through our own writing, and by praying together each time we meet. All are welcome!

Psych Club

Room 303

Moderator: Mr. Hureau & Billy Wade '22

Psych Club will provide students with an opportunity to examine aspects of human behavior beyond the psychology course offered as a social studies elective. Some of the intriguing topics to be covered are: abnormal behavior, psychopathy, criminal profiling, extrasensory perception, memory and forgetting, personality, and social psychology. Career psychologists will be sought out as guest speakers too. If you'd like to understand the human mind, join Psych Club today!

Reading Appreciation

Room 304

Moderator: Mr. Mueller

Harry Truman once said that "not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers." To be a leader, to be the best version of yourself, you have to have a ceaseless appetite for learning, for self-improvement, for wisdom. Reading can help us transform our lives, and it is why we all know we should read more. This club provides that opportunity. Together we will explore strategies that will assist our reading, take time to read material we find beneficial for our growth and development, and reflect on that reading each time we meet. All are welcome!

Reflective Journaling

Room 407

Moderator: Mrs. Hasbun

Each meeting you will be given a choice of prompts to respond to. You will jot down your ideas and feelings on the chosen prompt. Sharing is optional. A lifelong writing and reflection habit is the goal.

Robosaints

Room 409

Moderators: Mr. Demos

The Robosaints are a FIRST Robotics team that competes with other teams throughout New England. We hold optional voluntary meetings most days after school in the Makerspace set up in room 404.

Shakespeare

Room 104

Moderator: Mr. Tinney

This club offers an exploration of the works of Shakespeare--their interpretations and impact--and the Renaissance world he lived in.

Spanish Club

Room ND402

Moderator: Sra. Mutch & Sr. Puertas

We will be viewing short videos regarding cultural aspects of Spanish-speaking countries. When it's possible we'll be finding food in our local area that's authentic to specific Spanish-speaking countries to share with the club. Profesor Puertas and I will also facilitate Spanish games to incorporate the Spanish language in addition to the cultural aspects we will be covering. Students do not need proficiency in the language to join this club.

The Value of Money**Room 201****Moderator: Mr. Limauro**

Learn how to make your money work for you! In this club, we will dive into ways to not only save your money but invest and spend your money. You will learn the secrets behind credit cards, financing a new car or purchase, and how to save your money for retirement.

Young Women in STEM**Room 202****Moderator: Mrs. Verde and Sophie Gross '22**

Do you want to learn more about the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) outside of the classroom? This club will expose young women to various aspects of STEM through a variety of experiences and opportunities.