

Ways to Get Involved at Neillsville High School!

Neillsville High School has many sports, organizations and extra-curricular activities which are educational, beneficial, and enjoyable. You are encouraged to participate in as many of these as you choose as long as they do not detract from regular schoolwork. They will do a great deal to build character, relationships and enhance your high school experience.

HS Clubs, Organizations and Extra-Curricular Activities:

1. **FFA** - A national organization of students under 21 years of age who are enrolled in an agriculture course.
Advisor: Carla Byrne
2. **High Quiz Bowl** - Students compete against other schools answering academic trivia questions. All competitions are held at our school. **Advisor: Randi Stanley**
3. **Speech and Debate (formally Forensics)** - Provides an inclusive platform that welcomes all high school students to enhance and refine communication skills, foster creativity, and share perspectives. We will meet about once a month in the fall and then from Jan to April it will be weekly to finalize pieces for competitions. **Advisor: Wren Eliasson**
4. **Spanish Club** - Membership is open to High School students currently enrolled in Spanish classes or who have completed Spanish I and II. **Advisor: Jodi Stokdyk**
5. **Spanish Honor Society** - A national organization. Students are invited to join after they have received A's for three consecutive semesters after Spanish I and meeting the requirements for service, leadership and character. **Advisor: Jodi Stokdyk**
6. **National Honor Society** - Students may apply for membership after they have maintained a 3.5 grade point average for three consecutive semesters in high school. If admitted, they have to maintain their 3.5 GPA and volunteer four hours each semester. The four pillars of NHS that determine membership are: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. **Advisor: Jeremy La Mont**
7. **Student Council** - A student-driven organization that does many things around the school including homecoming planning, blood drives, community service, and any other ideas to make our school a better place. **Advisor: Kendra Friemoth and Kelsey Klein**
8. **BLAST (Being Leaders and Standing Tall)/SADD** - Open to students who make positive decisions about avoiding AODA and other activities including but not limited to bullying, healthy choices in relationships, positive influences, and maintain good grades. **Advisor: Tammy Matson**
9. **Show Choir** - An auditioned group of singers and dancers who perform for local events and concerts. Members are eligible to attend the trip to Florida. **Advisor: Keith Van Dornick**
10. **Chorus** - Two classes can be taken in High School (Mixed Choir and Concert Choir). The choirs perform for concerts, National Anthem at games, and other community events. Every other year, the Concert Choir and Show Choir have a trip to Florida. Many extra-curricular activities available, such as Solo & Ensembles and honors choirs. **Advisor/Instructor: Keith Van Dornick**
11. **Band** - A performance class in which students are given the opportunity to perform with musical instruments at scheduled concerts, athletics events and parades. **Advisor/Instructor: Jeremy La Mont**
12. **Musical** - This will occur approximately every other year. Anyone is eligible to audition for a part or help with lights, sound, set construction, etc. Pit Band members may be needed as well. Community members or middle school students may be included depending on parts available. **Produced by the Neillsville Area Players; HS Contact: Keith Van Dornick**
13. **Chess Club** A local organization for students interested in improving at the game of chess. Students will attend a state level competition at UW Oshkosh and other local ones in the area as they are available. This organization is for all levels of skill and meets during 8th hour or after school. **Advisor: Paul Ziebell; HS Contact: Adam Luchterhand**
14. **VICA/Skills USA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America)** - SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We help each student excel. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students

preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service (including health) occupations. **Advisors: Matt Roenz & Adam Kren**

15. **FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America)** A national organization offering members to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life focusing on Family, Careers, and Community. **Advisor: Michelle Anding** [FCCLA home page](#)

16. **STEM Club:** Students interested in Science, Engineering, and Math. The club participates in a Rube Goldberg Competition. The club holds a science movie night. Students visit the Science Museum in the cities and members can attend a Health Conference in Marshfield each spring. **Advisors: Randi Stanley and Mark Brommer**

17. **TLC (Teen Leadership Council):** Teen Leadership Council is a group of 8 selected juniors who mentor the 8th graders during the school year once a month during the 8th grade rotation hour. Students apply to be part of this group at the end of their sophomore year. **Advisor: Julia Backaus**

18. **Creative Writing Club:** This club provides students the opportunity to gather with peers to explore, discuss, read and produce writing. Members participate in writing activities and exercises, offer tips and information about the writing process and share about the writing process. Work is shared on a voluntary basis for constructive feedback.

Advisor: Sara Warren

19. **Fine Arts Club:** The club for the joy and diversity of the arts. **Advisor: Adam Smrcka**

20. **Connections (formally FOR)** - This club is for all high school students. It encourages intentional acts of kindness and compassion to build relationships and positive school climate. **Advisor: Angie McIntyre**

21. **Big Buddy:** This club is an opportunity for HS students to be a positive mentor for elementary students. A big buddy meets with their little buddy once a week to play games, color, read books, or just chat. **Advisor: Chelsea Schmidt**

22. **Trap Shooting Club:** Sanctioned by the Wisconsin High School Clay Target League, the trap club prioritizes safety, fun, and marksmanship, in that order. There is a fall and spring league; they meet once a week for an hour for 4-6 weeks to shoot in squad formation. The spring league participants have the chance to shoot at the state competition. Shooting events and practices take place at the Neillsville Gun Club. **School contact: Kari Mayer**
Head coach: Skip Kuehl

23. **JA Titans:** We create student teams to compete in running a simulated company in the mobile phone industry. Their company's success depends on decisions about production, pricing, marketing, research and development (R&D), and corporate social responsibility (CSR). It is fun to play and learn business tactics at the same time. We meet about twice a month during 8th hour and the competition is in February. **Advisor: TBD**

24. **Fall Football Cheer:** Cheer on the players at games, participate in pep rallies. **Advisor: Kim Rakovec**

25. **Prom:** Prom is organized each year by the junior class and advisor. **Advisor: Angie McIntyre**

HS Athletics:

Please contact Duane King, Athletic Director, with any questions you may have about athletics.

Mr. King's contact information is as follows: Phone: 715-743-8779 Email: dking@neillsvillek12.org

Neillsville High School belongs to the Cloverbelt Conference in football, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, cross country, track & field, golf, baseball and softball and competes with other conference teams, and teams from other schools in these sports as scheduled. We urge all students to participate in any of these sports. Please contact the coaches, athletic director, or principal regarding any questions.

HS Athletics	Fall	Winter	Spring
	Cross Country	Basketball	Track & Field
	Football	Wrestling	Softball
	Volleyball	Hockey	Baseball
			Golf