



2018-2019

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, while 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 2017-2018 school year, DC had 18 teams make playoffs, 8 district titles, 3 state championships, 2 state runners-up, and 1 National Championship. All 26 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!



Ambassadors

Sponsors: Michelle Carter, Emily Mead, Alicia Stafford

Meetings: As needed for projects and spirit events

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

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.

Anime

Sponsor: TBA

Meetings: Every other Thursday at 7:50 a.m.

How to Join: Just show up any time during the year

Overview: Meet to discuss all things Anime. Members participate in the homecoming parade and meet once a month after school to watch Anime. Members pay \$3 (for club t-shirts).

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; 2017 State Championships Bronze Medalist, 2nd in General Effects, 2nd in Visual, and 3rd in Color Guard

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

Book Worms

Sponsor: Savannah Crittenden

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: Meghan Vaughan

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 Weaver

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: Justin Wadkins

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 with Mr. Wadkins

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

Sponsor: Tronica Lawrence and Pamela Williams

Meetings: Mondays at 7:50 a.m. (C02)

How to Join: Submit an application in late August to early September

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

Family, Career, and Community

Leaders of America

Sponsors: Conni Sockwell and Karen Weaver

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: Christy Clayton, Karis Vernon, and Olivia Wilbanks

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.

Fishing Club

Sponsors: Jennifer Blaylock and Jeff Walls

Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:50 a.m. (A27)

How to Join: Open to all students

Overview: Share fishing knowledge and techniques. Plan to send a team to the State Championship Tournament in the Spring of 2019.

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.

Improv

Sponsor: Justin Wadkins

Meetings: Mondays from 3:45-4:30 p.m.

How to Join: Complete an information form and come to meetings (join anytime)

Overview: Students build characters and scenes of the top of their heads, learn how to think on the spot, and how to interact with others in a scene. There are lots of team building and warm-up games. Students always have tons of fun and leave laughing! Students participate in a comedy/sketch show and various fundraisers.

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, Conni Sockwell, and Olivia Wilbanks

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.

Jag TV

Sponsor: Margaret Falatko

Meetings: Class during school

How to Join: See Mrs. Falatko the first week of school

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

Knowledge Bowl

Sponsors: Mary Ruff

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 an 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, Mary Ruff, and Lauren Springer

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 94 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: Lorna Golden

Meetings: At least once a month Tuesdays and Thursdays before school

How to Join: Beginning of each semester

Overview: For students who are interested in pursuing a career in Math or Science, this club will give back to the school and the community by having various service projects throughout the year while generating health care awareness through promotional programs. While investigating the diverse fields of study in Math and Science, students will travel within American and abroad to enhance knowledge of science and technology, different cultures, and various biomes. Students will participate in fundraising for school and community service projects, and field trips to various colleges and businesses.

Robotics

Sponsor: Jeannine Foucalt

Meetings: Tuesdays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (build season requires extra dates and times)

How to Join: Complete an application in August

Overview: Inspires young people to investigate and experience the many career choices related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Robotics competes and allows students the opportunity to work alongside professional engineers to design, build, and program a robot for competition. The competitions are high-tech sporting events where students learn the “joy and agony” of competition and the benefits of “gracious professionalism”. Students develop life skills in relationships, teamwork, finance, fundraising, budgeting, and project management. Robotics competes in two competitions and other STEM related activities.

Speech and Debate

Sponsor: Gianna Castoria

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!

Student Council

Sponsors: Lauren Chalk, Crystal Fischer, Vaughan Nichols, 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: Jennifer Blalock, 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.

Trading Card Club

Sponsor: Pamela Williams

Meetings: Thursdays at 3:50 p.m. (C02)

How to Join:

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.

Yearbook

Sponsor: Gianna Castoria

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.

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).

Baseball

Head Coach: Mark Monaghan

Assistant Coaches: Jason Miller, Matthew Morgan (Freshman Head Coach), Jeremy Simpson

Tryouts: TBA

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: March to May

Last Season: District Champions; State Champions

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

Basketball (Boys)

Head Coach: William Bentley

Assistant Coach: Luke

Tryouts: May

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: November to February

Sport's History: Consistently had winning seasons, over eight playoff appearances, 2011-2012 team that finished 29-2 as North-Half Runner-Ups

Community Service: DeSoto Central Primary Jamming Jaguars Club Mentoring Program

Social Media: Twitter: @dchs_basketball
Facebook: dchsjagsbasketball

Basketball (Girls)

