

Cornwall Central High School



Clubs and Activities 2025-26

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A cappella Club – Advisor: Mr. Ravinsky

The A cappella Club consists of two different A cappella groups. The all-male group "Treble in Paradise" and the all-female group "The Love Notes". These highly selective (by audition) groups rehearse several times throughout the week. The groups perform outside the school day at many community events. The students come up with many of the arrangements themselves. Advanced musical knowledge is necessary.



All County Band (HS) – Advisor: Mr. Hoover

Members of the Concert and Jazz bands volunteer to audition and participate in this band. Members are required to audition and must be involved in band. Mr. Hoover is also the advisor for Area All State Band and NYSSMA Band.

All County Chorus (HS) – Advisor: Mr. Ravinsky

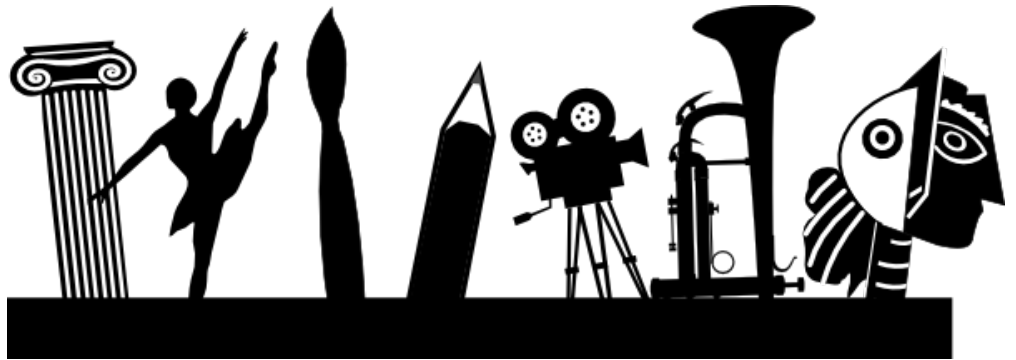
All County Chorus is sponsored by Orange County Music Educators Association and is auditioned for in the fall. All participants must be involved in their High School choir to participate in the weekend festival in January. This choir consists of the best singers in the county. Mr. Ravinsky also advises for Area All State Chorus and NYSSMA Chorus.





All County Orchestra (HS) – Advisor: Mr. Franca

All County Orchestra is sponsored by Orange County Music Educators Association and is auditioned for in the fall. All participants must be involved in their High School Orchestra to participate in the weekend festival in January. This orchestra consists of the best musicians in the county. Mr. Franca is also the advisor for Area All State Orchestra and NYSSMA Orchestra.



Art Club – Advisors: Ms. Fiato & Mrs. Brassard

Art club exists to help create a venue for current art students to deepen their explorations, and for non-art students to have a place to think, create and belong. Possible activities may include: community-based art both in and outside of the school, collaborative activities between the CCMS Art Club and CCHS, permanent school murals, creative fundraisers to bring students closer to museum experiences, collaborating with CCHS Drama Club to paint set designs and art making workshops. Art students, as well as those who cannot fit an art course into their schedule, are welcome to join.

Band Council – Advisor: Mr. Hoover



The Band Council meets at least once a week before or after school. The Council consists of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The Concert Band members elect all officers. The four officers and Mr. Hoover coordinate the various performances of all the bands.

Best Buddies International – Advisors: Mrs. McInerney & Mrs. O'Connor



Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society.

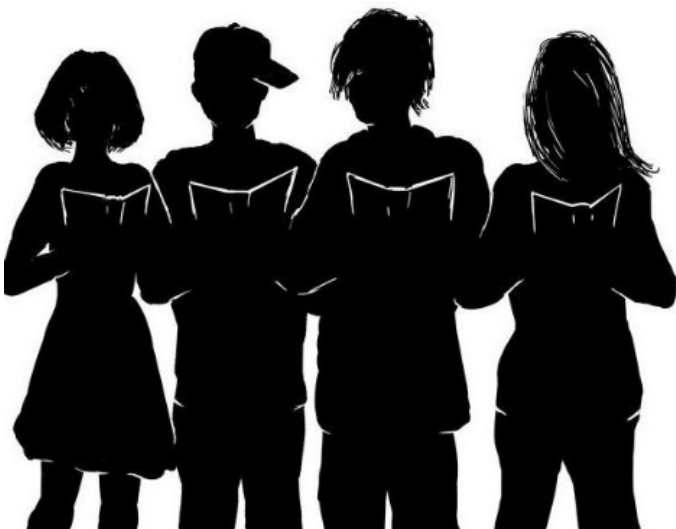
Business Club – Advisor: Mr. Swisher

Come and be one of the founding members of the CCHS Business Club. Business is what makes the world go round and you can learn the skills needed to be a part of that. The CCHS Business Club will provide exciting opportunities for you to learn real world skills and apply them to real situations.



