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ACTIVITIES

All-State Journalism

The title "All-State Journalist" is earned by attending the South Dakota Press Association camp in Brookings each summer. Students attending the 5 day camp write many stories, work on editing skills and learn layout and design. Camp applicants must take Journalism I and be a junior or senior for the upcoming year. Focus of the camp can be in areas of writing, layout or photography.

All-State Band

All Watertown High School band members may audition for All-State Band. Band students compete with musicians from across the state of South Dakota by auditioning with prepared solos and scales, taking a written test of musical terms and playing a sight reading exam. Musicians chosen for All-State Band receive the honor of performing for the annual All-Dakota and a guest conductor of renown. All-State Band rehearses during late March or early April at different locations each year in South Dakota.

All-State Chorus

All-State Chorus provides an opportunity for students to sing with the best voices in South Dakota as well as the opportunity to work with some of the best directors in the country. Students participating in All-State Chorus are selected by audition and placed in quartets. Students participating in All-State Chorus must be registered in a high school chorus class. All-State Chorus is held annually the first weekend in November, rotating between Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen and Watertown.

All-State Orchestra

All-State Orchestra is composed of approximately 150 of the best high school string and wind players in the state. These musicians have the opportunity to work with some of the best directors in the country. To be eligible for All-State Orchestra, you must be a member of a high school orchestra or band. Students must audition on the selected orchestra music and etudes, along with taking a written term test. Membership is determined by the scores of the performed music and written test. Auditions usually take place on the third Wednesday in October. All-State Orchestra is held annually the first weekend of November, rotating between Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen and Watertown.

Anime Club

WHS partners with Watertown Regional Library to host anime club. If you enjoy anime, come join other fans to discuss, debate, and play games which feature anime of all genres.

Arrow Ambassadors

The group identifies possible areas/issues that need addressed & develop methods/ideas for improving those school issues in a positive manner. The student group provides guidance to the staff PBIS group to improve school culture & climate. They mentor WIS students, teach kindness/diversity lessons in elementary classrooms around the district, and assist with Elementary Recesses. Students also have the opportunity to mentor new HS students/show them around the building, volunteer at Elementary Family Fun Nights, & participate in SADD and Natural Helpers

Training.

Best Buddies

Students with disabilities and students without disabilities will meet each month to do an activity together. Students will also be paired with each other based on similarities. They will check on each other weekly and create a journal for the year.

Art Club

Art Club is open to any student in grades 9 – 12.

Drama Club

In 2024 we are planning to attend the SDSU theater camp in November, host our own WHS Theater day in January, and take in at least one more collegiate theater show in the spring. We are looking at service projects with the Town Players. We are looking for ways to bring the theater arts to younger kids.

Ed Rising

Educators Rising is a student organization for anyone interested in teaching or working with kids. Through this organization, you will get hands-on experiences, leadership opportunities, and connections across the state. It is a great way to explore if a career in education and/or working with kids is right for you.

FFA

The primary aim of the FFA organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. We develop competent and assertive leadership, strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work and promote the intelligent choice of an agricultural career. FFA students take part in and run our FFA meetings, speak to other groups and in contests, participate in judging contests and earn awards at the local, state and national level.

Flag Corps

Flag Corps is a unit of high school woodwind or percussion girls who perform with the marching band in the fall. Students enrolled in band are eligible to audition for this activity. Band members interested in participating in the flag corps should contact the band director.

Forensics

Forensics is the overall title that covers several competitive speech activities. Included under this category is Oral Interp, Public Forum Debate, Extemp, Original Oratory, and NFL. The College Board Organization, which administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test that is used for college admission, has concluded that active participation in forensic activities is the best predictor for success in college. Competition begins in October and runs into February. Based upon preparation, practice attitude and responsibility, many students will have the opportunity to compete in two-day tournaments where the squad stays overnight.

Honors Choirs

Honors Choirs are designed to provide exceptional choral students with an opportunity to sing in smaller, more select choirs. Presently, there are two that are available:

SD HONORS CHOIR: Students, who are currently sophomores or juniors, enrolled in an academic chorus may audition in the spring of the year for this prestigious choir. Each year, approximately 700 students audition and only 150 are selected. If selected, the students will spend one week on a SD College campus preparing for a finale concert

JUNIOR HONORS CHOIR: This select choir was designed to challenge students in grades 7-9. The format for this event consists of learning all of the music in advance (six memorized pieces), spending one and a half days in rehearsal and presenting a Saturday afternoon concert in the Capitol Rotunda in Pierre.

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)

HOSA-Future Health Professionals. . South Dakota HOSA was established in 2012 as an initiative of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine and the South Dakota Area Health Education Center in response to the great need for future health professionals in our state. The goals of South Dakota HOSA are three-fold:

1. ENVISION: Expanding and nurturing students' awareness of all the healthcare careers available to them, while molding them into South Dakota's future health professionals
2. ENERGIZE: Becoming proactive in helping counselors develop a robust personal learning plan for students interested in becoming a future health professional. (ie: education, shadowing, and service)
3. ENGAGE: Offering students opportunities to expand their understanding, create projects, and demonstrate skills through HOSA's Competitive Events Program.

