

# HIGHTOWER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2026 - 2027 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

*Please see daily announcements for updated information.*

| SCHOOL CLUBS                                                                                 | MISSION/PURPOSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PAST/PLANNED ACTIVITIES                                                                                                                                                                 | FACULTY ADVISOR(S)              | DAY/TIME                                                                                                                                                                                        | NOTES                                                                                                |
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| <b>ART COMPETES</b>                                                                          | To give students the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents by submitting artwork into various local and state competitions                                                                                                                                                                        | To be decided by club participants.                                                                                                                                                     | Brandi Payne                    | 3rd Thursday of each month. 8:15am in the Art room                                                                                                                                              | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                      |
| <b>BAKING CLUB</b>                                                                           | To explore the fun and creativity of baking. Each meeting, we'll share and discuss new recipes, bake together as a group, and enjoy tasting our delicious creations.                                                                                                                                       | Monthly baking sessions                                                                                                                                                                 | Jennifer Dean                   | One Friday a month at 8:00                                                                                                                                                                      | Watch for information via rolling announcements<br><b>Applications due Thursday, August 13, 2026</b> |
| <b>BAND –</b><br>Woodwind Ensemble<br>Brass Ensemble<br>Percussion Ensemble<br>Pops Ensemble | To provide additional learning and performing opportunities for band students, open to 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students only.                                                                                                                                                              | Night of the Arts (April) Additional performances as necessary.                                                                                                                         | Alyse Mourdock<br>Krista Berezo | For specific meeting times & dates, refer to the Band Calendar:<br><a href="http://www.htmsband.org">www.htmsband.org</a>                                                                       | You must be in the HTMS Band to participate                                                          |
| <b>CREATIVE WRITING CLUB</b>                                                                 | This club is for anyone who loves to write. We will use the workshopping model. Students will learn fiction writing techniques through the use of writing exercises as well as constructive peer feedback. This is not for editing essays or tutoring in writing. Please come ready to share your writing. | <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/rii2VXaRe">Please sign up through the following forms link with you cobb county schools email address:<br/>https://forms.office.com/r/rii2VXaRe</a> | Ashley Ripley                   | No application needed. All writers are welcome! This club offers optional quiet writing time 1-2 times per week and two monthly meetings with the entire group starting Monday, September 15th. | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                      |
| <b>DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b>                                                                | To provide an opportunity to learn the game, play together, and meet new fans of the game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Meet to learn, play, and interact with peers.                                                                                                                                           | Ryan Rospond<br>Lindsay Hoots   | The first 3 Fridays each month                                                                                                                                                                  | Watch for information via rolling announcements for upcoming dates & CTLS page.                      |

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| <b>ECOACTION TEAM</b>                     | EcoAction is a team of students that wants to increase awareness of the relationships between human actions & our environment. We will promote the benefits of reducing, re-using, & recycling of materials (plastic bottles, paper, & unusuable markers) that would otherwise be sent to landfill sites. We will educate the school community of steps that can be taken to improve our environment, & encourage responsible environmental behaviors.                                                                                                        | The EcoAction Team leads & organizes the school's recycling efforts. The team also plants & maintains the school garden with sustainable practices, & carefully plans the garden to promote the bee population by making sure the garden is pollinator-friendly. The team will produce periodic announcements to the HTMS student body to encourage responsible environmental behaviors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Jenny Bobb<br>Lindsay Hoots<br>Ryan Rospond<br>Katherine Thomas | Meet Wednesdays at 8:10am in 7C2                                                                                                           | There will be a few OPTIONAL Seasonal Gardening Days on weekends. (To Be Determined.) |
| <b>FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA</b> | The HTMS Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America is an organization made to enhance students' skills in leadership, business skills, & technology. Our mission is to bring business & education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership career development programs. We help develop competent & aggressive business leadership. We strengthen the confidence of students in themselves & their work, create more interest in & understanding of American business enterprise, & practice efficient money management. | Regular club meetings, conferences, competitive events, & community service projects are all part of HTMS FBLA. Our statewide philanthropy is March of Dimes. We also support local causes. The HTMS Chapter of FBLA work extremely hard during the school year and participate in business related competitive events at the Georgia FBLA Region 7 and State Leadership Conferences in a quest to advance to the National competition. All members placed at the Regional Conference. One HTMS student represented our club in the National competition and placed 4th in nation in the competitive event Exploring Technology. | LaRona Snowden                                                  | Meetings will be held every 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 8:15 - 9:00 in the Tech Lab. Meeting dates are subject to change due to competitions. | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                       |

