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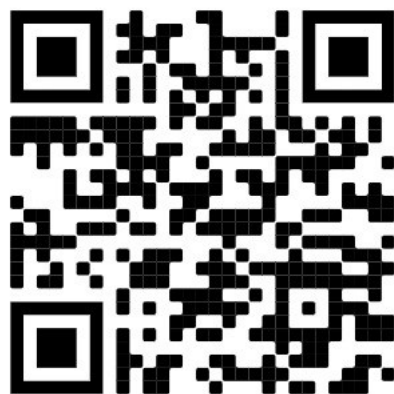
Ethan Marx '21

This year has been filled with many transitions and changes at Indian Hill High School and in the entire world. We have learned to sanitize our desks, navigate one-way hallways, scan QR codes, and much more. While we have lost quite a lot in the past year, the spirit of Indian Hill, however, is one thing that has yet to be lost. Returning students to IHHS know that one of the best parts of the Indian Hill community are the abundance of extracurricular experiences offered to students. In a typical year, we would host an Activities Fair so that students, both new and returning, would have the opportunity to learn about and join as many clubs as their hearts desire. However, due to the restrictions of COVID-19, this was unfeasible this year. Thus, we at Chieftain have decided to take on part of the responsibility of disseminating information about these clubs. We sent out a survey to every club advisor and have received responses from dozens of organizations at Indian Hill. We have compiled a summary of the many clubs and some other information to provide to you. Additionally, for clubs that had a sign-up link, we have created QR Codes for easy access. While we tried to feature as many clubs as possible, some clubs did not respond to our survey. Therefore, we have included a list of the remaining clubs not featured in this edition on the back cover. We thank the clubs who responded for the information they provided! If you are the leader of a club that was not featured, we encourage you to reach out to our Editors-in-Chief (Amitesh Verma and Ethan Marx) if you would like to write a feature on your organization in a future edition of Chieftain! Finally, I would like to take a moment to address the new students of Indian Hill. I, as a former new student of Indian Hill High School, would like to let you all know that there are plenty of opportunities to get involved at Indian Hill. From sports to robotics, theatre to Chieftain, Indian Hill truly has something for everyone! Also, if you can't find something you like from the 40+ clubs at Indian Hill, we encourage you to get a group of friends and a teacher advisor and create your own club! Please enjoy the issue and get involved at Indian Hill!

Now that the introduction is complete, I would like to take a moment to let you know about Chieftain! Chieftain is Indian Hill's own student-run newspaper. Students write the articles, edit the articles, format the articles, design the final paper, fundraise for the paper, and much more! Aided by our fantastic teacher advisor, Mrs. Coultas, Chieftain students learn writing, teamwork, brainstorming, and

creativity skills that will apply beyond the halls of IHHS. Each edition of Chieftain features about 20 articles on all types of subjects. Students can write features about a teacher, fellow student, celebrity, film, book, or anything else! Another option is to write an editorial – or an opinion piece on a particular subject written each month. Of course, Chieftain also features a news sections for students who want to dig into the headlines and communicate what is going on in the world. Beyond the writing process, older students are able to obtain leadership positions as editors. Editors provide feedback to writers and help refine the content of the edition. Then, the management staff of Chieftain format the articles and design the final edition. The Chieftain staff produces a new edition each month as well as a few special editions each year. If you are interested in joining Chieftain, please reach out to either of the Editors-in-Chief (amitesh.verma21@ihsd.us or ethan.marx21@ihsd.us) or Mrs. Coultas (cynthia.coultas@ihsd.us). Don't want to join Chieftain? That's okay! Follow us on Instagram (@ihchieftain) and reach out to Tacey Hutten (tacey.hutten22@ihsd.us) or Mady Kahn (madison.kahn@ihsd.us) to receive a subscription form for Chieftain so that you never miss an edition! ■

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Bring Change 2 Mind

Club Advisor: Mrs. VanStrien amy.vanstrien@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Nina Overton nina.overton22@ihsd.us

