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Acting Out! - Drama Club

Target Audience

Anyone interested in the theater!

Overview of Activity

Students will play improv games, participate in workshops, and explore roles in the theater.

When and how can students sign up?

Join Google Classroom: [jujbmh4](#)

Teacher Name email & room number

Mrs. Mahmoud (jmahmoud@cusd201.org) and Mr. Bautista (jbautista@cusd201.org)

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African - American Cultural Club

Target Audience

A social club that focuses on the history and culture of African-Americans and their contributions to our society as a whole and the Chicago area in particular.

Overview of Activity

The ACC meets every Thursday in room 113 before school and during A lunch. We meet to discuss African-american history and cultural events, and to plan club activities and school events we'd like to sponsor. We will also plan at least two cultural fields trips twice a year. A \$10.00 membership fee is suggested to offset costs of the registration.

When and how can students sign up?

Listen for School announcements

Teacher Name email & room number

Judi Van Erden

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Art Club

Target Audience

All Students

Overview of Activity

An art making club where students come explore different materials, techniques, and styles.

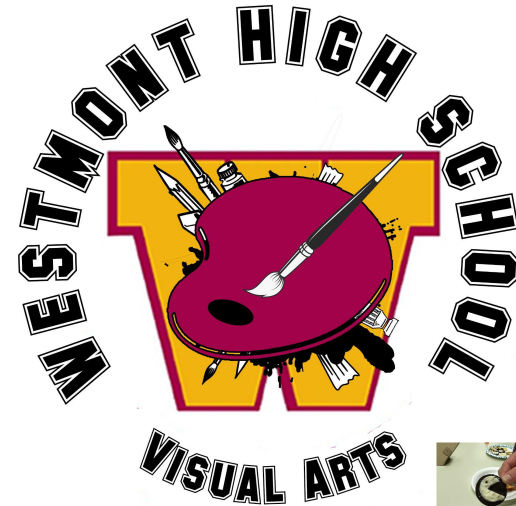
When and how can students sign up?

The First Monday of each month with open studio hours on the other Mondays

Teacher Name email & room number

Sue Ellen Jacobs sjacobs@cusd201.org

Art Room 126



CAPAOW - Club of Asian and Pacific Americans of Westmont

Target Audience

All Students

Overview of Activity

This club will offer an opportunity for social interactions and unity for Asian and Pacific Islander students and friends while giving an opportunity to grow in awareness of Asian American history and culture.

When and how can students sign up?

Standing Drop-In "Office" Hours in Media Center - MTuThF 5A, 5C; Other events posted in Google Classroom (code: kn7zi3n)

Teacher Name email & room number

Jeremy Bautista jbautista@cusd201.org Maria Schillinger mschillinger@cusd201.org Media Center

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Chess Club

Target Audience

Anybody who wants to play chess.

Don't know how? We can teach you!

Overview of Activity

Members will learn the game of chess and engage in strategy sessions and matches with other players.

When and how can students sign up?

JOIN OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

Code: ngh6aqa

Teacher Name email & room number

Mrs. Erasmus (Room 201) (lerasmus@cusd201.org)

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Fall Play

Target Audience

All Students

Overview of Activity

To produce a show for the public. Students participate in acting, lights, sound, costuming, make-up, and set building

When and how can students sign up?

Tryouts will take place after school on September 5 & 6 and we will practice after school until our performances on November 3 & 4. Join Google Classroom: nkwchvo

Teacher Name email & room number

Jamie Mahmoud/Jeremy Bautista.

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Flags

Target Audience:
All Students

Overview of Activity

Students learn the fundamentals of color guard and routines with the flag.

When and how can students sign up? November, through Mrs. Biederman

Teacher Name email & room number? abiederman@CUSD201.org

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PRC Junior Board

Target Audience:

All WHS Students

Overview of Activity

Volunteer opportunities at PRC in Westmont

When and how can students sign up?

Volunteer Orientation on September 13, 2023 at 1:46 in th WHS auditorium. Students must attend orientation before they can volunteer.

Teacher Name email & room number?

