

Newton South Clubs and Activities

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Please note: Only clubs highlighted in **yellow are confirmed to be running in some capacity for the 2020-21 school year. This list will continuously be updated as clubs confirm their status so please check back. This club list and more information about how to sign up for clubs can be found on the Student Activity page on the Newton South website, located at [this link](#).*

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ACADEMIC INTEREST CLUBS:

Aspirations in Medicine

<https://sites.google.com/view/newtonsouthaim/home>

Aspirations in Medicine is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion and welcomes all students interested in medicine and health sciences. AIM hosts guest speakers in STEM, connects students with internships and volunteer opportunities, and provides mentoring and student outreach programs to traditionally underrepresented BIPOC and female students in medicine and health sciences.

Book Club

Our club selects one book per month to read and discuss in cooperation with both NSHS and Newton Free Librarians. We meet once a month during ~~J-B~~ Book to discuss the prior month's selected book and to select a new book for the next month. Our focus so far has been on popular young adult fiction, though we are open to all genres. The goal of the club is to inspire and support a love of reading and to provide a fun, safe, social environment to share book reactions and recommendations with others.

Classics Club

The Classics Club will play games and do activities to learn more about Ancient Greece and Rome. Since it can sometimes be a dry subject, my goal is to make it fun and as interesting for everyone as I find it.

Flight Club

The purpose of Flight Club is to learn how to build and do maintenance on planes and drones. It will enrich Newton South extracurricular life by providing a fun place to learn about and fly model aircraft.

History Team

History Team strives to cultivate love for history among the student body by offering students the chance to participate in discussions, as well as the opportunity to take part in events such as the "National History Bowl and Bee" and "National History Day" competitions.

Learning Lab

Learning Lab is a tutoring service that enables Newton South students to learn from and teach their peers. Learning Lab offers tutoring in a variety of subjects from experienced students who have a passion to teach and give back to the community.

Ligerbots

LigerBots is a joint North/South robotics team that builds a robot for the FIRST Robotics Challenge (FRC) every year. Last year we were ranked 8th in New England, and went to the FRC World Championship. The team however doesn't function as a robot only club, but as a small business with a \$30,000 dollar budget, all of which comes from our own outreach, sponsors, and fundraising. The team needs not only mechanical people, but business people, and graphic designers as well.

Linguistics Club

Linguistics Club is a place where South students come to discuss and learn about linguistics, and train for the Computational Linguistics Olympiad.

Math Exploration Club

The Math Exploration Club explores areas of math not typically encountered during high school. We believe in a relaxed, cooperative environment where we can explore math together and we believe that there are many fun and interesting topics in math that are accessible at the high school level.

Math Team

Math Team is an academic team that competes in many competitive math competitions such as AMC and GBML. We strive to build passion for math and critical thinking ability, while providing a community where math enthusiasts can exchange their ideas and inspirations.

Mock Trial

On the Mock Trial team, students get a case each year and learn how to become lawyers and witnesses! It's a great club for those who want to pursue law in the future, and even for those who don't! Students engage in intellectual and fun activities to prepare for a State Championship.

Model UN

Model United Nations immerses students in an environment where they can debate issues affecting the world in conferences similar to those of the United Nations.

Newton Educational Workshops (NEW)

NEW is a student run club on Saturdays for 5 weeks during the winter/spring. Groups of high school students teach classes to 4th & 5th graders. It's a great way to be involved in the NSHS community and bring together elementary school students who will soon be South students!

Newton South Economics Club

The Newton South Economics Club is a place where students with an interest in economics can gather to discuss economics in a fun and informal setting. Activities include economics lessons and discussions, attending competitions, analyzing current events, and exploring the role of economics in our daily lives.

Newton South Speech and Debate Team

The NSHS Speech & Debate Team aims to improve critical thinking, research, writing, performance and oral communication skills and to have fun through interscholastic competition. Students compete at tournaments that take place on Saturdays within Massachusetts. More accomplished speakers travel to tournaments hosted at universities and by national leagues such as the NCFL and the NSDA. The local season runs from October through early April, with national tournaments in May and June.

