



2021-2022

Extracurricular Activities



**It's a great day to be a
Jaguar!**

Your Guide to Getting Plugged In

At DeSoto Central, there are a variety of ways to get involved through clubs, activities, and sports. There are about 35 clubs/activities and 26 sports available at DC (most of which are listed in this book). This book gives a brief overview of clubs and sports available at DeSoto Central to make getting involved a little easier. If you have questions about specific clubs or sports, please ask the sponsor listed.

Clubs are student-based organizations that have specific purposes for each respective club. Clubs focus on primary tasks from community service, career interest, and personal interest. Some clubs are local clubs, while others can be found nationwide. Some clubs are competitive clubs, but others are just ways to relax and have fun with other students. DeSoto Central clubs are listed in the first half of the book.

Sports are ways for students to get involved at DC while learning teamwork and discipline. During the 2020-2021 school year, DC had twenty-three teams attend post season events, four district titles, one state championship, one state runner-up, and two National Championships. All athletic teams were also awarded an academic award. Teams at DC strive to win while learning life lessons through sports. DeSoto Central sports are listed in the second half of the book.

One of the best ways to make the most of your high school career is by getting involved. Let this guide you to help you find your perfect fit at DC!



All In One Apron

Sponsor: Savannah Crittenden

Meetings: Every Thursday 3:50-4:50pm

How to Join: Anyone who wants to create is free to join

Overview: Students will participate in a variety of creative activities ranging from decorating your own apron to do-it-yourself projects that you can easily complete, no matter your skill level.

Ambassadors

Sponsors: Michelle Carter and Emily Mead

Meetings: As needed for projects and spirit events

How to Join: Rising juniors and seniors are invited to apply in April. After evaluating attendance and school behavior, an elite group of students are selected by a committee to represent DCHS and our community.

Overview: A service club that is focused on supporting DCHS and the surrounding community. Comprised of students who exhibit the jag spirit and want to bring that excitement to other students, the club supports the community through projects, service-learning, and donations.

Art

Sponsor: Elizabeth Bass

Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Open to anyone interested

Overview: Find different art projects around the school to work on each year.

Band/Color Guard

Director: Dennis Cox

Practice: 4th block and after school

How to Join: Tryout

Last Season: BOA Grand Nationals Semi-Finalist; 2018 State Championships Medalist, Sweepstakes Winner

History: 2004, 2005, 2010, and 2011 State Champions; 2006, 2012, and 2014 State Runners-Up

Book Club

Sponsor: Margaret Montgomery

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

How to Join: Any reader is welcome

Overview: Students will participate in a series of book discussions about books they love and discover new books together.

Bridge Builders

Sponsor: Adrian McNeil

Meetings: Activities and meetings are held at the Bridge Builders Center in Memphis

How to Join: Apply by filling out an application

Overview: A great opportunity for students to get involved, practice, and build on leadership skills while getting to know students from all over the Memphis area. Students do team building exercises and help out around the community.

Cultural Enthusiast Organization

Sponsors: Kay Birks, Tronica Lawrence, Shayla Ware

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Apply by filling out an application, attending initial interest meeting in the fall, paying club dues and signing club by-laws

Overview: As leaders of tomorrow, our mission is to promote leadership, life-long learning, service, and unity. We strive to accomplish these tasks, while growing enthusiasts of cultural advancement. Students are involved in a variety of community service projects.

Chess

Sponsor: Karen Clark

Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Any level player is welcome

Overview: Students participate in two tournaments a year at the county and state level.

Choir

Sponsor: Jantsen Touchstone

Meetings: 1st Block (1st semester): Fiero Men's Choir; 1st Block (2nd semester): Cantabile Mixed Choir; 2nd Block: Bella Voce Women's Choir; 3rd Block: Chorale Mixed Choir

How to Join: Set up an audition

Overview: Dedicated to providing choirs of superior quality where students are able to experience music as both a discipline and an art form. It is choir's goal to provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary in both theory and sight reading to help them become independent musicians. Students participate in various competitions throughout the state and country and perform 3-4 concerts a year.

Diamond Girls

Sponsor: Jacque Kazemba

Meetings: TBA

How to Join: Sign up in August to tryout

Overview: Help assist the baseball team by providing snacks and drinks, making signs, working concessions, and getting foul balls.