Concert Choir – Advisor: Mr. Ravinsky

Concert Choir is even more highly selective (by audition) and is the group that goes to competition and represents CCHS at all outside functions. This group practices one night a week throughout the year. Advanced musical knowledge is necessary. Students need to be enrolled in the choral program to audition for Concert Choir.



Dance Club – Advisor: Mrs. Carter

The creative art form of dance helps students develop coordination, flexibility and strength while also building discipline and confidence. Students will create and practice routines with the goal of performing at different school events and functions. The dance style will be a blend of hip hop and jazz funk with other styles explored as well. Practices will consist of a stretch/warm-up, technique refinement and routine review. Previous dance experience suggested but not necessary.



Drama Club – Advisors: Mr. Ravinsky assisted by Mr. Hines



Drama Club creates and inspires interest in Theatre Arts, furthers dramatic expression and serves as a basis for school dramatics. Students in grades 9 – 12 interested in the theatre are welcome to audition for parts or volunteer to serve on the stage crew.

Environmental Science/Organic Garden Club – Advisor: Mrs. Younie

The Environmental/Organic Garden Club's goal is to raise awareness about environmental issues through community outreach, environmentally-themed fundraisers, and participation in caring for the CCHS outdoor garden. Team members will learn new ways to repurpose materials, cooperatively work outside, recycle, and most importantly take pride in the outside!





**GSA – Advisors:
Mrs. Clyde & Mrs. Pitingaro**

The CCHS GSA is a club affiliated with the national GSA (Genders & Sexualities Alliance). Historically, the acronym has represented Gay-Straight Alliance but this language has been updated to better reflect the communities of young people running the clubs. Its goals are primarily to create safe environments in schools for students to support each other and learn about safe and positive ways to express their true inner

selves, regardless of gender preferences. GSA strives to educate about homophobia and other instances of intolerance in the school community, ultimately to overcome them, as well as raise awareness in the school community about homophobia, transphobia, gender identity, and sexual orientation issues, and fight discrimination, harassment, and violence in schools. GSA welcomes everyone, and supports many activities within the school to promote peace, tolerance, and acceptance of others.



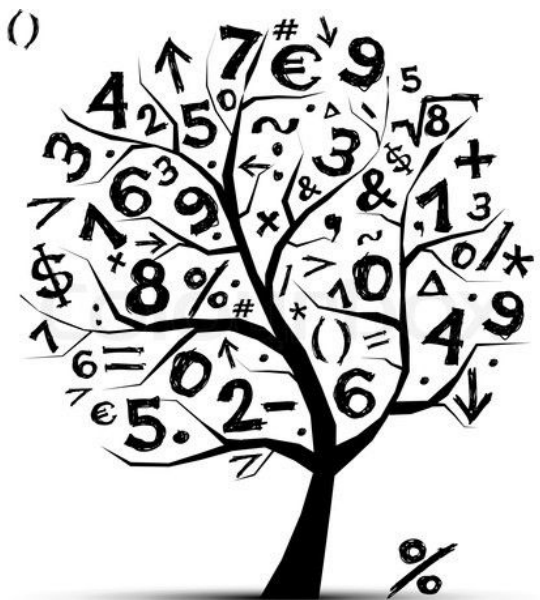
**Jazz Band/Jazz Combo –
Advisor: Mr. Hoover**

Designed as a supplemental club ensemble for band, the Jazz Band introduces further opportunities for students to explore jazz instrumental techniques directly related to jazz, as well as use instruments and arrangements generally not used in regular band classes. Participants must be involved in their High School Band to participate in festivals and must audition to become a member of Jazz Band and All County Jazz Band.

Key Club – Advisor: Mrs. Younie

Key Club is the high school branch of the Kiwanis Club, which is a philanthropic organization that raises money and awareness for worthy causes. We solicit donations and participate in walks for organizations such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Cancer Society, and the March of Dimes. We assist in the community where volunteer staff is needed. Meetings are held twice monthly and events are usually on weekends. It is the responsibility of the participant to provide transportation to and from the event. There is an international membership fee of \$13.00. This money goes directly to the parent organization. For this fee, students receive a pin, a newsletter and a membership card.