Bring Change 2 Mind is a club focused on starting dialogues about and bringing more awareness to mental illnesses, as well as working towards improving mental health in general through a variety of activities meant to help students deal with stress. Previous BC2M activities have included community baking, movie nights, and yoga. All of these are meant to release some stress from life and work towards a more relaxed state of mind. The club will also spend some time talking about different types of mental illnesses and destigmatizing them, as well as holding open conversations about how mental illnesses can affect people and various other topics related to mental health. BC2M is welcome to everybody who wants to join! We welcome everyone to give this club a try! (Because of COVID, we have not set up a meeting time yet.) ■



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Chess Club

Club Advisor: Mr. Siebenaller jordan.siebenaller@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Connor Coffman connor.coffman23@ihsd.us

Interested in developing critical thinking skills while playing a strategic game with friends? Join Chess Club today! Whether you are an absolute beginner or an experienced player, we have something for you! Chess has been proven in several studies to help raise IQ scores, develop problem solving skills, improve memory, and increase creativity. Having another extracurricular to include in your college resume also doesn't hurt! Due to the circumstances of the current pandemic, we have moved away from physical matches and towards an online format, but we will still be meeting online to play chess and improve your game. We will be having an introductory meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 4:00 pm to introduce this year's student leaders and to talk about the club moving forward. ■



To sign up, use the QR code below:



Color Guard

Club Advisor: Mr. Barker donald.barker@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Annie Hovey annie.hovey@ihsd.us

Color Guard is a fantastic opportunity for students to collaborate with others to create an award-winning marching band show. Students will also make friendships and other bonds that will last a lifetime. It is a great way for people who may not play instruments to participate in the Braves Marching Band, the Mid-States Class A Champion 2 years in-the-running. In Color Guard, people can learn to express music using dance, spinning flags, rifles, and sabers. This group is an essential part of the visual aspect of a marching band show. They get to participate in football games, pep rallies, competitions, and more. Anyone is welcome and no prior experience is necessary. ■



DECA

Club Advisor: Mrs. Schonauer susan.schonauer@ihsd.us
 Mr. Said phil.said@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Lauren Sewell lauren.sewell21@ihsd.us

DECA DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA is an experience through which the coordinator attempts to enrich, enliven, and enlarge the Marketing and Distributive Education curriculum. The organization encourages free enterprise and economic awareness through individual instruction, marketing projects, exposure to business leaders, and by practical experiences in business establishments. Competition plays a critical role in the organization. There are a series of district, state and national contests, designed to stimulate and motivate classroom interest, provide career encouragement and promote vocational competence. Indian Hill has a rich tradition of success in these competitive activities. If you are interested in joining DECA, enroll in a marketing class and contact Mr. Said, Mrs. Schonauer, or Lauren Sewell for more information. ■

No QR Code — enroll in marketing class and contact Mr. Said or Mrs. Schonauer!

Environmental Club

Club Advisor: Mr. Broxterman david.broxterman@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Memrie Harness memrie.harness@ihsd.us

With everything going on in the world currently, it is so important that the students of Indian Hill understand how much help our world needs. Especially with events like the fires in California and the plastics/recycling crisis, our club becomes exceedingly more important and relevant.



This club is dedicated to making the world a better place through action and advocacy. We have lots of bright new ideas for this year, and the Chieftain is a great way to share them. We strongly believe that everyone must do their part to benefit the environment, so being included in this issue would help us accomplish our goal! ■

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Club Advisor: Mr. Whitt richard.whitt@ihsd.us
Student Leaders: Ellie Jones and Will Ford

Are you interested in learning more about your faith surrounded by like-minded peers? If so, come join the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club (FCA), where we will discover new ways to build our faith from far apart! During our time together, we will be holding Bible studies both under the Braves Pavilion and in Mr. Whitt's room, where we will read scripture and have conversations to foster empathy and growth, cultivate integrity and teamwork, and build our connection with God! If you are interested or have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to Ellie Jones or Will Ford! We hope to see you soon! ■