Courteney Templeton - ctempleton@cusd201.org

Kevin Weck - kweck@cusd201.org

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Geography Club

Target Audience

All WHS Students!



Overview of Geography Club

Our club motto is "See the world without leaving Chicago!" We explore many different parts of Chicago by taking field trips about once a month throughout the school year. Field trips typically are once a month. Dates and locations of field trips vary.

How can students join Geography Club?

Must turn in **yellow membership form** (available in Mr. Landreth's room) **AND:**

[Join the Google Classroom](#), [sign up for Remind](#), and complete the **Safety EdPuzzle video** (linked in Google Classroom)

Questions? Contact

Brian Dunne (bdunne@cusd201.org) or

Peter Landreth (plandreth@cusd201.org)

SPRING BREAK 2025:
Geography Club is planning to
travel to **JAPAN!!**



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Jazz Band

Target Audience

Students who play an instrument

Overview of Activity

Will rehearse jazz and funk music and perform for school and community events

When and how can students sign up? Email or talk to Mrs. Biederman

Teacher Name email & room number? abiederman@CUSD201.org

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Magazine Club

Target Audience

Anyone interested in contributing to our student-run magazine.

Overview of Activity

A club for writers, photographers, illustrators, graphic designers, editors, and more to collaborate and create our student-run print magazine.

When and how can students sign up?

Wednesday mornings, 7:30-7:55

Teacher Name email & room number - Mr. Landreth

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Math Club

Target Audience

Anyone who loves to problem solve, learn how to solve hard math, and hang out with their friends!

Overview of Activity

Are you interested in developing intuitive thinking skills and learning new types of math by applying previous knowledge to fun and challenging problems? Would you like to meet new people and develop teamwork skills? Want to have snacks with your friends? Then math club is for you!

When and how can students sign up?

Alternate bimonthly in room 105 Wednesday afternoons 2:45-3:15 and Thursday mornings 7:30-8:00

Teacher Name email & room number

Mrs. Nardini -hnardini@cusd201.org

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Model United Nations

Target Audience

Anyone who enjoys debating and problem solving current issues with other smart people and engaging in formal debate.

Overview of Activity

Students are assigned a country to represent and engage in debate with students from other area schools to solve international problems.

When and how can students sign up?

We meet the first Friday of every month at 7:30 AM in the Auditorium.

Teacher Name email & room number

Peter Landreth

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National Honor Society

Target Audience

WHS Students are invited to apply after their 1st semester of their sophomore and/or junior year. 3.0 minimum GPA.

Overview of Activity

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a service organization whose membership shares enthusiasm for scholarship, a desire to render service, and a commitment to leadership and outstanding character. Students with a minimum GPA at the end of their 2nd semester of their sophomore year are eligible to apply.

When and how can students sign up?

We meet the first Friday of every month at 7:30 AM in the Auditorium.

Teacher Name email & room number

Courteney Templeton ctempleton@cusd201.org

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Pages and Reels

Target Audience

For anyone who wants to read books and watch their corresponding movie versions.

Overview of Activity

Students will read various books, watch their corresponding movie versions, and discuss which one was better: the book or the movie?

When and how can students sign up?

Mondays from 2:50-3:20

Teacher Name email & room number

Mrs. Jakubowski (ajakubowski@cusd201.org)

Mr. Roach (broach@cusd201.org)

Mr. Palmer (opalmer@cusd201.org)

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Psychology Club

Target Audience

Students that are interested in activities that focus on human behavior and mental processing.

Overview of Activity

We do experiments within the school, lunch movie days, and school awareness events based on specific topics.

When and how can students sign up?

Stop by room 106 and speak with Ms. Dunbar

Teacher Name email & room number

Deidre Dunbar - Room 106 (ddunbar@cusd201.org)

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Prom Planning Committee

Target Audience

Anyone interested in helping to plan prom or is interested in fundraising for prom! This will include chocolate sales, creating posters, setting up for prom on the day of, etc.

Overview of Activity

Prom planning committee members help plan the prom for that year. This includes organizing prom closet, participating in fundraisers, creating posters, presenting at assemblies, communicating with students, etc.