Newton South Technovation

Technovation is an international program that teaches mobile app. development, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. Female students work in teams of five to develop mobile apps. and submit them to an international competition.

Quiz Bowl Team

We are a team dedicated to practicing the art of Quiz bowl and entering regional and National competitions in a very competitive manner. Our club is for fun, but also for the purpose of learning more about the world in any form whether it's science, Mathematics, History, Art, or some other form every single practice session.

Research Club

Research club will provide an opportunity for students to conduct novel scientific research, whether it is done individually or under the guidance of a professor/mentor. The club will guide students through the whole research process starting from developing a study/experiment, performing the subsequent data collection/analysis, and finalizing a conclusion/report, with the ultimate goal being to present at local, state and possibly national competitions, such as Intel ISEF, Google Science Fair, etc. This club will also provide a means of mutual assistance for anything research related along the way.

Science Team

Science Team is an academic team involved in a variety of regional and national science tournaments. Aside from competition, the team fosters a close sense of community and encourages student interest in STEM.

CAREER INTERESTS CLUBS:

DECA

DECA prepares emerging high school leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA members compete in district, state and international competitions where they challenge themselves to excel in real life business scenarios. Through participation in DECA activities, members will learn how to organize and communicate their thoughts and ideas, as well as gain an understanding about what businesses expect from employees.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) educate students about business and leadership skills that allow them to grow as business leaders.

HOSA

HOSA--Future Health Care Professionals is a national organization dedicated to educating students about health care professions. The Newton South chapter provides unprecedented opportunities for all students interested in any aspect of healthcare careers. HOSA-Newton South will prepare and compete at state and national levels every year.

Parker Street Capital

Parker Street Capital weekly meetings serve to educate our members through educational seminars on topics ranging from the basics of bank accounts and retirement funds to the complexities of stock picking, asset allocation, and portfolio theory. Also, we give unprecedented opportunity to our members through the chance to do hands-on investing with real money.

Professional Development Club

Professional Development Club will help students find and pursue career interests and develop the tools necessary to succeed in a professional job or internship. Students can come to the

Professional Development Club with questions about jobs, summer work, resumes, everything else regarding working or volunteering.

South Senate

The South Senate is Newton South's student government. We are a group of 26 elected officers from all four classes who work with various members of the school community to make Newton South a better place for all. We meet on ~~Thursday J-blocks in the lecture hall~~—please stop by!

Women in STEM

The purpose of the club is to inspire female students of Newton South to pursue careers in STEM-related fields. Led by two female academic-oriented students. This club aims to support female students in their endeavors in the field of STEM through active, memorable experiences.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUBS:

Adoption Support and Awareness Club

Adoption Support and Awareness Club is a club that aims to fundraise for children in orphanages and to sponsor adopted children.

Aid the Elderly

Aid the Elderly is a chance for students to get involved with the Newton community and put time into helping senior citizens. We will be focusing our attention on Heathwood Healthcare for which we will raise money, plan events, donate games, and visit once a month to keep its members company. This club is great for anyone who wants to volunteer within the Newton community but is not able to do so during the school week.

Animal Rights Activists Club (ARA)

As Newton South Students, we have a chance to enact change in society, and it is our duty to utilize our resources in helping the less fortunate. In our contribution to the community, we reach out to local rescue shelters and dedicate ourselves to helping animals in need. Fundraising, volunteering, and participating in field trips and other hands-on experiences with this program will allow us not only to promote adoption of rescues, but also spread awareness of animal maltreatment.

Art for Change

Art for change is a space allowing all students to share ideas and help develop a better community through collecting artworks from students and local artists. We would use the money we made to help people who are in need. Group field trip will be planned too. Come check it out.