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Future Medical Professionals

Club Advisor: Mrs. Imrie liz.imrie@ihsd.us
Student Leaders: Maya Anderson and Sarah-Grace Brown

Interested in becoming a... doctor, psychologist, nurse, dentist, pharmacist, veterinarian, surgeon, nutritionist, physical therapist, or biomedical researcher? Then this is the club for you! Indian Hill's Future Medical Professionals Club (FMPC) is focused on providing students seeking to pursue medical careers with educational and service opportunities. Join us for chances to attend virtual speaker and Q&A events, participate in projects to benefit the medical community, engage in training and shadowing experiences, and connect with like-minded individuals in the Indian Hill community. Club meetings will occur 1-2 times a month and are flexible in timing depending on member availability and COVID circumstances. For more information, follow our Instagram (@ih_fmpc) and feel free to contact Maya Anderson (maya.anderson21@ihsd.us) or Mrs. Imrie (liz.imrie@ihsd.us). ■



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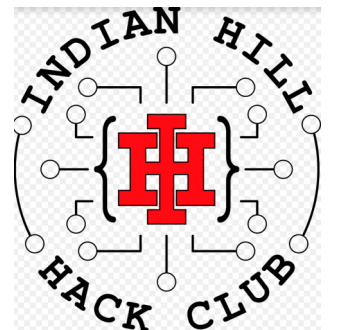
Hack Club

Club Advisor: Mr. Siebenaller jordan.siebenaller@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Reese Tuttle reese.tuttle23@ihsd.us

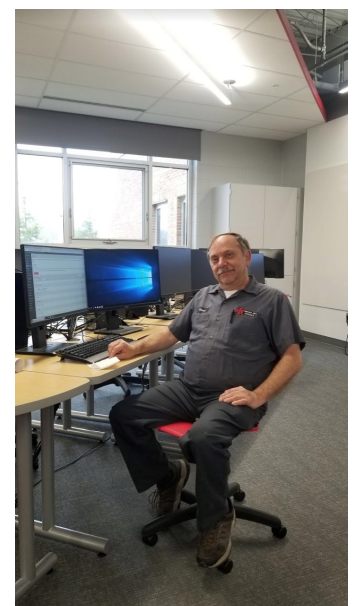
Are you interested in Computer Science? Website, app or game development? Cyber security or ethical hacking? Join the Indian Hill Hack Club!

The club is like any other competitive club. Our members are invited to attend Hackathon events where they can compete in software development or cyber security to win some awesome prizes and recognition.

Indian Hill Hack Club is now part of the INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati! This new partnership will bring even more exciting opportunities like cash prizes at competitions, job shadowing, and even paid internships at some of Cincinnati's largest companies! ■



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HOSA

Club Advisor: Mr. Broxterman david.broxterman@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Pranav Rastogi pranav.rastogi23@ihsd.us

HOSA is a competitive-based club for students interested in the medical profession. Through competitions, students can deepen their understanding of certain specialties such as dental science, pharmacology, forensic science, sports medicine, medical law, and so much more. Additionally, HOSA's competitions also offer events like prepared speaking, extemporaneous writing, research poster, etc. for students to gain professional experience. If you're not interested in competing, log your health-related community service hours to be recognized at the International Competition, and/or apply for a variety of different annual scholarships! ■



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Indian Hill Serves

Club Advisor: Ms. Silvius wendy.silvius@ihsd.us
Student Leaders: Anderson Cannady, Vandita Rastogi, Sophie Sawyers, Will Ford

IH Serves is a service-oriented club tailored towards opportunities where we engage with the community at large. You will be able to interact with other people with similar interests and still earn service hours. You will get to meet with speakers from local organizations and find out ways that you can help Cincinnati. Past organizations we have worked with include Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry, Ronald



