

**NaNoWriMo** National Novel Writing Month is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. We will begin in September with planning meetings and continue planning in October for our NaNoWriMo in November. On November 1, we will begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000 word novel by 11:59 PM on November 30. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline, NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel. We will follow up with weekly meetings throughout the year.

# *Sweetwater High School*

## *Clubs & Activities*



*Purpose. People. Pride*

**One Act Play** Are you a performer? Do you have technical stage skills? SHS students have the opportunity to tryout for OAP. This district competition is held in the spring. Members are expected to practice after school as well as some weekends.

**Day of Service** All SHS students will participate in a day of service with a variety of activities planned to take place around the community the day before Thanksgiving holidays. Student creativity and ideas are encouraged in the planning stages.

**Athletics** Sports offered at SHS are: Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf, Athletic Training, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track, and Power Lifting. See the athletic handbook for specific requirements and information.

**Future Sweetwater** This opportunity will give you a closer look at the “inside works” of the community in which you live. Future Sweetwater students will spend their school day each month being special guests and/or participating in activities such as: museum, coliseum, city/county hall, hospital, TSTC, Austin, TX, etc. By taking part in this exciting program, you will become much more knowledgeable about our community and how things work. This will be a unique item to add to your resume as you plan your college applications. There is a selection process for this organization.

**Student Council** Student Council is responsible for the fall Homecoming activities, which include the hall decorations, building a class float, and helping with the exes tea. All students are encouraged to sign up for student council and/or run for class officer. Student Council is an active organization that encourages school spirit and class participation.

**Robotics** This activity is designed to challenge and engage the curiosity and imagination of students. Topics covered include design and modeling, the science of technology, and automation and robotics. The major focus of this course is to expose students to the design process, research and analysis, teamwork, communication methods, engineering standards, and technical documentation. Students are expected to participate in after-school work nights. Competitions will be held on Saturdays. There will be at least one competition per semester. Students will be expected to use instruments and tools, including dangerous equipment.

**Pop Sensations** The SHS Pop Sensations are an auditioned group of Choir students that sing and perform Pop and Broadway music. Any SHS Choir Member may audition. The group performs at many events throughout the year and can be seen throughout the community.

## UIL

The following is a list of the possible UIL competition opportunities available:

- ◆ Accounting
- ◆ Spelling
- ◆ One Act Play
- ◆ Math
- ◆ Number Sense
- ◆ Calculator
- ◆ Journalism
- ◆ Social Studies
- ◆ Literary Criticism
- ◆ Current Events/Issues
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Debate
- ◆ Speaking Competitions
  - Prose & Poetry Interpretation
  - Informative & Persuasive Speaking
  - Lincoln Douglas Debate
  - Cross Examination Debate
- ◆ Writing Competitions
  - Ready Writing
  - Editorial Writing
  - Feature Writing
  - News Writing



DECA DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. The Sweetwater DECA Chapter travels and competes, takes educational, but fun field trips, like the American Center (Mavericks), the AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Seniors attend DECA Day at Six Flags. DECA offers a variety of scholarships. Start as a freshman and build your portfolio! Visit [www.deca.org](http://www.deca.org) for more information.

NHS Established in 1921, the National Honor Society is the oldest and most respected student recognition organization in the United States. Membership in NHS distinguishes students who have committed themselves to the pursuit of academic excellence, community improvement, and personal development. NHS's focus on service, leadership, and character helps students build the skills and relationships that will ensure success throughout their academic years and beyond.

Cheerleading The SHS Cheerleaders are a spirit group that are selected by a combination of judges, student body vote, and teacher/grade evaluations. This is a spirit group that supports our athletic teams throughout the year. The squads include a freshmen/JV squad and a varsity squad.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** FCA is touching millions of lives...one heart at a time. Since 1954, the group has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

**AVID** This elective class targets students in the academic middle (Grades of B and C), that have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Typically, they will be the first in their families to attend college, and come from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. AVID places these students on the college track, requiring them to enroll in at least one honors class a semester. To support them in this rigorous coursework, AVID students learn organizational and study skills, develop critical thinking, learn to ask probing questions, receive academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities to make their college dream reality.

**FFA** Future Farmers of America is a very active club. We offer many different competitive events that are great learning tools to be successful later on in life. Leadership development teams, chapter and state officers, judging teams and livestock showing are all great opportunities to meet many influential people and develop leadership qualities, not to mention a blast. By the way, you don't have to be a farmer.

**Anime Club** Anime Club is one of our newest clubs. We are still working on ideas, so if you are interested in anime, manga, comics and graphics, come help us with further planning.

**Book Club** Are you a book lover who finds pleasure in reading and discussing books and would like to meet with likeminded people? Well, look no further! The SHS Library would like to extend an invitation to you and anyone interested in joining the Book Club. Everyone knows that reading expands your horizons, but joining a book club can add greater benefits. For instance, by joining you will be encouraged to read more, explore books that are different than you usually read, or simply to make new friends. A book club is a great way to learn communication skills by listening to the opinions of others!

**FCCLA** Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education . FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. This organization offers opportunities for personal growth through service learning projects, public speaking and hands on projects. Members will have the opportunity to take their projects to competition at the regional and state levels.