Best Buddies

Best Buddies here at Newton South strives to integrate all kids with intellectual and developmental disabilities into one whole community by working and interacting with kids in the Connections Program. We meet during ~~Monday J-blocks in Room 4154 or 4155.~~

Community Service Club

Community Service Club is an amazing club where your commitment level is all your own. Students part of the club essentially join an email list, and then an opportunity is emailed to you that you would like to take advantage of, you just email back! You can start your own projects or join in with others. The Community Service Club also meets once a month (optional) for less than an hour and cooks for Bristol Lodge. A great way to help your community and feel good about yourselves!

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club is a welcoming place for students to share an interest, have enriched conversations, and educate themselves on the issues of climate change and how we can become more environmentally friendly individuals. The broader scope of our mission is to raise awareness of the importance of making Newton South greener and to develop practical strategies to implement changes in the school's culture.

Farm Club

Farm Club is a student-led group working towards a sustainable Newton South community while undertaking projects regarding our organic farm, and the environmental education of students.

Girl Up

Girl Up is a United Nations organization dedicated to helping children in developing countries get access to education and strives to get rid of problems which girls in developing countries face such as child marriage and sex slavery. Before this can happen we need to assure that children, especially girls, who often have fewer opportunities than boys, are healthy, free from violence, and have adequate skills and tools to be successful in their future.

Habitat for Humanity (Newton South Chapter)

NSHS Habitat for Humanity is an official campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat is a global non-profit organization dedicated to providing decent, affordable housing to

people in need. The NSHS campus chapter organizes events to raise funds and awareness for the organization.

Helping the Homeless

Have you ever wanted to make a change in the world but didn't have any time? We will raise money for homeless people and also go to fun field trips during the weekend to donate the money and spend time with people in the shelters! Come to Helping the Homeless Club on Monday's during J block to make a change!

Hospital Education and Awareness Research Team (HEART)

HEART is a club in which students interested in the medical field gain experience in researching diseases, raising money for nonprofit research organizations, hosting toy drives, visiting hospitals, hearing from medical professionals, and practicing/learning medical procedures.

Interact Club

Interact is a worldwide community service club for students who want to improve their community and inspire positive change at home and around the world. It is a chance to have fun while doing service projects and learn about the world, working with friends on projects that YOU care about.

KIND (kids-in-need drive) Club

KIND (kids-in-need drive) is a club where students come together and give the gift of happiness to hospitalized children. Every 2-3 months, there would be a gift drive where we use the money raised through fundraisers and purchase presents based on each individual child's interests. In being KIND, our goal is to spread the joy to those we are helping.

One Night Out

One Night Out is a program at the Boston Ability Center that engages children with various disabilities and their siblings with a fun night of games and activities along with high school students once a month on Saturdays. The club will give students the opportunity to volunteer in a fun and welcoming environment, as they get to aid children with disabilities in the various activities.

Raise a Smile Club

The purpose of this club is to get involved in supporting local orphanages through helping provide supplies using funds collected from fundraising events. On top of that, we will also help

out in children's hospitals through volunteering and donating gifts. It is an opportunity for students to volunteer, explore hospital environments, and learn from pediatricians.

Red Cross Club

Do you want to work collaboratively to organize monthly humanitarian events (fundraisers, blood drives, etc.) to make the world a better place while earning volunteer hours for every minute you spend in a meeting or event? If so, join the Red Cross Club! ~~Every Monday J block in Room 6156.~~

Relay for Life Club

Relay for Life is a cancer walk and fundraiser, organized by the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life is a 24 hour event where participants play games and walk to support cancer survivors. Throughout the year, we will raise money that funds cancer research and personal resources for cancer patients. It is an opportunity for NSHS students to remember the loved ones in their lives who were affected by cancer and give back to the community.

Serving the Surf

We are an organization of ocean and environment loving people. In Serving the Surf, we work to protect and preserve our ecosystems while also optimizing the beautiful waves the Atlantic coast provides for surfing. Come join our search for a clean ocean and the perfect wave.