McDonald, St. Vincent de Paul, etc. We've also done fun activities to engage with other students, most notably pumpkin painting. If you are excited to help out around the Cincinnati area with your friends, sign up for IH Serves and follow us on Instagram at @indianhillserves! ■

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Junior State of America

Club Advisor: Mr. Kirk brad.kirk@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Lauren Sewell lauren.sewell21@ihsd.us

Do you like debating? Do you like being involved in politics? Then JSA is for you! The Junior State of America (JSA) was created by and for young people interested in what happens around them - from politics, to how government works, and contributing to their community. Indian Hill attends Winter Congress in Washington, D.C. Leading up to our trip, we practice debating, writing bills, debating your bill and others, as well as some fun debates to get everyone used to stating your opinion in front of others. JSA is a great way to get involved into your government and garner debate skills. Get some of your friends together and come join our club. You won't regret it!



Reach out to Mr. Kirk or Lauren Sewell for more information and check out our website at sites.google.com/ihsd.us/ihhsjsa! ■

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National Honors Society

Club Advisor: Mrs. Imrie liz.imrie@ihsd.us
Student Leaders: Vandita Rastogi and Olivia Vigran

The National Honors Society is an organization that elevates students' leadership and civic engagement. Our chapter focuses on fundraising, advocating for blood drives, tutoring, and many other opportunities to help out our school and the community. Students earn community service hours while also leading initiatives of their own. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. All eligible sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply at the end of this academic year! More information to come next semester. ■

No QR Code — eligible students will be notified second semester!



Partners Club

Club Advisor: Mrs. VanStrien amy.vanstrien@ihsd.us
Student Leaders: Corrine O'Dell and Will Klekamp corinne.odell21@ihsd.us and will.klekamp21@ihsd.us

Partner's Club is a club that promotes friendships, inclusion, fun, and socialization opportunities for all students, focusing on our friends with special needs. Our mission is to create an environment where everyone feels welcome and is treated with respect and dignity. We typically like to spend one MP a month playing basketball, doing crafts, or just hanging out, but this year we are coming up with fun ways to connect that allow for social distancing! Please join us this year in a time where your help is more important than ever. ■

To sign up, use the QR code below:



PERIOD @ Indian Hill

Club Advisor: Mrs. Silvius wendy.silvius@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Sophie Sawyers sophie.sawyers21@ihsd.us

If you are looking for a way to make positive change in your community, join PERIOD @ Indian Hill, a club tackling the issue of period poverty and menstrual equity! Around the world, many menstruators do not have adequate access to period products and struggle to obtain the items they need for their cycle. Additionally, the "pink tax", a tax on feminine hygiene products, still exists in the United States, which costs menstruators millions of dollars over their lifetimes. To address these issues, we will focus on the pillars of service, advocacy, and education while engaging with our Cincinnati neighbors to provide products to those in need. Typical meetings will involve note-writing parties, discussions around period stigma, organizing product drives, and more (meeting times TBD). If interested, please contact Sophie Sawyers, Faye Hardek, Maya Anderson, or Ms. Silvius! You can also follow us on Instagram @period.indianhill or email us at period.indianhill@gmail.com. Thank you! ■

To sign up, use the QR code below:



Pow Wow

Club Advisor: Mr. Clark jeff.clark@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Reilly Grace reilly.grace@ihsd.us

Pow Wow is the time-honored tradition of musical and dramatic excellence for IHHS. It is a community and school-wide event that features our student's talents incorporated into a professional musical. Auditions will occur late October for the performances that run towards the end of February. Students should complete the Google Form so that they can be added to our IH Theatre Canvas page to receive updates. You can also check out preliminary information released at bit.ly/IHTheatre. If you enjoy Broadway, musical theatre, singing, dancing, acting, or working on technical elements with our IH Tech Crew, you would love being part of Pow Wow! ■



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Red Cross

Club Advisor: Mrs. Jackson donita.jackson@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Sarah Grace Brown sarahgrace.brown22@ihsd.us