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| <b>HELEN RUFFIN<br/>READING BOWL</b> | A competitive reading team focused on turning students onto reading, encouraging independent reading for pleasure, and through friendly competition, and to foster strong support of the media center which is the key to successful reading programs in schools. | Meet bi-monthly to prepare for competition in January. Will compete in January 2027.                                                                                                                                                          | Marlie Sherer<br>Megan Burrell             | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in 7A5. Meetings will be more frequent as competition approaches. | All students welcome to attend competition team selected in December. Watch for information via rolling announcements. |
| <b>HNN CLUB</b>                      | A trusted group of students to host the daily morning news.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | This club is by appointment. Students must audition for placement. <b>Auditions due Tuesday, August 11th.</b>                                                                                                                                 | Amy Pease<br>Susan Mitchell<br>Inga Schorn | Anchors will be assigned weekly shifts.                                                           | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                        |
| <b>HTMS NEED CRAFTS CLUB</b>         | A group of students who like need crafts such as crocheting, knitting, embroidery, hand-sewing, cross-stitch, needlepoint, macrame, string bracelets, etc.                                                                                                        | This is not an instructional club, meaning there will not be lessons on how to do needle crafts. This is a place for those who already have supplies and a project to work on. There is no fee to join, but you must bring your own supplies. | Ashley Ripley                              | Email Mrs. Ripley at ashley.ripley@cobbk12.org and she will add you to the club's CTLS tile.      | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                        |
| <b>INTERCLUB COUNCIL</b>             | To provide feedback to principal on school climate and academics.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Dr. Hannah Polk                            | Meeting 3 - 4 times a year with the principal.<br>8:00 - 9:00<br>Dates to be determined.          | Members of this club are representaives from HTMS clubs.                                                               |

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| <b>INTRAMURALS</b>                            | To provide the opportunity of additional practice, self-testing and unique activities not feasible during regular class period. Intramural are student oriented, offering a wide variety of activities. All participants have an equal opportunity to play and focus on fun, enjoyment, and effort rather than winning. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Charles Logan                                                                                                                                         | Mon.-Fri.<br>8:15 – 8:45 am<br>Doors lock at 8:15<br>First day of intramurals TBD. | Watch for information via rolling announcements<br>Check with Study Hall to make sure there is a meeting each day.<br><b>MUST HAVE PROPER SHOES.</b> |
| <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b>                            | To provide positive social opportunities for students to engage with others from around the school. Students eat lunch and enjoy talking with new friends playing games, dancing, etc. in an accepting environment.                                                                                                     | Activities vary weekly but may include: cornhole,Bingo, Uno, life-sized Jenga, Legos, coloring, etc. Past activities include games, arts & crafts, holiday parties                                                                                                                                                                             | Amy Moor                                                                                                                                              | Approximately every other Friday during lunch in the 8th grade commons             | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                                                      |
| <b>MATH TEAM</b>                              | To compete 2 - 3 times throughout the year striving to develop students' problem solving abilities and higher-order thinking skills                                                                                                                                                                                     | Individual & County Competitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Stefanie Stoltz<br>Jaclyn Bonsecour                                                                                                                   | Mondays at 8:15 beginning September 14th                                           | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                                                      |
| <b>NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY - (NJHS)</b> | To provide for the community by leading through service & action for the betterment of our peers & community. We will do this collectively through school & local service projects & individually in our community based on the passions & talents of our members.                                                      | A leadership/community service club that is for rising 8th graders who qualify according to The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) & the HTMS National Junior Honor Society by-laws. It is by invitation only requiring an application process & teacher recommendations in the spring of a student's 7th grade year. | Maria Findling<br>Dyana Bishop<br><b>Faculty Council :</b><br>Christy Bortnyk<br>Mackenzie Pease<br>Marlie Sherer<br>Larona Snowden<br>Suzanne Werner | Once a month on a Tuesday or Thursday<br>4:15 - 5:15                               | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                                                      |