Student Corps

The Newton South Student Corps is a chapter in the National Student Corps program, partnered with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. We raise money to provide a scholarship within the program and also help around the community to further this goal. Activities include helping at the Newton Free Library, park cleanup and Big Brother/Sister events such as mentoring fellow students.

UNICEF Club

The UNICEF Club is an official high-school chapter of the US Fund for UNICEF which aids refugees and children around the world by providing them with nutrition, safe drinking water, shelter, immunizations and education.

Water Aid International

Water Aid International (WAI) works to raise awareness in the school community about the International Water Crisis. The club hosts various events throughout the year, and all the proceeds earned go to water.org.

CULTURE/ETHNICITY/RELIGION CLUBS:

American Sign Language (ASL) Club

ASL Club is open to everyone, no experience needed! Anyone can come to learn American Sign Language or just come to see what it's like. NSHS students will teach signs and ASL culture and more!

Asian Student Organization (ASO)

The Asian Student Organization (ASO) is a community open to all people, regardless of race or ethnicity, that provides a place to enrich the understanding of Asian cultures and raise awareness of issues facing Asians and Asian Americans. Club meetings, held 2-3 times a month, provide a time for students to get to know each other, learn about Asian cultures, discuss issues, and organize events. The ASO hosts "Asian Night," an annual event that highlights both traditional and modern Asian culture.

AWARE (Mental Health Awareness Coalition)

AWARE is a student run club/committee working to combat mental health stigma at Newton South, and really we just want to help South become a community that is more supportive, understanding, and AWARE. We deal with issues like stress, body image, emotional health, eating disorders, and so much more, and would love as much help as we can get!

Black Student Union

Christians in Action (CIA)

Christians in Action (CIA) is a community dedicated to the creation of an open, tolerant environment for deeper discussion about Christianity in relation to our world today.

French Club

French club is a great place for those who enjoy speaking French to practice their skills and connect with other students.

Israel Club

The Israel Club will educate and engage in discussion in regards to the Arab-Israeli conflict (history and current events) in a safe and inclusive environment.

Jewish Student Union

The Jewish Student Union is a chance for students to come together and make a community of the Jewish culture at South. Students come to the club to learn about Jewish culture and religion and to take a break from their busy lives to hangout with other Jewish students or students interested in Judaism. Every week students meet and eat snacks together during Wednesday J blocks in 1206.

Kosher Food Club (KFC)

Kosher Food Club will serve as a break in the busy schoolwork. We will discuss the origin, requirements, and mystical meaning behind the kosher dietary laws and we will have a variety of kosher foods to eat each week! We will be celebrating different types of Jewish communities through cuisine by creating and tasting traditional foods from Morocco, Spain, Israel, Eastern Europe and America.

South Asian Student Association (SASA)

SASA is a club that allows students to meet new people, partake in fun activities , and at the same time help raise money for those struggling in poorer countries of the world!

Spanish Club

Spanish Club is open to all students, even if they do not speak Spanish. This club will allow students to be in a relaxed environment for speaking Spanish, learn about Spanish/Latin American culture, learn about current events in the Spanish speaking world, and organize fundraisers to support people of any Spanish speaking places. Once in a while, the Spanish Club will be having events to gather money for people in Latin America who are in need.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS CLUBS:

Animation (formerly Anime) Club

Animation Club is a place where all who have a liking for animation can come and appreciate animation by watching and reviewing the animation.

Art Club

In the Art Club, we will have fun and relaxing activities such as art challenges, free drawing, and voluntary presentations. We do not require any prior experience in art.

Asian Makeup Club

The Asian Makeup Club will help participants develop a self-appreciation and skills of make-up. Our goal is creating one new style of make-up every month, and sharing our understanding of make-up.

Children of the Candy Corn

BY AUDITION ONLY: Newton South's student-run improv group. Auditions are held annually. Visit the Theatre Office for info.

Newton South A Cappella Club

The Newton South Acapella group is a group that sings contemporary acapella music . At each rehearsal, singers learn how to arrange and sing acapella music in a collaborative environment. We give singers the opportunity to improve their musical skills and have fun singing with their peers. We perform several times a year in various locations around the Newton and greater Boston area.