Are you looking for an easy way to have access to service opportunities and connect with students dedicated to making a difference in the community? Join the Red Cross club, the largest service-based club here at the high school! This year, you can look forward to a range of activities from seizure & CPR training, fundraising, community service opportunities, guest speakers, and regular meetings! You will learn how to save lives and make a positive impact on your community! Join now to gain access to fun & easy service hours, connect with students from other grades, and to make a difference in the world! Have questions? Contact us: ihred-cross@gmail.com. ■



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Robotics Club

Club Advisor: Mrs. Smith myrtis.smith@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Caleb Zender caleb.zender21@ihsd.us

The Indian Hill Robotics Club is a competition-based club in which we build robots to compete in the VEX Robotics competition every year. Beginning with an analysis of the game mode, this year called Change-Up, we determine what exactly our robots need to do and design them accordingly. We then use VEX materials to construct our robot, which we then code, test, and compete with in online competitions and in-person competitions held around Ohio. The IHRC gives students a chance to get hands-on with every step in the engineering and design process, from designing all the way to driving. Registration for the IHRC closes in the beginning of October. See Caleb Zender, Jack Brunner, or Mrs. Smith for more information. We hope to see you this year! ■

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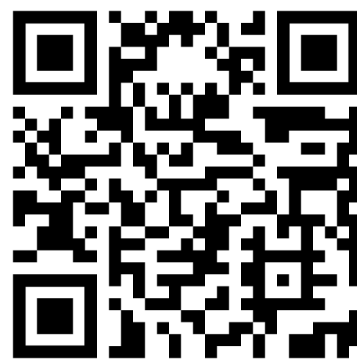
Science Olympiad

Club Advisors: Mr. Broxterman david.broxterman@ihsd.us
 Mrs. Shurts kaitlan.shurts@ihsd.us

Want to model defying gravity? Create a ping pong parachute? Design a musical instrument? Join Science Olympiad, Indian Hill's premier competitive science club. The science olympiad team participates in competitions including a variety of science-related events — disease detectives, astronomy, protein modeling, forensics, codebusters, and gravity vehicles are just to name a few. Last year we placed 4th at regionals and qualified for the state competition, winning a total of 46 medals! Meetings are usually held twice to three times a month — see Mr. Broxterman or Mrs. Shurts for more information or email us at indianhillscioly@gmail.com with any questions! ■



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Students Making Individual Lives Enjoyable (SMILE)

Club Advisor: Mrs. Campbell lisa.campbell@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Vandita Rastogi vandita.rastogi21@ihsd.us

The Students Making Individual Lives Enjoyable Club (SMILE) is a platform for students to build empathy and compassion through aiding the community at large. While service hours may be suspended this year, it is vital that we come together and help each other, whether virtually or safely in-person to bring smiles to all faces. Through this club, you will get to engage with people you may have not before and bring them happiness through entertainment, tutoring, and care packages! You will get to lead your peers and explore the diversity outside the bubble of Indian Hill all while becoming more empathetic to people from various demographics. The commitment is to be actively engaged and have fun; times are flexible and opportunities are local! If you are interested, follow our Instagram (@smileclub_ih) or contact Vandita Rastogi! ■



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Spanish Club

Club Advisor: Mrs. Lewis kari.lewis@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Annie Hovey annie.hovey21@ihsd.us

Spanish club is a fantastic opportunity for Spanish students of all grades and levels to connect with each other. It is a place where students can explore culture and make connections with others while doing fun activities such as crafts, movie nights, and more. This year, unlike previously, the club is free to join. Once the sign in is completed, we will kick off with a Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) party with fun crafts such as sugar skull coloring and paper flower making. By joining this club, students have the opportunity to gain experience and skills in their ability to speak Spanish as well as knowledge on the various Spanish speaking cultures. ■

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Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

Club Advisor: Mrs. Campbell lisa.campbell@ihsd.us
Student Leader: Amitesh Verma amitesh.verma21@ihsd.us