**Math Team – Advisors:
Ms. Jones & Ms. Marquez**

The Dutchess Ulster Sullivan Orange (DUSO) Math League team is comprised of **mathletes**. They are students who love a competitive problem solving environment. The members of this team also exhibit a solid knowledge of math concepts and skills. They enjoy being challenged at all levels. CCHS Math Team competes five times from October to March. There is one statewide competition in April.



Morgan's Message – Advisor: Mrs. Oles

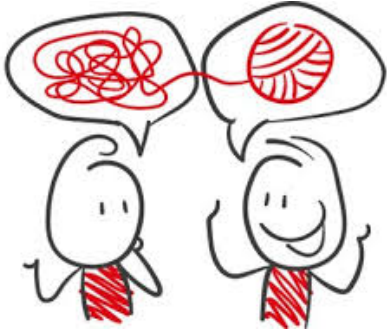
Morgan's Message goal is to eliminate any stigma and expand the dialogue on mental health within the student-athlete community by normalizing mental health conversations, giving a sense of empowerment for those who may suffer in silence, and supporting those who feel alone. Members must be 14 years old or older to join.

**National Honor Society – Advisors:
Mrs. Younie assisted by Ms. Jones**

The Cornwall Central High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) opens its membership to Juniors and Seniors who have achieved a 92% academic (unweighted) average or a 95% academic (weighted) average, have a proven service record, are leaders in school and community, and, underlying all, have outstanding character. The Faculty Council approves students' attributes. Once accepted, a minimum of four hours of community service and an hour of tutoring per month is required.



Peer Mentors – Advisors: Mrs. Bergin & Mrs. Clyde

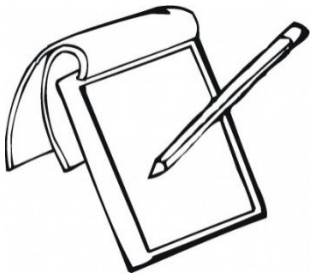


The Peer Mentoring Program assists incoming freshmen and new students with their adjustment to high school. The purpose of this program is to develop mentoring relationships between current Seniors and their assigned mentees to ease transition and help build connections. This program will begin in the summer and continue throughout the school year. Peer Mentor duties include but are not limited to assisting with orientation, hosting the ice cream social, providing outreach

via email, conducting small group check-ins and providing tours for new students.

Safe School Ambassadors – Advisors: Mrs. Romano & Ms. Gianiodis

The Safe School Ambassadors® (SSA) program empowers leaders from the diverse groups and cliques on the high school campus and equips them with nonviolent communication and intervention skills to stop bullying and violence among their peers.



School Store – Advisor: Mrs. Finkel

Purchasing school supplies and spirit wear has never been so easy. Look for information on how you can help this year with working in the school store!

Sewing Club – Advisor: Ms. Byassee

CCHS Sewing Club is a fun and relaxing activity open to anyone who wants to learn how to hand sew, embroider, or mend clothes. If you have ever wanted to sew a button, fix a rip, hem your pants, or update thrift shop finds, this club is for you! Learning to sew is a fun and important skill that lets you express your individual style and helps the environment by saving clothes from the landfill.





Sound Lab – Advisor: Mr. Franca

The Cornwall Sound Lab Club provides students with the opportunity to explore music production and beatmaking. This club will offer a creative environment where students can learn to use recording and mixing equipment, audio and composition software, collaborate on music projects, and gain exposure to potential careers in the music industry. Students will be able to work on individual and group projects, and share their work through school events and online platforms.



Spirit Club – Advisors: Mrs. Lindberg & Mrs. Spencer

The Spirit Club aims to boost positive morale within the student community. It welcomes participants from all grade levels. Members collaborate closely with the Athletic Department and the Administrative team to plan activities. Activities involve organizing Pep Rallies, fundraising for charitable organizations, and planning events to encourage school spirit while promoting the health and wellness of our student body. Elected positions will consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.



Student Government Organization – Advisor: Mrs. Chyla

SGO is the central organization at CCHS through which all students in grades 9 – 12 are represented. Delegates comprised of elected class officers and other students meet regularly to discuss and act on student concerns, coordinate student activities, and organize activities that promote school spirit. SGO is committed to providing a positive climate in which the student body can learn and socialize.





Yearbook - Advisors: Mrs. Norton assisted by Mrs. Hubbard

The Yearbook staff produces the yearbook every year. This activity offers opportunities for writers, photographers, artists, and salespersons to develop their talent in an imaginative way all while creating the yearbook.

