

Upper School Clubs

Ambassadors of Goodwill

This group provides juniors and seniors with opportunities for community service both on and outside of the Tampa Prep campus. One ongoing project of this group has been helping students at Graham Elementary School. Contact: [Bob Bradshaw](#)

Art Club

Art Club is an affinity group that meets to discuss relevant issues and share members' common interests in the visual arts. Club members participate in creating artwork for projects such as The Empty Bowls National Project, designing and painting public artworks, and staging exhibits at Tampa Prep. Art Club also plans outings to local and out of state art museums. Contact: [Kaki King](#)

Blaze (Dance Team)

The Tampa Prep Blaze is the official dance team of the school. The purpose of the Blaze is to promote and uphold school spirit, to compete in local, regional and national competitions and to represent and promote Tampa Prep in community and volunteer events. Tryouts required. Contact: [Jennifer Jones](#)

Common Ground

This is a student discussion group that provides "a comfortable place to talk about uncomfortable issues" including race, discrimination and bullying. Contact: [Rob James](#)

Conduct Review Board

Appointed by the Dean of Students, this group of juniors and seniors (together with selected faculty members) makes recommendations to the administration on infractions of major school rules. Contact: [Chrissy Dempsey](#)

Crew (Rowing) Club

A relaxed, yet competitive program open to Upper School students regardless of experience. Beginning rowers will focus on learning rowing basics, while experienced rowers will continue to fine-tune their athleticism and technical skill. A light racing schedule is planned throughout the fall season. Fee required. Contact: [Justin Smith](#) at tampapreprowing@gmail.com

Debate Team

Team members learn the fundamentals of debating and hone those skills while competing in matches all over the state and country. Contact: [Enaye Englenton](#)

Environment Club

The Environment Club meets weekly for the purpose of raising awareness within the Tampa Prep community of environmental issues. It also seeks to create ways

for each person to make a positive difference. Activities include recycling within the school and outings on Saturday mornings, where groups of students and faculty either plant vegetation or pick up trash at various parks and beaches. Contact: [MaryBeth Hill](#)

French Club

This is an affinity group whose meetings include games, discussions, food and other things French. Contact: Sherri Walsh

Gay/Straight Alliance

This group meets to promote community and tolerance among all people, and to help assure that each member of the school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. Contact: [Stephanie Cardillo](#)

Key Club

Key Club is the high school division of Kiwanis Club International, a national community service organization. Students engage in community service projects at Tampa Prep and in the outside community. Membership by application. Contact: [Lael Arango](#)

Latin Club

This is an affinity group for students interested in continuing their exploration of Roman culture and language. Students participate in the statewide Latin Forum. Contact: [Julia Roper](#)

Lunch Box – Juke Box

Students listen to music by various artists from multiple genres (country, rock, hip-hop, rap, etc.) once a week during their lunch. Students discuss the lyrics and sound that make up the mood and style of a piece. The group also discusses a particular song's and/or a musician's place in history. Contact: [Dominick Giombetti](#)

Lunchtime Book Club

Students choose books they wish to read and discuss with other avid readers. This club meets occasionally during lunch period. Contact: [Stephanie Cardillo](#)

Model United Nations

This Tampa Prep chapter of a statewide organization exposes students to the complex relationships which characterize international relations. Activities culminate in the annual Model UN Conference in Orlando during which students are selected as mock representatives of various member nations. Contact: [Bob Bradshaw](#)

Math Club

Math Club provides students an opportunity to participate in mathematics competitions and to be recognized for outstanding achievement in mathematics.

Upper School students may compete in the American Mathematics Competition on November 18, 2008 with the consent of their math teacher. In addition, students taking Algebra 1 or higher may participate in competitions sponsored by the Florida Association of Mu Alpha Theta on Saturdays in the winter months. Practice for competitions begins in the fall. Contact: [Paul Henley](#)

The Muse (Literary Magazine)

The Muse is the annual publication of students' stories, poems, plays, and sketches, compiled by student editors in the Creative Writing class from submissions by student writers in both Middle and Upper School. Contact: [Del Sayers](#)

Peer Counselors

Peer Counselors are juniors and seniors selected by the school counselor to work with students in grades 6-9 on a regular basis. Through group and individual interactions, they strive to promote self esteem, encourage positive peer relationships, teach coping skills with respect to academic pressures, provide anger management skills and facilitate conflict resolution. Contact: [Michele Cole](#)

Poetry Club

Poetry Club is a forum in which students can present their own work, favorite works, or simply enjoy the poems chosen and read by others. Contact: [Rob James](#)

Prom Committee

This group of juniors and seniors plans the annual junior/senior prom. Contact: [Stacia Perry-Eaton](#)