Interested in joining the nation's premier youth health and safety organization? Join Indian Hill's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter - an initiative aimed at empowering young people to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them throughout their daily lives. Tackling issues like traffic safety, substance abuse, and mental health, the IH SADD chapter plans various health-related events for the community. Join now for leadership opportunities, community service hours, the opportunity to earn the President's Volunteer Service Award, and to become a part of a national organization. Please contact Amitesh Verma (amitesh.verma21@ihsd.us) with any questions! ■



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Drama Club

Club Advisor: Mrs. Thomas kendra.thomas@ihsd.us
Student Leaders: Reilly Grace and Ethan Marx

Do you love Theatre? Maybe you love to perform, watch theatre, or just a theatre enthusiast? Well, Drama club is the place for you! Whether we are playing improv games, having audition classes, or talking about the upcoming shows at Indian Hill, we all just enjoy being together.



This is a great place to get information for any of the IH productions; however, you do not need to participate in the Indian Hill productions to be a part of the drama club. This is really just a place where we can express our creative talent in a safe space, with no pressure. We hope you come join us! ■

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Courageous Conversations

Club Advisors: Mrs. Jackson donita.jackson@ihsd.us
 Mrs. Sayre austin.sayre@ihsd.us

Are you passionate about topics like identity, diversity, and inclusion? Do you want to discuss race, sexual orientation, gender, and culture? Do you want a place to talk about your experiences at Indian Hill and beyond? If you answered yes to any of the aforementioned questions, then Courageous Conversations is the club for you! Courageous Conversations is a group of students, teachers, and administrators that engage in important discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the Indian Hill School District. As a member of Courageous Conversations, you will discuss the previously described issues as well as an abundance of other important topics with peers and teachers. Beyond this, however, Courageous Conversations provides a safe place to engage with other students and teachers about these important, but difficult subjects. Further, as a part of Courageous Conversations, you will work alongside Mrs. Sayre and Mrs. Jackson in planning *Be Brave Day*, an annual event to celebrate diversity as well as discuss important issues with the entire school. We hope that you will consider joining Courageous Conversations and look forward to getting to know you! Interested in joining? Please contact Mrs. Sayre or Mrs. Jackson with any questions. ■



French Club

Club Advisors: Mrs. Glass
Student Advisor: Maya Anderson

Bonjour! Are you a French student curious to expand your language skills? Or are you someone who wants to learn more about French culture and cuisine? All are welcome in IHHS's French Club! Join us for a variety of fun activities and meetings to expand your knowledge and appreciation for French language and cultural traditions. Even with Covid restrictions, we hope to preserve our club's exciting events. Some past favorites have included crepe making, French movie viewings, Mardi Gras and Noël celebrations, and, of course, our annual cheese tasting. Join us for a chance to connect with and grow from the incredible French community at Indian Hill! Please reach out to Madame Glass (elisabeth.glass@ihsd.us) if you have any questions and follow @ihfrenchclub on Instagram. Merci!



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- Auditorium Tech Crew** (Mr. Kimmins)
- Competitive Writing Team** (Mr. Millard)
- Democratic Club** (Mrs. Burgess)
- Diversity Awareness Team** (Mrs. Hall)
- Gay-Straight Alliance** (Ms. Pfeiffer)
- Indian Hill Television Network** (Mr. Dupps)
- Jazz Ensemble** (Mr. Barker)
- KidsFed** (Mrs. Schonauer)
- Latin Club** (Ms. Burgess/Mr. Atwood)
- Yearbook/“Legend”** (Ms. Pfeiffer)
- Literary Magazine** (Mr. Millard)
- Mock Trial** (Mr. Reger)
- Model United Nations** (Mr. Kirk)
- Visual Arts Club** (Ms. Pfeiffer)
- Technology Student Association** (Mr. Piergalski)
- Vinyl Club** (Mr. Millard)
- Writing Club** (Mrs. Sayre)

* Based on the list provided to Chieftain, we have attached every club that we are aware of. We apologize to any club that may exist that was not included on this list!



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