

# Service Organizations

## Student Council (StuCo)

- FOCUS:** Student Council is designed to provide a democratic form in which students can address those school-related issues which affect their lives, maintain a communication channel between students and administrators, offer a program of social functions and community involvement projects, and train students in the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship, using the school environment as the primary training ground.
- MEMBERSHIP:** Student Council is a nationally recognized organization which is made up of 7 officers as well as 5 representatives from each grade. In order to become an officer or representative, a student must be elected to office by his/her peers. He/she must also maintain above average grades and an excellent behavior record as well as receive teacher recommendations to run for an elected position.
- ACTIVITIES:** Students elected to StuCo participate in bi-monthly meetings and sponsor such events as sophomore orientation, football homecoming, club drives, Christmas events and community service projects, as well as various other activities to promote school spirit and pride. StuCo officers also attend summer leadership training activities as well as state conventions in conjunction with the Arkansas Association of Student Councils.
- SPONSOR:** APRIL TAYLOR

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## Interact

- FOCUS:** Interact is an international community service organization affiliated with Rotary International that is sponsored jointly by Marion High School and the Marion Rotary Club. The emphasis is on community service and leadership.
- MEMBERSHIP:** To be accepted into membership, students must apply at either the spring or the fall membership drive. Membership is based on a point system that takes into account grade-point average, teacher recommendations, and executive board recommendations.
- ACTIVITIES:** Students who participate in Interact do a variety of activities including monthly meetings, fundraising activities, and community service activities. Interact members may participate in such events as volunteering at the local nursing home, tutoring, Relay for Life, St. Jude's fundraisers, clean up projects, and other similar projects.
- SPONSOR:** TRACY LONG

## French Club

- MEMBERSHIP:** Any student who is presently taking or who has taken any level of French is eligible for membership.
- ACTIVITIES:** French Club members participate in Homecoming Activities; the can drive for the 8th Street Mission; and a Christmas project. Students may also compete in several foreign language competitions.
- SPONSOR:** GREG SMITH **DUES: \$ 5.00**

## Spanish Club

- REQUIREMENTS:** 1. Current or former student of Spanish  
2. Pay annual dues (usually \$5)
- ACTIVITIES:** Club members are eligible for field trips to see plays, dance performances, museum exhibits, and meals at authentic restaurants. The Spanish Club participates in school-based activities such as Homecoming, the FBLA Thanksgiving canned food drive, door-decorating contests, and lots more. In December, the club adopts local children whose families are in need, and provides Christmas presents, clothes, candy, food, blankets, etc. for them and their families. Spanish Club members have also participated in the Marion Christmas on the Courthouse Square celebration by selling food at the event. The Spanish Club also funds the cost of attending a foreign language festival for students who go to participate in contests and have fun together on a Saturday in the spring. Marion High School Spanish students take the National Spanish Exam at no cost to them because the club pays for their tests.
- SPONSOR:** JANENE BROWN AND JESSICA OZOLS **DUES: \$5.00**

## Minority Student Association

- MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students
- FOCUS:** Expanding cultural awareness at MHS
- ACTIVITIES:** Students develop and participate in a wide variety of community service projects including supporting the local animal shelter, organizing a food drive, adopting a family and visiting local nursing homes. MSA also always takes an active part in homecoming activities. MSA sponsors two Cultural Awareness events at MHS: Africa in April and Spain in May.
- MOTTO:** Diversity among Cultures
- SPONSORS:** MAHALIA ROBY, LESLIE COOPER, TOYA WHITE **DUES: \$5.00**

## Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

- FOCUS:** SADD, is a school-based organization dedicated to addressing the issues of drunk driving, drug use, violence, smoking, sexually transmitted diseases, suicide, not wearing seatbelts, steroid use, and other destructive decisions.
- MISSION:** To provide students with the best prevention and intervention tools possible to deal with the serious and often deadly issues facing young people today.
- ACTIVITIES:** Programs and projects sponsored by the club like Prom Promise, Natural Helpers, High School Heroes and others aim at informing and empowering students to avoid destructive decisions themselves and to help their friends do the same.
- MEMBERSHIP:** open to all MHS students who accept these goals:  
\* To help reduce underage drinking, drinking and driving, drug use and other destructive behavior  
\* To refuse to ride with a driver who has been drinking or using drugs  
\* To help others do the same
- SPONSOR:** RALPH HARDIN **DUES : \$5.00**

