

# Club/Activities Description Guide 2015-2016

## INTRODUCTION

In maintaining a "home away from home" atmosphere, DSA provides an array of activities both inside and outside the arts arena. This guide will help introduce you to those activities.

Interested in starting a club? Find a sponsor, decide on your purpose, meeting times and goals. When finished, let Assistant Principal, Ms. Aspen Miles, know your plans.

### After-School Dance Club

- o Please register with Ms. Karczewski in the Dance Dept.
  - o Classes are open to every student at DSA, drop-in's welcome.
- Monday
- Modern I/II -Beg/Int. 3:00-4:30 Instructor-TBA/David Reuille
  - Modern III/IV-Adv. 3:00-4:30 Instructor- David Reuille/TBA
  - Tap I-Beg/Int. 2:45-3:45 Instructor - TBA
- Tuesday
- Ballet I-Beg. 3:00-4:30 Instructor- Robin Stewart
  - Ballet III- Int/Adv. 3:00-4:30 Instructor- Greg Gonzales
- Wednesday
- Jazz I/II-Beg/Int. 3:00-4:30 Instructor - Theresa Berger
  - Jazz III/IV-Adv. 3:00-4:30 Instructor- Chris Harris
  - Tap Adult - Int. 5:00-6:00 Instructor-Alicia Karczewski
- Thursday
- Ballet II-Beg/Int. 3:00-4:30 Instructor- Brandon Becker
  - Ballet IV-Adv. 3:00-4:30 Instructor-Robin Stewart
  - Pre/Pointe 4:30-5:00 Instructor- Robin Stewart
- \*Must attend 3-4:30 ballet class to take pre-Pointe
- Friday
- Tap III-Adv. 3:00-4:00 Instructor- Amy Weisenhorn
  - Ballet IV-Adv. 3:00-4:30 Instructor- David Reuille
  - Modern (Horton Technique). 3:00-4:30 Instructor - TBA

### Amateur Radio Club

Interested in wireless radio waves? Interested in worldwide communication by bouncing signals off the atmosphere? Interested in sending data, images, and voice over long distances, using repeaters on mountaintops, and even communicating via satellites?

Join the DSA amateur radio club, where exciting experiments and activities will take place. Activities will include hunting hidden transmitters, building antennas and transmitters, and even receiving transmissions from the international space station! We are also here to help with anybody who wants to get their own ham radio license. Join the powerful world of amateur radio today and go wireless.

### Animation Club

This after school club provides students an opportunity to learn about the history of animation, different types of animation, the importance of story and provide studio time to create their own animated works. Our goal is to establish a core group of DSA animators that begin working collaboratively to create animations worthy of entering contests, festivals, etc., and have fun doing it. Space is limited to 20 students so you must sign up with Mrs. Fleischman in room 162 before attending.

Suggested supplies list - Notebook or sketchbook, pencil, eraser, scissors, glue and ruler

### Black History Month Creative Project

This project has been a DSA tradition where students come together and create a show that honors some aspect of the African American history. During Black History Month in February, the student-led performance is presented to the DSA community. Any student can audition to be part of the cast after the student leaders have a rough idea of the goals of the year's show. Students work hard to include anyone who shows interest and consistent attendance to rehearsals.

### Chess Club

Chess Club is a casual gathering for students who enjoy playing chess or want to learn to play. Come play for fun and exchange tips and strategies.

### Creative Writing Outreach

This club is for Creative Writing students in grades 8-12 at DSA (non-majors who show strong interest and commitment are also welcome to join in). The club strives to connect students with the larger community through projects of local outreach and global philanthropy. Most service projects will be geared toward using reading and writing as agents of positive social change.

This year CW Outreach is partnering with Urban Peak, a local teen homeless shelter, in order to connect with local teens through writing and other art, as well as assist in providing resources and opportunities for those in need.

### Cycling Club

Coming up, stay tuned. . .

### Destination Imagination - "Innovation with Altitude"

Destination Imagination is the world's largest creative problem solving competition. 200,000 students from more than 30 countries compete each year. Teams of 3-7 students solve open-ended challenges over 4-5 months. DI prepares students to be innovators of the future combining arts, sciences, and technology with creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. Check out the DI Global website [www.idodi.org](http://www.idodi.org) and the Colorado site [www.extremecreativity.org](http://www.extremecreativity.org). Please contact Michelle Miller (DSA parent) at [mdweston@aol.com](mailto:mdweston@aol.com) or 303 886 3398 to learn more.

