

NORTH COLLINS

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITY HANDBOOK



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ATHLETICS

Our school participates in athletic competition during the fall, winter, and spring seasons. During the fall, we compete in boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball, and boys football (in conjunction with Eden's Raiders football program). In the winter, there is boys and girls basketball. There is also cheerleading during basketball season. In the spring, we offer boys baseball and girls softball teams. A combined Eden-North Collins track and field for boys and girls as well as the boys tennis team are also available in the spring. Tryouts for each sport are at the beginning of each season.

BAND

The North Collins instrumental program offers several performing opportunities including concert band and pit band. Band lessons begin in the elementary grades and continue through high school. The groups perform throughout the year all over Western New York.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club members take part in reading and discussing literature. Members have choice in the pieces of literature read, which include a variety of texts such as poetry, short stories, and novels. The club also takes part in field trips and fundraising efforts. The Book Club meets monthly.

BOWLING CLUB

The North Collins Bowling Club strives to maximize physical opportunities for all students no matter what their physical stature might be. The Bowling Club offers the opportunity for physical exercise and socialization. As a club, we value responsibility, teamwork, sportsmanship, and cooperation. The club bowls weekly, starting in November through the end of February.

CHEERLEADING

Cheerleaders support and encourage our boys basketball team at all home games. They also foster a sense of school spirit and enthusiasm. The cheerleading squad is composed of students in grades 9 - 12. Tryouts for cheerleading are held each year.

CHORUS

The North Collins Chorus participates in school concerts and other various events and competitions. Students in grades 7 - 8 can participate in the Junior High Chorus. Students in grades 9 - 12 can participate in the Senior High Chorus.

CONSERVATION/SCIENCE CLUB

In this club we will address animal, marine, environmental and human conservation as well as a variety of scientific principles. Students will engage in various activities. We will learn about plants, wildlife, nature, and incorporate many facets of science. Students will have opportunities to participate in community service. Activities will be student driven based on interest.

DRAMA CLUB

The North Collins Drama Club is responsible for staging a musical production each year in the spring. Interested students in grades 7-12 may audition for roles and are selected based on their fit/skill level for the corresponding role. Members may also take field trips to various cultural institutions in our community to further their understanding of the stage and musical production.

E-SPORTS

North Collins E-Sports provides students with an opportunity to play some of their favorite video games while building teamwork and community with other fellow North Collins students. Also, members who qualify, and who want to represent North Collins in competitive matches, can take part in seasonal leagues, competitions, and tournaments. Most importantly, North Collins E-Sports club is a place for students to come together, play some games, make new friends and build existing friendships, and just have fun!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

This club will introduce students to small business ownership and management. They will learn and practice all activities and responsibilities necessary to successfully operate a small business. Students will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of entrepreneurship by running a school store open to the entire student body, faculty, staff and North Collins community members.

FOOD ON THE GO

Composed of Advanced Foods students, this group coordinates several fundraisers involving food and beverages, practicing their food preparation skills in the process. Meetings are held when necessary; please see the advisor or listen to the announcements for scheduled meetings.

FRENCH/SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY CLUB

The French and Spanish National Honor Societies are academic organizations dedicated to promote the study of the two languages and the various cultures that they represent. The honor societies are affiliated with the national organizations under the auspices of the AATF and the AATSP. Members may apply to participate in the nationally-sponsored trips, scholarship opportunities and scholarly publications.

Potential members will be identified by the French and Spanish teacher based on their grades after their third semester of language as a high school student. Those students will be evaluated by the faculty and staff on a character metric similar to that of National Honor Society. Students who satisfy both the academic and character requirements for membership will receive an invitation to the induction ceremony in the Spring.

All members are encouraged to include French or Spanish Honor Society on their college and scholarship applications. Those meeting the requirements laid out in the national bylaws will receive honor cords to wear at graduation.

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

The North Collins GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) will offer a safe place for all students, straight and LGBTQ+ to gather, socialize, support and advocate for one another. This club will promote acceptance and tolerance of everyone regardless of sexual orientation, identity, race, religion, socio-economic status, etc.

GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB

The Girls Who Code club is open to all girls in grades 7-12 who have an interest in computer science. The club aims to support and increase the number of women in computer science, closing the gender gap in technology, and change the image of what a programmer looks like. The club meets monthly or as necessary; please listen to the announcements for a scheduled meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

International Club is open to any student grades 7-12 who is interested in learning about, sharing, and understanding cultural relationships around the world. The International Club organizes activities and events to explore international culture, historical and socio-economic affairs with the purpose of promoting international awareness and multiculturalism.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The North Collins Jazz Experience is open to ALL musicians. The ensemble meets once a week in the evenings and perform a variety of repertoire from swing to funk to pop. This is an opportunity for students to explore their creativity through improvisation and other jazz techniques. They perform throughout WNY during the school year.

MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB

The Marine Biology Club provides an opportunity for students to learn about the ocean, its inhabitants, and how we are connected to it. At the bi-monthly meetings, information about marine ecology is presented first by the advisor, and later in the year by the student participants. This information is necessary to fully appreciate the ocean environment the group travels to in the spring. Students must be enrolled in a science class and be in grades 10 - 12 to join.

MODEL UN CLUB

Model United Nations Club provides students with an opportunity to engage in research, discussion, debate, and cooperation on current events and issues. Students are also able to participate in multiple competitions at various colleges around Western New York with other participating schools. Model United Nations Club is available for all students to participate and for students in grades 9-12 for competitions.

MUSICALLY YOURS

Musically Yours is an auditioned women's ensemble for chorus members in grades 9-12. As a select ensemble, Musically Yours works to strengthen their singing skills and their musical ear. Musically Yours rehearses Monday nights and performs in concerts as well as our Holiday Tour, the annual musical festival at Darien Lake and the Veteran's Hospital.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Any student who has an average of 90% or higher may be considered. This is an honors club that serves the school and community in many ways. Students are nominated through a process based on character, service, leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

PEER MENTORING

Peer mentoring pairs North Collins upperclassmen with 7-9th grade students in one-on-one relationships in order to help them successfully adjust to middle and high school. It also helps train and empower upperclassmen to be creative changemakers in their schools. Bi-weekly meetings focus on different aspects of their adjustment to middle and high school and provide a safe, welcoming place for the mentees and mentors to discuss anything. Meetings are structured, with specific topics for discussion. Once a month, Mentor/Mentee meetings will be unstructured, simply providing an environment for mentor pairs to bond.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

ASL Club is open to all students who are interested in learning American Sign Language. The club will teach students the basics of communicating in ASL and provide an environment to practice with others. This club will also introduce students to deaf culture while promoting diversity and respect.

SKI CLUB

Ski Club is made up of students who have an interest in downhill skiing and snowboarding. Weekly trips to Holiday Valley are scheduled during the winter months and transportation is provided. A fee is required at a discounted price and includes a season pass.

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD)

The objectives of SADD are to make students aware of the dangers of chemical dependencies, promote chemical-free celebrations, and to deliver the club's message to the school and community. SADD meets monthly. Interested students should listen to the announcements for meeting dates.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government represents the entire student body for the purpose of governing students. Some of the things they do include planning the yearly school calendar, sponsoring dances, planning assemblies and fundraisers as well as many other activities. To become involved, petition to have your name included on a ballot. Students are then elected by a popular vote. Student Government meets two times each month.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

The Technology Club is a destination for students who enjoy working with their and learning and applying new skills. Some of the club activities include: lathe turning, welding, laser engraving, and CNC (computer numerically-controlled) programming and operation. Membership is available to all students in grades 7-12 and meets at least monthly in the Technology room.

TRAP CLUB

The North Collins team belongs to the New York State High School Clay Target League, a subsidiary of the USA High School Clay Target League. The 3 pillars of this organization are: Safety, Fun, and Marksmanship, in that order. Members meet weekly at the Eden Gun Club, and their scores are entered on the league website. Qualifying members may also travel annually with their advisor to the state tournament in Cicero, NY.

WHITETAIL ENTHUSIAST CLUB

The Whitetail Enthusiast Club is open to any students in grades 7-12, male or female, who have an interest in deer hunting and conservation. Meeting are held at least monthly.

2021 - 2022 ADVISORS / TEACHERS

Band-----	A. Miller
Book Club-----	G. Hanson/N. Falkner
Bowling Club-----	D. Blidy
Cheerleading-----	J. Bonnes
Chorus -----	J. Finkley
Conservation/Science Club-----	D. Blidy/J. Schmitt
Drama Club -----	L. Koudounas
E Sports-----	C. Hider
Entrepreneurship Club -----	L. Annarino
Food on the Go Club -----	K. McCabe
French/Spanish Honor Society Club -----	T. O'Connor/L. Waszak
Gay-Straight Alliance-----	K. McCabe/L. Annarino/D. Frew
Girls Who Code Club -----	C. Hultgren
International Club -----	T. O'Connor/L. Waszak
Jazz Ensemble-----	A. Miller
Marine Biology Club -----	TBD
Model United Nations Club-----	J. Bromley
Musically Yours -----	J. Finkley
Jr. Nat'l Honor Society-----	K. Buell
Nat'l Honor Society-----	K. Manchester
Peer Mentoring -----	E. Boulanger
SADD Co-Advisors -----	D. Blidy /A. Ward
Sign Language Club -----	G. Hanson
Ski Club Advisor -----	A. Gasiewicz
Student Government Advisor -----	J. Finkley/E. Boulanger
Technology Club -----	K. Manchester
Trap Club Spring/Fall -----	K. Manchester
Whitetail Enthusiast Club-----	I. Calder