When and how can students sign up?

An informational meeting is held at the beginning of the year. We meet every other month in the fall and then every month in the spring.

Teacher Name email & room number

Katrina Zorbas - Room 140 (kzorbas@cusd201.org) Justine Ramirez - Room 214 (jramirez@cusd201.org)

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Rotary Interact

Target Audience

Anyone that wants to make a difference within our community and beyond.

Overview of Activity

Rotary Interact is a student led service organization that works to make the world a better place through drives and fundraisers.

When and how can students sign up?

Bi-monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday morning of each month. New members are always welcome to join.

Teacher Name email & room number

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Scholastic Bowl

Target Audience

All students

Overview of Activity

Students compete against other schools in what has best been described as team Jeopardy. You will collaborate with your team to answer the most questions and help continue a tradition of excellence. Every day you learn something new is practice for this team.

When and how can students sign up?

We have matches and practices Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in Mr. DeMay's room. Show up to practice and we are happy to have you play! We start in October and work to compete in nationals in April.

Teacher Name email & room number

Tom DeMay - Room 102 tdemay@cusd201.org

Nathan Chamberlain - nchamberlain@cusd201.org

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Sentinel Buddies

Target Audience

All Students

Overview of Activity

Sentinel Buddies Club fosters friendships between special education students and their general education peers. In this time of heightened social and emotional development that can be difficult for all teenagers, the Sentinel Buddies Club helps break through social barriers at an important time in a young person's life. ALL students are welcome!

When and how can students sign up?

See Mrs. Philgren for information sheet and join Sentinel Buddies Google Classroom. Listen to announcements for upcoming events to participate.

Teacher Name email & room number

Leann Philgren ~ lphilgren@cusd201.org Rm 146B

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Spanish and French Club

Target Audience

Anyone interested in the food, culture and/or languages of French and Spanish speaking nations!

Overview of Activity

We play games, eat, and learn about the culture of French and/or Spanish speaking nations! Join us for the fun!

When and how can students sign up?

We meet 1 - 2 times per month, depending on what we are celebrating. We generally meet Before school. Come join us when you can!



Teacher Name email & room number

French: Meg Ensalaco (123) Spanish: Kathy Lott (125)



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Spring Musical

Target Audience

All Students

Overview of Activity

When and how can students sign up?

TBA

Teacher Name email & room number

Alison Maris

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Stage Tech Crew

Target Audience

Anyone interested in learning, operating, and working sound, lights, and stage crew functions on and behind the stage.

Overview of Activity

Stage Tech Crew is a club to train, organize, and recruit students to operate stage lights, sound, and work backstage operations as stage hands and crew. The organization will lead to opportunities beyond the Fall Play and Spring Musical such as School Assemblies, in-District events, and other ad-hoc performances.

When and how can students sign up?

Students can contact the current Play or Musical director or Mr. Bautista for the next training or meeting.

Teacher Name email & room number

Jeremy Bautista (for now)

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Stem Club

Engineering Teams, TSA

Target Audience

All Students

Overview of Activity

Anyone can be an engineer. Students participate in Eng/STEM related activities and plan projects to expose younger students to STEM related fields. Students have the option to join the Student Technology Association of America (TSA). The TSA joins competitions with other schools on the State and National Level.

When and how can students sign up?

STEM Club meetings in the Media Center to be determined; other events posted in Google Classroom (code: kndpd2m)

Teacher Name email & room number

Jeremy Bautista jbautista@cusd201.org Maria Schillinger mschillinger@cusd201.org Media Center

Student Ambassadors

Target Audience

Students grades 10-12.

Overview of Activity

The primary goal of the Ambassador program is to help new students adjust to WHS. Student Ambassadors provide tours to new transfer students and orient them to our programs, policies, and opportunities. Ambassadors also assist with our annual 8th Grade Information Night in February, during which they answer questions from families and offer building tours to students and parents.

When and how can students sign up?

This organization has traditionally been by teacher nomination only. However, we are changing the policy this year and if you would like to sign up - please do! We meet the 2nd Friday of each month in the Media Center at 7:30 a.m.