### DSA Discourse Club

DSA Discourse is a new club that is designed to provide DSA 8-12th grade students a forum to discuss serious issues in today's society with their peers. Often time teachers do not have enough time to explore the depth of today's social problems and humanitarian issues, so we offer a place for students to bring issues that they care deeply about to the table and engage in meaningful discussions regarding the issue. In addition, DSA Discourse is growing to not only include discussions, but also plans for community service and activism to be a part of the change that we wish to see in our world.

### [DSA Volunteer Leadership Club](#)

The DSA Volunteer Leadership Club will give students the opportunity to give back to the local community by offering art enrichment to students at Ashley Elementary School. Ashley Elementary, the closest public elementary school located near to DSA, is almost entirely composed of free-lunch students. By working with Ashley students to develop their artistic talents, the Volunteer Leadership Club will seek to prep elementary students to one day audition to DSA and help to improve the diversity of DSA. DSA students who participate will have the added benefit of building their volunteer resume to help increase their appeal for college applications. There is no space limit for students, but students will be required to commit to a minimum of six volunteer sessions (6 wks). Email Mr. Greene at [ngreene@goodwilldenver.org](mailto:ngreene@goodwilldenver.org) if you wish to participate.

### [Environmental Club](#)

The goal of this club is to foster student-generated projects to positively impact the environment through projects both here at DSA & beyond.

### [Fellowship of Christian Artists \(FCA\)](#)

The mission of the student-driven FCA is to create bonds and friendships between Christian students at DSA. While in the process of this, we also want to create a deeper relationship with our God.

### [FIDM Fashion Club](#)

The FIDM Fashion Club's mission is to inspire and empower young designers and artists to create, explore and learn through self-directed learning, interactive workshops, and inclusive events. By being a part of the FIDM Fashion Club, members will learn about the fashion industry, acquiring technical skills, and make new relationships. For information about membership, contact Mia Reedy at [miareedy@yahoo.com](mailto:miareedy@yahoo.com). For weekly updates, meeting dates and times, please click on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/dsafidmfashionclub>

### [Gender and Sexuality Alliance](#)

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance is meant to empower lesbian, gay and bisexual transgendered students and allies through education, discussion and action. This group is participation-based and available to any student, regardless of sexual identification or orientation.

### [Girls on the Run Club](#)

Stretch yourself – physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. Girls, paired with others in their peer group from STM, will be inspired to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. The designated curricula for *Girls on Track* is targeted to promote individual achievement and self-confidence. Girls gain self-esteem and learn healthy lifestyle habits while training for a 5K run/walk race. Contact Kaija Loenigber at [kaija@koenigerg.com](mailto:kaija@koenigerg.com) for more information.

### [Harry Potter Alliance](#)

The Harry Potter Alliance is a national organization that brings hard-core Harry Potter fans into charity work. The national organization has many goals for the world, including stopping slave and child labor for cocoa farming, as well as raising the literacy bar in America. In our DSA Chapter, we support these causes the best we can by raising money at events like Trick-or-treat street, charity walks, and

### [International Thespian Society #5869](#)

The Denver School of the Arts Thespian Troupe #5869 is open to all high school students enrolled in DSA. It is an international honor society for students who excel in theatre arts. To become a member, students must earn 10 points according to a national scale in theatre type activities. The function of the troupe is 1) to bring students together, in doing so, ignite their passion for theatre, 2) to include all theatre lovers regardless of their "major" or age, 3) to provide opportunities to all thespians to excel, grow, and learn, 4) to immerse oneself in theatre activities for the simple appreciation of the process and the craft. The Thespian Troupe has four to six all troupe meetings a year to connect and plan their events. The main function of the troupe is to attend the Colorado Thespian Convention in early December as well as the International Thespian Festival in June. At these conventions, students attend master classes/workshops, participate in an individual event competition, see shows, and seniors can audition for college scholarships. We will host an annual Middle School Theatre Convention for 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from surrounding Metro middle school.