Spanish Club

This is an affinity group whose meetings include games, discussions, food and other things Spanish. Contact: [Mia Kishel](#)

Science Fiction & Fantasy Movies (Death Star) Club

This group of students gathers weekly at lunch to enjoy and share their common interest in science fiction and fantasy films and other issues related to these genres. Contact: [Rob James](#)

STAND

Students meet weekly to promote awareness of and seek ways to put an end to genocide. Students discuss strategies and projects to implement both on and off campus, and plan to contact local and national leaders about the hardships, death and despair in Darfur and beyond. Contact: [Dominick Giombetti](#)

Student Council

The purpose of Student Council is to "improve the quality of student life and to represent the school in the outer community". General meetings, held weekly, are open to all students, faculty and administrators. In addition, there are weekly

subcommittee meetings to plan Homecoming, pep rallies and other events. Elections to select officers and grade level representatives are open to all Upper School students in good academic standing. Each class elects four grade-level representatives. (Rising 10th, 11th and 12th grade elections are held in April; 9th grade elections are held in September.) Contact: [Teri Hoekstra](#)

Talisman (Yearbook)

Participation in this demanding activity results in the annual production of the school's impressive, and award-winning, yearbook. Application required. Includes a classroom component. Contact: [Stacey Cummins](#)

Teen Court

A program of the Hillsborough County court system, this real-life judicial activity places students in the courtroom as members of juries or as attorneys for the prosecution and/or defense. Real juvenile offender cases are adjudicated during the process, with binding decisions sanctioned by a presiding Hillsborough County judge. It meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Contact: [Bob Bradshaw](#)

Terrapin Times (School Newspaper)

The Terrapin Times is published six times per school year. Students must apply to join the staff. Any student may submit an article for consideration, but no anonymous submissions are accepted. Includes a classroom component. Contact: [David Couchman](#)

Writing Center

Juniors and seniors who have demonstrated excellence in writing and have been nominated by their teachers serve on the Writing Center staff. Students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to take drafts of their written work for editing by staff members. Contact: [Marjorie McDuffie](#)

Middle School Clubs

Art Club

Art Club is an open studio service available to all Middle School students in good academic standing. Projects will be announced during Middle School assemblies.

You need not be enrolled in an Art Elective to participate. Contact: [Martha DeAmbrose](#)

Environment Club

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Latin Club

The purpose of this club is to encourage an interest in and appreciation of the language, literature and culture of ancient Greece and Rome, and to impart an understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of Classical Antiquity. Students will also help prepare for Certamen competitions, regional and state fora, and Carpe Noctem. It is open to all Middle School students who currently are enrolled in Latin or who have satisfactorily completed a previous class in Latin, and meets Tuesdays during lunch in the Latin classroom. Contact: [CarolSue Carlson-Jones](#)

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SCUBA Club

This is a fee-based club that focuses on the fundamentals of SCUBA diving. Contact: [John Meese](#)

STAND

STAND is an effort to spread the word about the continuing atrocities in Darfur. Part of the group's mission is to help out in relief efforts. STAND is open to every Middle School student who is interested. Meetings take place in Mr. Fowler's room on Tuesdays during lunch. Contact: [Mike Fowler](#)

Student Action Committee (SAC)

The members of this group strive to improve the Tampa Prep community and the world beyond the campus through school activities and service projects. It is open to all Middle School students, and meets during lunch on Thursdays. Contact: [Mike Fowler](#) or [Annelise Trubelhorn](#)

Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program

Interested Middle School students get together at lunchtime from October to March with Library Media Specialist Carole Holway to discuss books on the Sunshine list of contemporary, quality literature. Information about the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program can be found at www.myssyra.org/about/about.html. Contact: [Carole Holway](#)

Middle School Honor Society

National Junior Honor Society

NJHS recognizes students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and service. To be eligible, students must be in 7th or 8th grade, have attended Tampa Prep for at least two semesters, and attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students may submit to the Faculty Council a form listing their activities and accomplishments during Middle School. The Faculty Council reviews these, as well as teacher recommendations, and invites qualifying students to join NJHS. The induction ceremony takes place at the end of year Middle School Awards Assembly. Contact: [Pat Embry](#)

New Classes Offered

Film and Video

This semester-long course gives 8th grade students a beginner's look at the video production process. During the course, students will learn the basics of video production, including script writing, pre-production activities, proper shooting and lighting techniques, and post-production activities. Students will have hands-on use of equipment in labs, help with projects to support the school, and have the chance to produce their own projects.

The Flame

The Flame is the Middle School version of the Upper School dance team, The Blaze. Both teams are coached by Jennifer Jones. Practices take place during 7th period. Contact: [Janet Cramer](#)