Teacher Name email & room number

Meg Bloechl (mbloechl@cusd201.org)

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Student Council

Target Audience

ALL students 9-12.

Overview of Activity

We meet throughout the year to plan activities for the student body including homecoming, spirit weeks, fundraisers, and many exciting events. New members are always welcome. Elections is not necessary to be a general member.

We are very interested in including participants who are interested in setting up for homecoming, the morning of the dance and cleaning up after the dance. You DO NOT need to attend homecoming to help set up.

When and how can students sign up?

Will meet during both lunch periods on Wednesday, August 23rd.

Teacher Name email & room number

Katrina Zorbas - Room 140 (kzorbas@cusd201.org)

Justine Ramirez - Room 214 (jramirez@cusd201.org)

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Suburban Agriculture Club

Target Audience

All students interested in sustainability, learning skills that can help you survive the zombie apocalypse, and/or service hours

Overview of Activity

Save the earth 1 vegetable at a time! (a club based around sustainable agriculture, planting and harvesting organic produce, and saving our bees)

When and how can students sign up?

- Wednesdays Before School at 7:30 AM (Recycling), During 5A/5C lunch and
- After school Mondays at 3 PM

Teacher Name email & room number

Nathan Chamberlain/Dan Finlayson/Julie Spaargaren

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Westmont Alliance Club

Target Audience

All Students

Overview of Activity

The Westmont Alliance is a student-centered club focusing on creating a safe space for LGBTQ students and Allies to talk about feelings, questions, and issues they are facing at home, at school, and in their everyday lives. The Alliance will also create a fun safe place for students to make friends and celebrate being LGBTQ & Allies of the community. The Westmont Alliance strives to educate students, teachers, parents, and community members on how to create a safer and more accepting school for LGBTQ students and helping to stop harassment & discrimination.

When and how can students sign up?

First Tuesday of each month after school

Teacher Name email & room number

Sue Ellen Jacobs sjacobs@cusd201.org

Art Room 126

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**First Tuesday of each Month
3-4:00 in the artroom**



The Westmont Alliance is a student-centered club focusing on creating a safe and fun space for LGBTQ students and Allies to make friends, and celebrate being LGBTQ & Allies of the Community.

Writing Club

Target Audience

A club for anyone who wants to experiment with writing and share it with others.

Overview of Activity

Sometimes we write in response to prompts; other times, in response to creative writing cards and challenges. Once we're done writing, we share with the group.

When and how can students sign up?

Every Friday, 2:50-3:15

Teacher Name email & room number

Mr. Roach (broach@cusd201.org) and

Mrs. Jakubowski (ajakubowski@cusd201.org)

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Yearbook Club

Target Audience

For anyone interested in writing, venting, experimenting with your words, and/or sharing your ideas.

Overview of Activity

Yearbook Club creates our annual yearbook. We meet bi-weekly after school, and work can be done remotely since we use an online platform. If you like to design, write, or take photos, come check us out!

When and how can students sign up?

Monthly on Thursdays (2:46-3:45 pm in Ms. Jacobs' room) during 1st semester, and bi-weekly on Thursdays during 2nd semester. First meeting: Thursday, August 31 after school in the art room. Join Google Classroom:: 4h3q6h7

Teacher Name email & room number

Jamie Mahmoud and Sue Ellen Jacobs.

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Youth and Government

Target Audience

Students interested in the law and government at the state/local level who enjoy engaging in serious debate and discussion of current issues.

Overview of Activity

Students develop laws and try to get them passed at an all-state Youth Legislature that takes place in the actual Senate and House chambers in Springfield.

When and how can students sign up?

Tuesdays after school Sept-November. One weekend in March in Springfield

Teacher Name email & room number

Peter Landreth

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La Casa

Latin American Cultural Association Student Alliance

Target Audience:
All Students

Overview of Activity:
Learning and celebrating all Latin American cultures within our World.

When and how can students sign up?
The week of September 11th - lunch club fair table

Teacher Name email & room number?
Peter Landreth plandrethh@cusd201.org
Laura Lopez llopez@cusd201.org



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