Youth-in-Government – Advisor: Ms. Byassee

This is one of the school's longest running clubs and it is a countywide activity. Students who participate in the program are encouraged to join a mock political party and to be involved in two political conventions during the program. The first convention is The Platform Convention in which each party organizes committees to craft legislation on current issues which face all three levels of government. The second convention is the Steering Convention, which acts as a party primary election for a slate of government offices. Students create speeches that speak to their understanding of the issues that are managed by a particular government representative in the hope of being nominated by their party for the general election between the two political parties. Club activities start at the beginning of the school year and run through November. This is a fun and easy club to be a member of and students frequently return year after year once they participate for the first time in Youth in Government.





Freshman Class of 2029 – Advisor: Mrs. Oles

The Freshman Class at Cornwall Central High School participates in many school activities and is involved in extensive fundraising. Being a Freshman Class officer or board member offers excellent leadership opportunities and a chance to make new connections with other class officers and participants at every grade level. Fundraising activities include: holidays, t-shirts, and bake sales but we are always looking for new and innovative ideas. All funds that are raised benefit the Freshman Class and are used to help pay for Junior and Senior activities such as Prom and Senior field day. Other class activities include planning homecoming events, participating in the Student Government Organization and working with the CCHS Parent Teacher Student Organization. If you are creative, hardworking, and dedicated this is the club for you!



Sophomore Class of 2028 – Advisor: Mrs. Schebesta

The entire Sophomore Class is invited to help in fundraising activities to ensure an excellent Junior and Senior year. Remember, the more funds we raise now, the better off the class will be for the next two years! This year is especially exciting because it is the year that students receive their class rings. We have many other fundraising activities planned and love to hear new ideas and insight on how to make your Sophomore Class an unforgettable year.

Junior Class of 2027 – Advisors: Mrs. Brassard & Mrs. Finn

Class officers are elected to represent the Junior Class voice, however, the entire Junior Class is needed to help make this an eventful and fun year! Each year the Junior Class is responsible for planning all details for the Junior Prom and paving the way towards a successful senior year. There will be fundraising and activities planned to help move towards these goals. The Junior Class relies heavily on the input of its class members. Class unity in working toward these goals is essential for success.



Senior Class of 2026 – Advisors: Mrs. Chyla & Mr. Ponsolle

Congratulations! You've made it! You're a Senior! Get ready for a great year of making memories. You'll have Senior Teacher for a Day, 100 Nights to Graduation, Senior Parade (through all district school buildings), Prom, Graduation, and more to look forward to!



PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT PARTICIPANT PERMISSION/COMMITMENT FORM

Student Participant Name (Please Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Extra/co-curricular activity/activities (Please Print ALL):

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Please check each box to indicate your agreement to each of the following statements:

- ☐ The above named student has my permission to participate in the above-mentioned extra/co-curricular activity/activities.
- ☐ I have read and agree to the Rules and Regulations of the extra/co-curricular activities and will support the program in assuring that my son/daughter adheres to these rules and practices.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

STUDENT-PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT AND PLEDGE

Please check each box below to indicate your agreement to each of the following statements:

As a Cornwall Central School District Extra/Co-curricular Participant, I understand that:

- ☐ Participating in any extra/co-curricular activity requires a commitment to the highest standards of mental and physical fitness. Insuring the highest level of performance requires a year-round commitment to these activities.
- ☐ I understand the foregoing statements and having read and understood the Rules and Practices of the Extra/Co-curricular Activities and the Participation Rules and I will abide by all of the Rules and Practices of the Program for the participation time.
- ☐ I understand that I must maintain all academic and attendance expectations for classes and school. Failure to do so may result in administrative review of Extra/Co-curricular Activities and academic and attendance monitoring, as well as preventing participation in Extra/Co-curricular Activities if these standards are not met or improved.
- ☐ Engaging in the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs, along with e-cigarettes and 'vaping' of any kind is inconsistent with maintaining these high standards of commitment. I will refrain from the purchase, possession consumption or sale of Alcohol, tobacco or other drugs including E-Cigarettes or 'vaping' of any kind (except for legitimate medical reasons; ie. Doctor's Note) from the first day of participation through the last.
- ☐ I understand that failure to abide by this pledge will result in forfeiting my privilege of participating in any Extra/Co-curricular Program for the period specified in the **Participation Rules: Violations**.

Student-Participant Signature

Date