The structure of HOSA provides a comprehensive, rigorous, and relevant program to engage students interested in health careers, as well as an evaluation system that has been continuously tested, refined, and validated over three decades of use. HOSA's Competitive Events Program offers members the opportunity to compete in teams or as individuals in more than 55 different events that fall along the broad spectrum of healthcare careers.

Jazz Ensemble

Students who play trumpet, saxophone, trombone, piano, bass guitar and drum set may audition for jazz ensemble. The group rehearses before school and performs in concerts and for groups and clubs in the Watertown area.

Key Club

Key Club is an organization that provides service to the Watertown community. Some projects include helping Habitat For Humanity, serving the banquet at the Salvation Army and Adopt-A-Highway. Key Club is a branch of the local Kiwanis Club. Key Club offers a chance to give back to the community with friends and fun.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society was established to promote and emphasize scholarship, leadership, character and service. The intent is to recognize and foster academic excellence while developing the other characteristics essential to citizenship in a democracy. The criteria for membership includes the following: a grade point average of 3.65 or higher; enrollment in five honors level classes; demonstration of good character; participation in community service; involvement in at least three extracurricular activities; and demonstration of leadership.

Native American Club

Native American club focuses on Native American culture and traditions. The group members determine the agenda for the group. In the past, we have made suncatchers, gone to a pow wow, and had speakers teach Native American culture.

Peer Helpers

Performance Dance Team

The Dance Team is chosen in the spring. They are judged on enthusiasm, poise, appearance, rhythm, coordination, flexibility, as well as their attitude. The Dance Team may practice in July and August to prepare for camp. More intense practices begin in November and continue through March to prepare and perfect each routine performed.

Plays/Musicals/One-Act Play

There are three Watertown High School drama opportunities available to students each year. In the fall, WHS produces a 3-act all-school play. In January, we send an entry to the state one-act festival. In the spring, a 3-act all-school play or a musical is produced. All students are eligible to audition for these plays.

Regional Music Contest

The Region III Solo and Ensemble Music Contest is held in Watertown during early April. All students in band, chorus or orchestra are eligible to participate by performing prepared solos or by performing in ensembles with their peers. The students play for judges and receive a rating of I, II, III or IV based upon the quality of their performance. Awards are given for a I or II rating.

Science Club

Students will explore their interests in the sciences, including engineering. Students lead the topics and each meeting will focus on topics that the students have proposed. Goals are to participate in a local science/engineering fair.

Show Choir/Vocal Jazz

Show Choir/Vocal Jazz is the title given to the pop vocal performance groups at WHS. SPECTRUM: Mixed vocal ensemble of 12-16 students. This group is developing a reputation for its quality vocal performance and entertainment value. They are frequently asked to perform for community clubs/functions.

ARROW EXPRESS: A new ensemble added to accommodate the growing interest in show choir.

This group consists of approximately 18 students in grades 9-12.

Sideline Cheer

Cheerleaders are chosen for varsity football, boys' basketball and girls' basketball teams. The main goal of the squad is to increase the spirit of the crowd and support the teams at all Arrow events. All cheerleaders are selected in the spring. They begin practice and attend various camps in the summer to sharpen their skills.

Skills USA

SkillsUSA is the largest national career and technical organization in the country with over 395,000 (2020) members from high school, college, and middle school chapters. This is a student-run organization that provides students the opportunities to develop technical, employability, and personal skills through state and national competitions and leadership development conferences as well as partnerships with educators. There are over 100 events students can compete in at the state and national level including but not limited to welding, culinary, photography, and job interviews.

Student Council

The Student Council exists to lead and organize school projects, represent the student voice; assist with school- wide decision-making processes, and generally, make WHS a more enjoyable place to attend. Students must petition and interview to place their name on the ballot for election each spring. Freshmen candidates are added to the Council during the first two weeks after homecoming in the fall. Class Officers are elected to lead and organize class projects. Elections for the offices of president and vice- president are held for the senior, junior, and sophomore classes in the spring. Students must petition and interview to place their name on the ballot for election. Class Officers automatically become members of the Student Council.

Student Managers

All varsity sports are in need of student managers. If interested, you should contact the head coach of the sport of your choice.

Wire Choir

Wire Choir is a small ensemble of 14-20 members, consisting of string players, pianist and occasionally a set drummer. This group provides entertainment for local service clubs, conventions, holiday festivities, dinner music, etc. Light classical, pop, country, Broadway musicals and holiday music are performed. Members of Wire Choir must be director approved.

Yearbook

The Arrow Yearbook is produced by the Arrow Staff and Journalism class. Additionally, the Arrow Editor is the individual (s) who presides over the production of the yearbook. Selection of these positions is made by the advisor. Interested students should contact the Arrow Yearbook Advisor.