Explorers

Sponsor: Marijane Davis

Meetings: TBA

How to Join: Open to all students

Overview: Promote exploration of the world's diversity, culture, traditions, geography, and historical landmarks at home and abroad.

Future Business Leaders of America/DECA

Sponsor: Michelle Carter and Margaret Falatko

Meetings: One Monday a month at 7:50 a.m. (A40) and as needed

How to Join: Submit an application in early September

Overview: Largest career student organization in the world. FBLA and DECA focuses on leadership development, academic competition, and community service. FBLA strives to organize local community service projects. Members can earn the right to participate in potential district, state, and national competitions.

Family, Career, and Community

Leaders of America

Sponsors: Conni Sockwell and Karen Clark

Meetings: Once a month at 7:50 and once a month after school until 5:00

How to Join: Complete an application and pay \$9 National fee and \$3 State fee

Overview: Promotes leadership in families, careers, and the community that participated in an FCCLA meeting in Senatobia, sold baked good, and sold Valentine's. Students earn services points for activities done throughout the year. Join and be a leader!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Sponsor: Matt Duggin and Margaret Falatko

Meetings: Fridays at 7:50 a.m. (E10)

How to Join: Open to all student athletes

Overview: To present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. Student athletes strive to serve the school and the local community through various service projects, prayer, and fellowship.

Fellowship of Christian Students

Sponsor:

Meetings: Wednesdays at 7:50 a.m. (E10)

How to Join: Open to all students

Overview: Reach out to students and show the love and truth of Jesus Christ. Students participate in small groups, worship music, Bible trivia, and listen to guest speakers. Students are encouraged to make a difference for Christ through prayer and fellowship.

Hands and Paws

Sponsor: Molly Leininger

Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Come to meetings and actively participate

Overview: Raise awareness of current issues regarding the welfare of animals and raise money for local shelters. Students also educate themselves on the proper care for animals and participate in a variety of activities, such as Homecoming Parade, Jag Day, DARS Dog Walk, and Pet Adoption Days.

Interact

Sponsors: Ashley Webb

Meetings: Thursdays at 7:50 a.m. (E10)

How to Join: Attend first meeting and pay club dues in August

Overview: Community service club that sponsors one service project a month.

International

Sponsors: Tonya Fowler and Conni Sockwell

Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Attend first meeting and pay club dues in August

Overview: Students raise money to send to children in a third-world country. Students had a potluck dinner where they brought food from their countries and a fashion show where the students modeled attire from their countries.

Jagathon

Sponsor: Mary Ruff and Lauren Springer

Meetings: As needed before school

How to Join: Submit an application in the spring semester

Overview: Work throughout the year to plan and execute a school-wide event that raises money for the children of LeBonheur Children's Hospital.

Jag TV

Sponsor: Margaret Falatko

Meetings: 2nd block during school

How to Join: Submit an application and video in April

Overview: Students will produce and edit a weekly news broadcast, create hype videos, and live stream sporting events.

Knowledge Bowl

Sponsors: Mary Ruff and Mary Ann Parker

Meetings: Fridays at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Tryouts are in the spring for the quiz bowl trivia competition.

Overview: Competitive trivia team who competes in News Channel 3 tournament in the fall and county tournament in the spring.

Mayor's Youth Council

Sponsors: Jeff Shands

Meetings: As needed throughout the semester

How to Join: Submit an application (must live in the city of Southaven)

Overview: Work with the Mayor, City Officials, and peers from Southaven High School to help with official city events and work to serve citizens of Southaven. Students strive to better the community around them while learning and developing leadership skills that will be helpful for a successful future.

Mu Alpha Theta

Sponsor: Tina Campbell

Meetings: 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Complete an application. To be a full member, students must have completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II and currently be enrolled in a higher math and must have a 90% or higher average in all math classes. To be an associate member, students must have completed Algebra I and Geometry and currently be enrolled in Algebra II and must have a 90% or higher average in all math classes.

Overview: National High School and Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society that gives students the opportunity to compete in math competitions in addition to other activities.

National Honor Society

Sponsors: Matthew Morgan and Mary Ruff

Meetings: Last Tuesday of each month at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Membership is open to juniors and seniors who have been enrolled at DCHS for at least one full semester and have a 95 or higher cumulative grade point average (*not rounded*). Members must also meet the disciplinary, service, and meeting requirements outlined below.