Head Coach: Paul Hayden

Tryouts: May

Practice: 3rd block

Season: November to February

Bowling (Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Jennifer Davis (DCMS teacher)

Tryouts: October

Practice: after school on Wednesdays (beginning in October)

Season: October to March

Last Season: 1st in North Half Regionals (boys and girls); 4th in State (boys); 6th in State (girls)

Sport's History: 2015 Boys State Champions

Social Media: Twitter: @dchs_bowling

Cheerleading

Sponsor: Marie Harlow

Head Coach: Joe Arkansas

Tryouts: March

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: Year Round

Last Season: Game Day National Champions, State Runner-Up, Regional Champions

Community Service: Volunteer with DCPS and DCES students

Cross Country
(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Tyler Femnema

Tryouts: August

Practice: Before school (August-November)

Season: August- November

Dance Team

Sponsors: Melissa Moore & Tammy Downs (DCMS teachers)

Head Coach: Haley Lanter

Tryouts: March

Practice: After school (March-January)

Season: March-February

Last Season: State Champions in Pom and Hip Hop

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

Football

Head Coach: Shelby Ford

Assistant Coaches: Cameron Dougher, Teo Clark, Jamie Coleman, Danny Jansen (Freshman Head Coach)

Tryouts: December

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: August-November

Last Season: Started 4-0 (finished 6-6)

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

Golf
(Boys)

Head Coach: Chris Purnell

Tryouts: September

Practice: After school (February-May)

Season: February to May

Last Season: DeSoto County Champions; 3rd in State

Sport's History: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 DeSoto County Champions; District Champions 5 out of the last 6 years; Top 4 in State the past 9 years

Golf
(Girls)

Head Coach: Paul Hayden

Practice: After school (February-May)

Season: February to May

Powerlifting
(Boys)

Head Coach: Jamie Coleman

Assistant Coach: Cameron Dougher

Tryouts: November/December

Practice: Before school (November-April)

Season: November to April

Last Season: 1 athlete placed 3rd in State

Powerlifting
(Girls)

Head Coach: Cameron Dougher

Assistant Coach: Jamie Coleman

Tryouts: November/December

Practice: Before school (November-April)

Season: November to April

Last Season: 6 athletes advanced to North-Half finals; 2 athletes finished 4th and 5th at State

Soccer
(Boys)

Head Coach: Matt Duggin

Tryouts: April

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: October to February

Last Season: 11-4 record; undefeated District Champions; 2nd round of playoffs

Social Media: Twitter: @dcjagsoccer

Soccer
(Girls)

Head Coach: Amber Denfip

Tryouts: April

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: October to February

Sport's History: Won District Championship 4 out of the past 5 years

Community Service: Visiting nearby elementary schools to welcome students in the morning

Softball

Head Coach: Phyllis Hicks

Tryouts: May

Practice: 4th block and after school

Season: February to May

Last Season: District Champions and State Champions

Swim
(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Maureen Caster

Tryouts: August

Practice: 5:30-6:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays

Season: August to October

Last Season: Girls finished 2nd at Tupelo Invitational Meet and Oxford Invitational Meet; Girls won DeSoto County Meet and boys finished 3rd; Two female swimmers finished 3rd in races at the State Championship Meet

Tennis
(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Norman Epps

Tryouts: September

Practice: After school (January-April)

Season: February to May

Last Season: District Runners-Up

Academic Accomplishments: 2017-2018 MHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

Track
(Boys and Girls)

Head Coach: Danny Jansen (Boys); Shayla Ware (Girls)

Tryouts: January

Practice: After school (January-May)

Season: February to May

Last Season: Boys- District Champions, Regional Runners-Up, County Runners-Up; Girls- District Runners-Up, Regional Runners-Up, County Runners-Up; Girls 2nd in shot put at state, 4x400 3rd at state, and 4x100 4th in state; Boys 4th in long jump at state

Sport's History: Consistently had winning seasons, over seven playoff appearances, 2011-2012 team that finished 29-2 as North-Half Runner-Ups

Volleyball
(Girls)

Head Coach: Margaret Falatko

Assistant Coach: Elizabeth Fleak

Tryouts: May

Practice: 1st block and after school

Season: August to October

Last Season: District Champions, DeSoto County Tournament Champions, State Runner-Up

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

Community Service: Activities with high school special needs students, reading and crafts with younger special needs students, reading and crafts with preschool students, and Bingo with senior citizens

Social Media: Twitter: @jags_volleyball
Facebook: dcjaguarvolleyball



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