### [Jewish Student Connection](#)

The Jewish club is dedicated to giving students of Jewish faith and those interested in Jewish culture and history an opportunity to meet in a friendly environment to learn about Judaism past and present. While the club is facilitated by Mr. Hughes, the meetings are managed by the students and hosted by Rabbi David Sunshine. You do not need to be Jewish to attend. You just need to be interested in learning about the Jewish faith and the issues that matter to Jews today.

### [Mongolian & Navajo Culture Club](#)

We spend the year learning about the Mongolian and Navajo cultures. In the spring we host visiting students from Tuba City, Arizona and Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia. In the summer, two students from the club will travel to Mongolia.

### [National History Day](#)

National History Day (NHD) is a national competition for middle and high school students. Each year, more than half a million students participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics' significance in history, students present their work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances and documentaries. These products are entered into competitions in the Spring at local, state and national levels where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators. The program culminates in a national competition each June held at the University of Maryland at College Park.

### [National Honor Society](#)

NHS is a club for students who have achieved and maintained scholastic excellence. Invitations go out to junior and senior students whose cumulative GPA is 3.75 unweighted or above OR 4.8 weighted or above. NHS is committed to the community and all members are required to volunteer 40 hours of community service or more every school year. As part of their community service NHS members provide tutoring for fellow DSA students as well as participate in service projects in conjunction with volunteer organizations throughout the Denver Metro area. NHS members challenge each other to make a difference in the lives of others and in the community as a whole.

### Newspaper Club

The Newspaper Club writes, prints and distributes DSA's school newspaper, a quarterly, *The Tiger Times*. It is open to all DSA students.

### No Place for Hate MS

DSA is proud to have been selected by the ADL to initiate the *No Place for Hate* program. This campaign has been established by the Anti Defamation League to empower schools to promote respect for individual and group differences while challenging prejudice and bigotry. As part of this program, a select group of 8th graders will receive anti-bias training and develop projects that will impact the entire student body and culture of DSA.

### NPFHHS (No Place for Hate HS)

No Place For Hate high school chapter will commence this year! Join in on the effort to tackle topics and change the way we operate as a community at DSA. We will discuss biases and stereotypes surrounding gender, sexuality, majors, and the political movements of our day. Together, we will discover and create ways to bring awareness and progression to these mindsets! Inspirational work that needs to be done with your input. BRING IT ON!

### Prom Committee

This is a small volunteer club of Juniors that help plan, decorate and organize the all high school Prom in the Spring. Any Junior is welcome to be a part of this social club.

### Speech and Debate

DSA speech and debate is in its eighth competitive year. We have grown from a team of 5 to 45 and now offer competitors in humorous, dramatic and duo interpretation of literature, Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, Cross Examination Debate along with extemporaneous speaking, original oratory and poetry interpretation. The class meets during the day (1<sup>st</sup> period) and is recognized by DPS and CDE as a core language arts credit for juniors and seniors. Students may also obtain credit independently by signing up for the ALT class and meeting at lunch and after school. We attend 16 to 18 tournaments between October 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Most competitions occur on Saturdays.

### Spelling Bee

This after school club provides middle school students an opportunity to learn definitions and spellings of hundreds of new words. Students who participate will be eligible to compete for spots on the district spelling team and will have the opportunity to compete for a spot on the state spelling team.

### Student Council

Student Council consists of elected representatives from grades 9-12. Student Council members learn leadership concepts by creating, implementing, and promoting activities and opportunities for the entire DSA student body and staff.

### Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership. Music students who have an "A" in their major and a GPA of 3.0 are invited to join Tri-M in September of each year.

### Ultimate Frisbee Club

The purpose of the Ultimate Frisbee club is to get some fresh air and exercise with friends while learning the rules, skills, and strategies of Ultimate Frisbee. Initially we will just be playing for fun but we might get more serious and join a league if we have enough interest down the road.

### VA Open Studio

Open to all DSA students as a work space for school projects. Advice is available for visual presentations and academic class projects. Students must provide their own art materials (paints, paper, board, glue etc.) but tools such as rulers, cutting mats, paper cutters etc are available.

There is no instruction during this time, but a teacher is available to answer questions and provide expertise. The Visual Arts Department periodically offers after school and evening workshops. Check on our website for more details.

### Warhammer Game Club

The Warhammer Game Club is dedicated to giving students interested in playing games the space and time to learn and play any table top game. While are focus is on the table top miniatures war game Warhammer 40k, students are invited to bring and play any table top game.