Overview: The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Character. Members must be ready, willing, and able to commit time fulfilling community service projects.

Options

Sponsor: Caroline Brooks

Meetings: 4th Thursday of every month

How to Join: Beginning of each semester

Overview: Options is a club for those students who are interested in exploring career opportunities within the science and healthcare fields. Members meet professionals who are invited to the school or go on-site to visit ones at colleges/universities, businesses and other establishments. Options members will also be involved in various fundraising and service projects that benefit the school and community.

Speech and Debate

Sponsor: Alyssa Slaughter

Meetings: 4th block class and Mondays and Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m.

How to Join: Auditions in the fall and spring

Overview: Competitive academic activity where students research assigned topics to prepare cases to defend a side of the topic. Students test their persuasive methods and acting skills by performing 10-minute prepared skits/speeches. Students compete in local and national tournaments. It's a great opportunity to make friends across the nation and develop argumentation skills!

Spirit Club

Sponsors: Leslie Pleasants and Tania Studer

Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:50 a.m. in B15

How to Join: Apply by completing an application to be turned into the box outside of B15 no later than 8/16/19, paying club dues \$20.00, and attending club meetings

Overview: A club that is focused on supporting DCHS athletics. Comprised of students who exhibit the jag spirit and want to bring that excitement to other students! The club supports our multiple athletic programs by creating signs, themes for games, helping with Pep Rally's, decorating, "Spirit Squad" attending games, & help with spirit fundraisers.

Students Pushing Others Towards

Success

Sponsor: Blakely Dendy, Adrian McNeil, Lauren Springer, and Meghan Vaughan

Meetings: As scheduled

How to Join: Submit an application in the spring

Overview: Work to encourage all DCHS students and promote school spirit, as well as specifically working to make new students and freshmen feel welcome and comfortable upon starting DC.

Student Council

Sponsors: Lauren Chalk, Crystal Fischer, and Tara Wooley

Meetings: every other Friday at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Apply during the spring

Overview: Students plan events, such as homecoming, Winter court, and prom and participate in service projects.

Students Against Destructive

Decisions

Sponsors: Angela Johnson and Michelle McKim

Meetings: Mondays at 7:50 a.m. in the Library

How to Join: Apply by completing an application, paying club dues, and attending club meetings

Overview: Designed to help encourage the student population to make smart decisions and not destructive decisions towards themselves and others.

Theatre

Sponsor: Michael Spears

Meetings: 4th block during school and after school as necessary

How to Join: Chosen based on Theatre 2 performance in class (based on talent, work ethic, attitude, and attendance)

Overview: Only high school in the county that puts on 6 shows a year and allows mature students to direct the shows.

History: Received 30 Allie Award nominations and won 8 Allie Awards for *The Color Purple*

Yearbook

Sponsor: Lauren Springer

Meetings: Class during school

How to Join: Apply late April by creating a page layout and writing captions for pictures

Overview: Students create the yearbook using InDesign and Photoshop by starting from a blank screen and create all design and layout elements for each page of the book. Students are also responsible for writing all of the copy and captions for the book, as well as taking pictures.



***When you play one of us, you
play all of us***

DC Athletics Twitter: @athletics_dc

DC Athletics Website: dcjaguarslive.com

Archery
(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Savannah Crittenden

Tryouts: Fall

Practice: Before school (January-April)

Season: February to April

Last Season: 2016 North State Champions

Additional Information: School provides the bow and arrows for the athletes, but athletes may purchase their own bow. Approved bows are Mathews Genesis (not Genesis II).

Basketball
(Boys)

Head Coach: Blake Ormon

Assistant Coach: Hayden Basil

Tryouts: May

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: November to February

Social Media: Twitter: @dchs_basketball
Facebook: dchsjagsbasketball

Baseball

Head Coach: Mark Monaghan

Assistant Coaches: Justin Flake, Jeremy Simpson, and Michael Vinson

Tryouts: TBA

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: March to May

Last Season: 2nd round of playoffs

Sport's History: 2015, 2018, and 2019 State Champions; 2014 State Runner-Ups; 2014 and 2015 North-Half Champions; 2004, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019 District Champions

Social Media: Twitter: @dc_jaguar

Basketball
(Girls)

