

ACTIVITIES AT PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2020-21

CLUBS

Archery: John Dunlop

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Archery begins in middle school and transfers on into high school. The season usually begins in November and competition starts in January and runs through until the State Tournament in May. It is a great opportunity to be athletic as well as participate on a team.

Art Club: Joe King

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Art Club is a student-led activity one hour a week after school for the purpose of enjoying art as a community. Opportunities for the club are student-driven.

Band: Rennee Flynn

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Available to students in grades 10-12. This band performs at all home football games and travels throughout the fall season competing and performing. The band is known for its innovative music, drill design, color guard choreography and quality show productions.

Book Club: Sara Brown

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Book Club meets once per month to discuss a book that students select. All students who enjoy reading are welcome to join!

Chess Club: Chris Czuk

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To provide a platform for PCHS students to play chess with each other, whether they want to learn, improve, or simply have fun.

Choirs: Eli Snyder

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PCHS Choirs equip and inspire students to create art through the study and performance of Choral Music. Students develop musical skills including sight reading and vocal technique while learning a wide variety of repertoire from a range of time periods and styles. Opportunities exist for participation in Michigan School Vocal Music Association events including Honors Choir, District and State Choral Festival, and District and State Solo and Ensemble. Curricular Choirs include Concert Choir and the auditioned Chamber Singers.

Climbing Club: Jason Badders
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A club in which students can participate in *Climb Kalamazoo* downtown and work on their rock-climbing skills.

Dance Team - Performance: Leah Barnes
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Portage Central Student Dancers perform at fall and winter season sporting events and pep assemblies with the teams being comprised of freshman- seniors. Students must have prior experience and training in order to qualify for the team; tryouts are held in the spring for next year's fall season and again in the fall for the winter season.

DECA: Greg Chambers
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DECA has been recognized by the United States and the Michigan Department of Education as an integral part of classroom curriculum because of its leadership development and how it prepares members to be college and career ready. DECA's industry-validated activities and competitive events are aligned with the National Curriculum Standards in the career clusters of marketing, business management and administration, finance, and hospitality and tourism.

Democrat's Club: Kate Phipps
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Democrat's Club is an opportunity to discuss local, state, and federal issues that are affecting our country. It is specifically focused on The Democratic Party's platform.

Dungeons & Dragons Club: Noah Krzan
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Dungeons & Dragons is an opportunity to participate with peers in playing Dungeons & Dragons.

E-Sports: James Carrow or Chris Sura
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Portage Central High School is starting a competitive esports team! We will potentially be fielding teams in the following games: Fortnite, League of Legends, Valorant, Super Smash Bros, Overwatch, Rocket League, and Smite!

Environmental Club: Cathy Laurencig
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This club is designed to educate and enrich students' experiences in environmental accountability and sustaining our environment.

FCA: Mike Freeland

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This is a student-led opportunity for fellowship and prayer.

Forensics: J. Tyler Baas

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Forensics provides an excellent opportunity for students to speak competitively. A wide variety of speaking and interpretive events allow students to find their strengths. Ultimately, students prepare for one event and participate in several Saturday tournaments held during second semester. Events include seven dramatic events and seven public speaking events.

French Club: Rachel Flachs

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The French Club is for students who want to work on their French-speaking skills and learn the customs and traditions of various French-speaking cultures..

Gamer's Club: Ron Moore

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Gamers Club is for everyone who enjoys playing video games. Students often bring their switch or 3ds though you do not have to. We have been playing Super Smash Bros and Mario Party. It is a fun club that meets once a week. All skill levels are welcome.

Gardening Club: Ann Alburtus

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The goal of this club is to improve the surrounding landscape of the school. The Garden Club has its own Community Garden and draws in 20-40 students at one time. Students are able to meet new friends, enjoy time building community among their peers, and learn about how gardens function and produce crops through regular care and maintenance.

GSA: (Gay-Straight Alliance): J. Tyler Baas

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This club meets semimonthly and aims to create a safe and supportive space where students can discuss topics surrounding sexuality, gender, and various LGBT+ issues. This club welcomes all students, whether LGBT, ally, or interested in learning more and asking questions about this part of society.

Investment Club: Greg Chambers (CURRENTLY MEETING VIRTUALLY)

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This club will educate students about the Stock Market.

JEDI (Justice, Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion): Ashley Bowen

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This club will consist of a diverse group of people who try to create a safe space to understand and learn about different cultures. We will work to become culturally sensitive and literate. We will also unlearn hate and teach empathy and compassion.

Jeopardy Club: Chris Czuk

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Kids in Science Club: Aja Kaylor

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The Kids in Science Club plan projects for the Elementary Schools.

Knitting & Crocheting Club: Kate Phipps

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No experience is necessary; we have student volunteers who will teach basic skills to newcomers. We also have yarn and needles available for student use. We tend to work on small projects that can be completed fairly quickly (like a poppy for veteran's day or baby hats to donate), but some students bring in larger projects like blankets or scarves to work on over a longer period of time. When working on projects to donate (like hats or scarves), students can earn community service hours. Students in the IB program can also earn CAS hours.

Little Dresses for Africa: Kent Baker

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Math Helps Club: Chris Czuk

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This club meets to assist students who may need help with math. There are tutors available.

Montage: J. Tyler Baas

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Montage is Portage Central's fine arts and creative writing publication. Students in this club work as publicists, editors, submission panelists, and web designers to put out a publication of student submissions each year, which is then available for purchase. Students do not have to be involved in the club to have their writing or artwork included in *Montage*.