South Stage

South Stage, the Newton South High School Theatre Company, produces eight shows each year. Auditions are held seasonally; opportunities for stage crew are flexible and ongoing after school in 9135. Visit SouthStage.org for info.

Tertulia Celebration

Tertulia is a festive collection of a variety of acts from every part of the Newton South community in honor of former South student, Maxine Chansky.

GAMES CLUBS:

Chess Club

Chess Team/Club is a great, friendly atmosphere both for those who are new to chess and those who have been playing for a while. We teach both fundamental and intricate concepts in chess. We also compete in multiple state tournaments, both as teams and individuals, where you can win recognition and prizes. We also host a number of in-house school tournaments for anyone who wants to play. It's a great community and a relaxed, positive atmosphere!

Dungeons and Dragons Club

We will play Dungeons and Dragons as a fun outlet for people who are interested as a way to de-stress.

Magic the Gathering Club (MTG)

MTG club is a group of friendly Magic the Gathering players who sit down every Thursday J block to play EDH. New players are welcome and we will help you get started with this amazing game.

Poker Club

The Poker Club allows Newton South students to participate in weekly and money-free poker games (i.e. NO money is exchanged!). We provide an opportunity for students to get to know new people and to have fun in school.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY CLUBS:

Feminist Empowerment Movement (FEM)

Feminist Empowerment Movement (FEM) Club works to begin conversations surrounding issues of gender inequality at Newton South and in the world, and empowers members to explore their identities as feminists.

Gender and Sexuality Awareness (GSA)

Gender and Sexuality Awareness is an organization of students and faculty, meeting weekly to discuss civil rights issues having to do with sexual orientation and gender. All are welcome, whether you are gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or simply questioning. As well as discussing current issues, we plan annual events, such as T'BGLAD and the Day of Silence. Help us make a difference in fighting homophobia and gender discrimination.

JOURNALISM / MEDIA CLUBS:

Denebola

Denebola is Newton South's official online newspaper. We have won numerous awards in the online category and update the site daily. You can run columns that go up weekly or you can write articles that go up whenever. Denebola also has many social media aspects as well as photography opportunities!

Lion's Roar

The Lion's Roar is South's official newspaper. It is entirely student run and has been a reliable source of school news for over 30 years. The Roar has consistently been ranked as one of the top high school newspapers in the country.

Newton South High School Film Society

The Newton South High School Popcorn Club exposes students to great movies and gets them to think critically about them. We will watch movies off campus and then meet in school to discuss them. We will watch both classic and modern films.

Newton South Nala

Nala is Newton South's video channel. We are a student-run club focused on creating both school news videos as well as entertaining and relatable videos for students at South. Members create content by taking part in any of the aspects of the video making process, such as filming, editing, producing, acting and much more.

youtube.com/nshsnala

Poetry Club

Poetry Club meets ~~Wednesdays, J-Block~~. Everyone is welcome. Bring enthusiasm, a poem, and/or a friend. Join us to share and write your own poetry, read a favorite famous poem, listen to and support others, discuss life's essential questions, and receive positive feedback on your work. We also plan student poetry readings throughout the year.

Rasalas

Rasalas is an online literary magazine. The purpose of this club is to create a new, fully online creative outlet for South students. This website will bring together all the different creative fields at this school, including creative writing, poetry, art, photography, music and speeches. Any and all students at South are welcome to submit their work through the club's email, and Rasalas' staff will review and edit these submissions to post in various editions.

Reflections Magazine

Reflections is Newton South's Premier Arts & Literary magazine. We put out a magazine and a CD featuring art, writing, and music created by South's students.

Regulus Yearbook

Regulus Yearbook is where we work on creating a unique and diverse book for Newton South. Most members of yearbook take pictures and interview people.

Roar News

The Roar News Club films videos every week during Thursday J-Block about what's going on at South. We then edit and post our video for the school to see every Tuesday during Advisory.