Head Coach: Gwendolyn Johnson Petty

Assistant Coach: Jason Burkes

Tryouts: May

Practice: 3rd block

Season: November to February

Social Media: Twitter: @jag_basketball
Facebook

Bowling
(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: TBA

Tryouts: October

Practice: after school on Wednesdays (beginning in October)

Season: October to March

Last Season: Boys 8th at state

Sport's History: 2015 Boys State Champions

Social Media: Twitter: @dchs_bowling

Cheerleading

Sponsor: Marie Harlow and Janet Wolfe

Tryouts: March

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: Year Round

Last Season: Game Day and Traditional Routine National Champions

Community Service: Volunteer with DCPS and DCES students

Cross Country
(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Tyler Femnema

Tryouts: May

Practice: Before school (August-November)

Season: August- November

Dance Team

Sponsor: Pamela Williams

Tryouts: March

Practice: First semester: 4th block; Second semester: After school (March-January)

Season: March-February

Last Season: 4th in State in Hip Hop; 2nd in State in Pom; 10th in Nation in Hip Hop

Community Service: Volunteers at Christopher Hope Race for St. Jude

Social Media: Twitter: @DCdanceteams

Football

Head Coach: Shelby Ford

Assistant Coaches: Rolandus Cox, Jamie Coleman, Cameron Dougher, Marcus Jamison, Danny Jansen (Freshman Head Coach)

Tryouts: December

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: August-November

Community Service: Raised \$1,000 for Breast Cancer Awareness

Golf
(Boys)

Head Coach: Cody Pearce

Tryouts: September

Practice: After school (February-May)

Season: February to May

Last Season: DeSoto County Champions

Sport's History: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 DeSoto County Champions

Golf
(Girls)

Head Coach: Blake Ormon

Practice: After school (February-May)

Season: February to May

Last Season: District Champions

Powerlifting
(Boys)

Head Coach: Jamie Coleman

Assistant Coach: Cameron Dougher

Tryouts: November/December

Practice: Before school (November-April)

Season: November to April

Last Season: 2 athletes competed at the State Championships

Powerlifting
(Girls)

Head Coach: Cameron Dougher

Assistant Coach: Jamie Coleman

Tryouts: November/December

Practice: Before school (November-April)

Season: November to April

Soccer
(Boys)

Head Coach: Chris Faulkner

Assistant Coaches: Josh Goff and Matthew Klinck

Tryouts: April

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: October to February

Social Media: Twitter: @dcjagsoccer

Soccer
(Girls)

Head Coach: Matt Duggin

Assistant Coaches: Lauren Goff and Alex Strange

Tryouts: April

Practice: 3rd block and after school

Season: October to February

Social Media: Twitter: @dcjagsoccer

Softball

Head Coach: Ashley Hicks

Assistant Coach: Jeff Walls

Tryouts: May

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: February to May

Last Season: District Champions and North-Half Runners-Up

Sport's History: 2018 and 2019 District Champions, 2018 and 2019 State Champions

Social Media: Twitter: @DC_Jag_Softball

Swim

(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Melanie Radich

Tryouts: May

Practice: 5:30-7:30am at DAC

Season: August to October

Last Season: 1 female and 2 males qualified for state with top ten finishes in all six events

Tennis

(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Norman Epps

Tryouts: September

Practice: After school (January-April)

Season: February to May

Last Season: District Runners-Up

Track (Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Rolandus Cox (Boys); Shayla Ware (Girls)

Tryouts: January

Practice: After school (January-May)

Season: February to May

Sport's History: Consistently had winning seasons, over seven playoff appearances, 2011-2012 team that finished 29-2 as North-Half Runner-Up; 2018 Boys District Champions and Regional Runner-Up; 2018 Girls District and County Runner-Up; 2021 Boys District Champions

Volleyball

(Girls)

Head Coach: Margaret Falatko

Tryouts: May

Practice: 1st block and after school

Season: August to October

Last Season: District Champions, DeSoto County Tournament Champions, State Champions

Sport's History: 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 District Champions; 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2020 State Champions, 2017 and 2018 State Runner-Up, 2013 North-Half Runner-Ups

Community Service: Activities with special needs students, reading and crafts with elementary students, and opening doors for elementary students

Social Media: Twitter: @jags_volleyball

Facebook: dcjaguarvolleyball

Instagram: dcvolley