Moose Project: Casey Badders

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A diverse student-driven after-school club that forms bonds and makes friendships to make high school more fun. It develops mentor-mentee relationships with the help of student leaders.

Optimist Club: Theresa Mills

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The objective of this Club is to provide opportunities for Members individually and collectively to participate in community service activities, develop leadership abilities and prepare for responsible roles in society.

Orchestra: Silvia McClish

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Orchestra seeks to teach students of a variety of levels. Playing in a group setting challenges each member to be responsible for his or her part, communicate with others, and bring the musical performance to a new level. Public performances help to increase student confidence and self-esteem while providing a creative outlet. String playing covers a broad variety of musical styles in historical context: classical, folk, ethnic, modern, pop.

Outdoor Adventure Club: Jason Badders

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The Outdoor Adventure Club takes trips to the Upper Peninsula and Kentucky to explore and provide students an opportunity to experience the outdoors first-hand with well-trained experts.

PC Music Outreach: Eli Snyder

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Performing Arts: Ashley Bowen

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Fall Play: The Fall Play allows students to develop skills in many parts of the theatre, including, but not limited to, costume design, stage managing, running crew, acting, and hair/makeup crew work. The Fall Play is typically a smaller ensemble than the school musical and functions as an educational theatre, meaning that both highly experienced theatre students and students without theatre experience can come together then put together an excellent production.

Auditions for the Fall Play are typically during the first full week of school with performances near the end of October and the beginning of November.

Spring Musical: Each year the award-winning theatre department at Portage Central High School presents a Winter Musical for our community to enjoy. As a high school program, we view ourselves as an educational program that provides professional level opportunities for actors, technicians, and musicians. Past productions include Guys and Dolls, Shrek, and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Portage Central Performing Arts also prides itself on producing area and national premieres of challenging pieces.

Philosophy Club: Janet LaVasseur
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Philosophy Club is a great opportunity to discuss philosophical issues with peers and a teacher. There will always be a wide range of topics.

Pickleball Club: Cathy Laurencig
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Project Patients: Kent Baker
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This club works to help people who are in the hospital. They write letters to hospice patients.

Recycling Club: Kate Phipps
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This club does all the Recycling in the entire school every Tuesday after school. Their hard work and dedication to making the environment a better place makes a difference at Portage Central High School.

Rotary Club: Andy Iasci
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Rotary connects people in the common good and the ideal of *Service Above Self*.

For over 100 years, Kalamazoo Rotarians have served in our community and internationally. Join us as we focus on programs that impact us professionally and personally, while building friendships and extending those connections by visiting other clubs around the globe.

Science Olympiad: Jill Meyle
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Science Olympiad competitions consist of a series of 23 team events in each division. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal.

Sewing Club: Kat Frink
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The PC Sewing Studio teaches the basics of sewing in a fun environment! Students choose projects at their skill level and keep what they make at no cost to them. In the past, students have sewn mittens, coasters, skirts, aprons, blankets, and tote bags. Hours spent creating an item to donate can count as service hours. These hours can also count towards the creativity requirement in the IB diploma program in junior and senior years.

Ski Club: Jason Badders

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Ski Club is an opportunity to go skiing at the Timber Ridge or Bittersweet Ski resorts. You also have the opportunity to interact with teachers from Central High School who love skiing and/or snowboarding too.

Spanish Club: Pilar Forero

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The Spanish Club is for students who want to work on their Spanish-speaking skills and learn the customs and traditions of various Spanish-speaking cultures.

Student Council: Rob Hoopingarner

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The Student Council at Portage Central is more than just student representatives and activities. It truly is a student government. Meeting everyday 3rd period, our Student Council listens to students and works with staff to fix student issues, address school-wide matters, and continue to improve upon our school community. The Student Council is led by five officers, including our Student Body President and comprises 24 student representatives, six from each class, elected by them. On top of all this, the Student Council hosts many events every year including homecomings, a talent show, and dances.

Super Fans Club: Rob Hoopingarner

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The purpose of the Super Fans Clubs is to promote school spirit by attending sporting events, organizing activities at the school, and being the biggest cheerleaders for the school. They will encourage attendance at all events and create supportive posters or other projects to encourage players.

Winter Guard (Marching Band): Rennee Flynn

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The goal of this club is to improve the skills of the Color Guard for the Band.

Yearbook (Roundup): Ann Alburtus

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The Roundup yearbook is a co-curricular activity inviting students who wish to take the class to be involved in the design, reporting, and implementation of the school's yearbook. This group is student leadership based and requires students to take an active role in working with each other and staff members; a time commitment outside of school is necessary.

Yoga Club: Kate Phipps
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Yoga Club is an opportunity to participate in Yoga exercises and a time for some much needed relaxation techniques.

ACTIVITIES

Freshman Class: Sarah Smith-Moore

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Link Crew: Nikki Smith

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This school program started in 2012, works with juniors and seniors to help integrate freshmen into the school atmosphere. Student Ambassadors, as these juniors and seniors are known, are selected based on a rigorous set of requirements and work with freshman from their 8th grade year through the end of their freshman year, meeting with them multiple times a year to help them get to know the "Mustang Way" and teach our values as a school.

National Honor Society: Kent Baker

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Members are required to perform school and/or community service projects. Minimum service hours are required. Students are invited into membership in their 10th grade year based on scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Invitations are extended based on a minimum GPA.

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Sophomore Class: Samantha Crooks

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