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## Creative Writers

- MEMBERSHIP:** Anyone with an open mind and minimal literary ability is eligible for membership.
- FOCUS:** The Creative Writers Club meets once a month to share original, inspiring creations. Poems, short stories, and essays of all types are welcome.
- ACTIVITIES:** The club publishes the MHS Literary Magazine each spring.
- MOTTO:** "Any hand may destroy; the one that creates must be truly blessed."
- SPONSOR:** LAURIE CIFTCI **DUES: NONE REQUIRED**

## Disciples

- MEMBERSHIP:** Disciples Bible Study is a student-initiated organization open to every MHS student.
- ACTIVITIES:** Students lead Bible study, prayer, and worship times on Fridays at lunch and welcome everyone to attend any meeting. Disciples sponsor See You At the Pole, a nationwide emphasis on prayer for schools every September, and they hold a weeklong series of student revival meetings in the spring.
- SPONSOR:** RICHARD HUTCHINSON **DUES: NONE REQUIRED**

## Drama Club

- MEMBERSHIP:** Drama club is an extra curricular club for students interested in theater.
- ACTIVITIES:** Members have an opportunity to attend plays presented by local and national groups both during and after school hours. In addition, members support the MHS Drama II class through fund raising and technical support during performances. Occasionally club members are given the opportunity to act in a production.
- SPONSOR:** CONNIE STEELE **DUES: \$5.00**

## Art Club

- MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is open to any current or former art student
- ACTIVITIES:** Students donate their time and talent to area pre schools, nursing homes and needy families. A calendar is produced annually as a fund raiser and to showcase student art work. In addition, the art club sponsors and exhibits artwork in the annual MHS Art Show. Students prepare portfolio's for college interviews and participate in Homecoming Activities.
- SPONSOR:** MIRANDA RIPPARD **DUES: \$5.00**

## Junior Statesmen Association

- MEMBERSHIP:** To be accepted into membership, students must apply to the board, have a 3.0 GPA, one teacher recommendation from a social science teacher and pay annual membership dues
- ACTIVITIES:** Students participate in a variety of activities including monthly meetings, fundraising activities, debates, field trips, and community service activities.
- SPONSOR:** RENEE RAINEY **DUES: \$7.00**

## Book Club

- MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students
- FOCUS:** Book Club is a monthly discussion group where students can freely discuss current, popular Young Adult novels. Members vote on one novel per month to read. On the last Wednesday of each month, the club meets during lunch to discuss the themes, relevancy and appeal of the story. Membership is free and typically, copies of the monthly book selection are available through the school library. Students can "drop in" to the discussions even if they choose not to commit to joining the club. Book Club members participate in the Student Council Club Fair, homecoming festivities, and conduct one fundraiser per year.
- SPONSOR:** SHELLY TOMLINSON **DUES: NONE REQUIRED**

## Ultimate Frisbee Club

- MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is open to any student or faculty member at Marion High School.
- FOCUS:** Ultimate Frisbee Club is a fun and energizing after-school organization that promotes friendly competition, teamwork, and athleticism. The UFC is a year-round club that meets twice a week to play. Membership is free (although, there is occasionally money collected for supplies and equipment). Play is co-ed, with multiple teams, organized under the Official Ultimate Rules and conducted under a code of honor that promotes fairness for all. Currently, Ultimate Frisbee meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 at Brunetti Field in Marion. The Club sells optional T-shirts and promotes itself through the Student Council Club Drive, Homecoming Parade, and other school activities.
- SPONSOR:** RALPH HARDIN **DUES: NONE REQUIRED**