POLITICAL INTEREST CLUBS:

Newton South ACLU

Newton South ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) gives passionate, driven teens a chance to make their voices heard and enact change in the school community and beyond. Connect with people who are similarly passionate in the pursuit of helping the disenfranchised, and perform community service with your friends. We will debate and discuss current events, canvass, participate in letter writing campaigns, and attend marches and parades.

SOCIAL CLUBS:

Astrology Club

Are you fascinated in all things astrology? Do you want to find out more about your zodiac sign or your entire birth chart? Join a fun community where we can get to know each other through our astrological traits!

Cheese Club

The Cheese Club is a place where students come together in a mutual appreciation of cheese. We are dedicated to education, social interaction, and experiential learning through cheese.

New to South Club

The New to South Club is meant to create a safe and exciting community of students new to the school. New friends and connections will be made, and each individual will be welcomed in a group that can relate to each other.

Stress Management and Relief Techniques (SMART)

The purpose of our club, SMART, is to create a safe place where students can express their stresses and anxieties within a group of peers who can relate and help them through. We hope this to be a fun experience that positively affects South's students using specifically tailored stress management and relief techniques.

The Twin Club

The twin club is a fun social club where twins in the NSHS community have the opportunity to connect with each other. Being an inclusive club, however, anyone who is interested in twins or wants to meet and connect with twins can join and participate.

SPORTS / ACTIVE CLUBS:

Badminton Club

Badminton Club lets students play a competitive sport and/or learn new skills in a relaxing environment. There is also a team that competes with other high schools in Massachusetts. Bring your friends along and play during Thursday J-Block in the Field House!

Dreamfar High School Marathon

A community full of runners, Dreamfar High School Marathon trains to run the Providence Marathon, all 26.2 miles. Students learn that running a marathon is possible - no running experience necessary. Dreamfar creates a community where people can be themselves and make friends with other students and teachers from over eight other schools. We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (after J blocks), and Saturday mornings (later on). We hope you join us at Dreamfar, where our motto is "26.2 TOGETHER!"

Girls Ultimate Frisbee

Newton South Girls Frisbee practices, scrimmages, and plays Ultimate Frisbee, a sport easy to learn and incredibly fun to participate in. It's a great way to try out a new sport, meet new people, and exercise in a stress-free environment.

Nature Club

Nature Club goes on walks outside of school to enjoy nature and relieve stress. We also meet in school to plan our trips.

Newton Sailing Club

The Newton Sailing Team is a place for people to talk and learn about sailing, and we will provide information on how to apply for the combined Newton South and Newton North Sailing Team.

Ping Pong Club

We are just a bunch of students who want to play ping pong for fun after school.

Plogging Club

Plogging Club is a club involving running/jogging while picking up litter. It will be a place where a community of active people helping the environment gather together.

Ski & Snowboard (*Winter Only*)

Ski and Snowboard Club is a club that allows students of all grades to ski and snowboard at Wachusett Mountain for a few Thursday nights during the winter, beginning in January. Approximate cost is \$120 for the season before December 5th and \$140 after that date. The bus fee is \$140.00. There will be six Thursday trips throughout the winter, weather permitting.

Spikeball Club

Spikeball is a fun/competitive game where it takes the form of volleyball 2 v 2, except instead of hitting the ball over the net, you hit towards the net on the ground to project the ball in your favor.

Sports Debate Club

Whether it is deciding to run or pass the ball at the 1 yard line in the Super Bowl, or claiming Michael Jordan or LeBron James as the greatest basketball player of all time, every sports fan has their own opinion. Sports Debate Club is a time to talk about sports, share sports opinions, and debate various topics in sports. The primary focus is basketball and football, but all sports topics are welcome.

Strength Training Club

Strength Training Club is for students who are interested in self improvement and general fitness. Each week we'll train with 3 different goals in mind: losing weight, building muscle mass, and increasing muscular strength.