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| <b>ORCHESTRA - CHAMBER</b>           | To provide enrichment for more advanced players in orchestra                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Auditions August 11th 4:30-6:30</b><br>Sign up at Sneak-A-Peek or the first week of school. Must be in Orchestra to participate.                                                                                                                                                                                           | Paul O'Keefe<br>Michael Tompkins                                                                                                                                                          | Monday & Thursday mornings 8:00 – 9:00 am. (For specific times & dates, refer to the Orchestra Calendar on the website)                                                            | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SCIENCE OLYMPIAD</b>              | One of the premier science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to a team of 15 students. Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up of events in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) disciplines, exposes & energizes our students to a variety of career choices & dynamic content experiences. | Our team has been in existence for many years. In that time, our best showing was 1st place in the regional competition, and we went on to place 4th in the state competition. Planned Activities: Dodgen Invitational in November, & Regional Competition in Spring with another showing at the state competition to follow. | Rachel Whitaker                                                                                                                                                                           | Meetings in 8C1 Thursday afternoons 4:20-5:20. Will begin in September.                                                                                                            | This club asks that you submit teacher recommendations in early Fall. Watch for announcements for information regarding tryouts. These will be held in late August. |
| <b>SPORTS CLUB</b>                   | To foster students' love of sports, ignite friendships, and develop hobbies all inspired by a common love of sports!                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | We will watch sports, trade sports cards, talk sports, and play sports.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Autumn Phillips                                                                                                                                                                           | Wednesday mornings at 8:15                                                                                                                                                         | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                                                                     |
| <b>STUDENT PATH LEADERSHIP GROUP</b> | Students will highlight acts of compassion and kindness among peers; incorporate empathy into the school culture; assist with school wide activities and community service projects.                                                                                                                                                              | New Student Tours, Relay for Life Fundraisers, Leadership Activities, School Community Service Drives, Spirit Weeks                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Brent Fulton<br>Shawnte Scott-Tompkins<br>Jaclyn Bonsecour<br>Lara Salzman<br>Amy Moor<br>Sydney Brooks<br>Ryan Rospond<br>Suzanne Barber<br>Jennifer Dean<br>Nick Rhea<br>Michelle Brown | PATH will meet one Thursday morning a month before school, 8:15 a.m. Scheduled dates will be handed out during the first meeting. Please watch for applications and announcements. | Watch for information via rolling announcements                                                                                                                     |

| <b>STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS</b>                                                         | <b>MISSION/PURPOSE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>PAST/PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b>                                        | <b>FACULTY MONITOR(s)</b>                 | <b>DAY/TIME</b>                                                | <b>NOTES</b>                                    |
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| <b>"CHAI" TOWER TRAIL CLUB</b><br><i>Not a school sponsored event</i>                | This is a group of students who meet monthly to enrich his/her life with Jewish values and culture. Meetings include breakfast, community service projects, learning opportunities and social interaction with those with the same religious beliefs. The club is open to all 6-8th graders. | Breakfast, community service projects, Jewish education opportunities | Stefanie Stoltz (FM)<br>Lara Salzman (FM) | Once or twice a month on Fridays<br>8:00AM                     | Watch for information via rolling announcements |
| <b>FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)</b><br><i>Not a school sponsored event</i> | FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. It focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference through their faith. FCA is open to all and not limited to athletes.                                              |                                                                       | Sydney Brooks (FM)<br>Laura Shutt (FM)    | Every other Friday @ 8:05am in the 6th grade commons.          | Watch for information via rolling announcements |
| <b>FCA SPONSORED GIRLS BIBLE STUDY</b><br><i>Not a school sponsored event</i>        | FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. It focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference through their faith. This Bible Study group is led by 8th grade girls but is open to all girls.                   | Monthly meetings                                                      | Lese Cooper (FM)                          | 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 8:05am in the 6th grade commons. | Watch for information via rolling announcements |

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| <b>FCA SPONSORED BOYS BIBLE STUDY</b><br><i>Not a school sponsored event</i>    | FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. It focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference through their faith. This Bible Study group is led by 8th grade girls but is open to all girls. | Monthly meetings                                                                                                                                                           | Stephen Corbett (FM)<br>Mike Wolber (FM) | Wednesday after the full FCA meeting @ 8:05am in the 6th grade commons. | Watch for information via rolling announcements |
| <b>HINDUS YUVA CLUB</b><br><i>Not a school sponsored event</i>                  | To practice and preserve Hindu values, culture, and heritage.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | To celebrate holidays, practice and promote healthy lifestyle (yoga, meditation), complete a Sewa (service project), and lead a Guru Vandana (teacher appreciation event). | Jennifer Hadden (FM)                     | 1 Friday morning per month<br>8:15-8:45                                 | Watch for information via rolling announcements |
| <b>MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - MSA</b><br><i>Not a school sponsored event</i> | To build a safe, supportive, and empowering space for Muslim youth through faith, leadership, community service, and friendship.                                                                                                                                           | Community service projects, team building, art projects, and games                                                                                                         | Leena Kahn-Farooqui (FM)                 | TBD                                                                     | Watch for information via rolling announcements |