

# Vicksburg High School Clubs, Activities and Sports

**Chamber Singers:** The VHS Chamber Singers is a select choral ensemble that sings challenging choral literature from all periods in music history. These students are chosen by audition based on their citizenship, reliability, musical skill and leadership. The Chamber Singers participate in district and state choral festivals through the Michigan School Vocal Music Association and have received Division I superior ratings at both levels.

**DECA** is an association of Marketing students that compete at the district, state, and international level by taking a competency exam and completing a role play in their occupational area. Anyone who takes Marketing will be involved in DECA through their participation in class; only those who choose to compete do.

**Drama Productions:** The Vicksburg High School Drama Department puts on two productions every year. Our Fall Play is open to anyone in the school who is interested in auditioning. The Spring Musical is done in collaboration with the Music Department and is also open to anyone who is interested in auditioning. No experience is necessary to participate in either of these two productions. Both productions offer students the opportunity to act on stage or work behind the scenes. It is an excellent way to meet new people, work with others to create a spectacular show and gain self-confidence.

**Environmental Club:** Explore various areas of environmental science with fun activities both in the classroom and out in nature. Club members are from both VMS and VHS.

**Equistrian Club:** Participants must have their own horse to be on the team (or have access to a leased horse). We practice a few times in the summer at Mike Fleetwood's house in Vicksburg and at Kal-Val Saddle Club in Scotts. The group competes in the fall on 3 Saturdays at the Coldwater Fairgrounds. 17 Events include English, Saddleseat, Huntseat, Showmanship, Jumping, and Gymkhana. Members, ranging from freshmen to seniors. This club is not financially supported by the school, so some registration costs must be paid by the participant, and some fundraising may be necessary.

**French Club** – French club is an informal organization of French students who wish to broaden their knowledge of French culture through travel. The group fundraises to support French club trips to Chicago, Québec, and France.

**FFA (Future Farmers of America):** The Vicksburg FFA is an integral part of the Vicksburg Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) program. As part of the Kalamazoo Education for Employment (EFE) program, the Vicksburg ANR program serves all of Kalamazoo County. Students from all over the county travel to Vicksburg to attend classes in Animal Science, Horticulture and Natural Resources. Students participating in the ANR program are encouraged to join the FFA to help them improve their leadership skills.

**Jazz Ensembles:** Vicksburg High School boasts two jazz ensembles that meet regularly. Jazz 1 meets during the school day and participates in many jazz festivals and performances around the state. They have performed in national festivals in Ohio and Texas as well. Jazz 2 meets three mornings a week from 6:30-7:25 and perform at local jazz festivals and Vicksburg events including the jazz band dinner dance alongside Jazz 1 held annually in the spring.

**Model UN (United Nations):** Model United Nations is an opportunity to research and debate about current events through a different country's point of view. We discuss topics such as global currencies and human rights. Our group travels to Hope College and stays the night to compete in their conference against many other schools in Michigan. It is a great way to learn about politics and how the real United Nations functions.

**National Art Honor Society:** The goal of this chapter shall be to foster excellence and enthusiasm for the visual arts, recognize students who have shown outstanding ability in art and bring art to the attention of the school and community through service and leadership.

**National Honor Society** – National honor student society with an emphasis on leadership and community service. At VHS, NHS organizes a Canned Food drive for South County, sponsors the high school recycling program, participates in Tips for Kids, and partners with Kids Connection to provide tutors and other services. On an individual level, members are required to log 30 hours of community service per year while maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher (as of 2012).

**Robotics:** TBD

**Simply Men:** We meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school for an hour. We rehearse in preparation for performances in choir concerts, the Vicksburg Rotary Showboat, and competitions like the Michigan School Vocal Music Association's Solo and Ensemble and Choral Festivals. Simply Men has consistently earned first division ratings since its beginning in 2006. There will be one rehearsal with the group as an audition.

**Ski Club** This is an informal group that goes skiing on Thursday nights at Bittersweet.

**SkillsUSA:** This national organization serves more than 250,000 high school and college students and professional members who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations. Also known as SkillsUSA, prepares America's high performance workers. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities.

**Spanish Club:** Spanish Club promotes extra-curricular activities which take language/culture learning out of the classroom and into the community/world at large. Examples include: traveling to a Spanish speaking country, field trips to Chicago or to local performances of Spanish dance/drama/music. Spanish Club encourages students to become more informed about the role of Spanish language and culture in the world today through visits to restaurants, art exhibits, musical/theatrical programs, festivals, radio or television opportunities, etc. Open to current and former students of Spanish.

**Student Senate** This is a group of approximately 25 – 30 students who are elected from an application process that includes teacher comments to organize and sponsor a variety of events. Senate is in charge of the Blood Drive (community members as well as our 17+ age students are welcome to donate) and the Semi-formal dance in December. Student Senate also sponsors all the pep assemblies, all voting for fall/winter Homecoming Courts, most high school dances and teacher & student appreciation perks.

**YL-Lub:** The yL-Lub Project VHS began in 2010 with the idea of forming a group focused on bringing more awareness towards the issue of bullying. The Club and the VHS administration were instrumental in celebrating a “National Day without Hate” in April of 2011. A student group was formed which meets weekly to discuss bullying issues and ideas to bring more awareness to the subject. The group has grown in terms of staff members and students. The yL-Lub Project VHS has brought in nationally renowned speakers to discuss bullying issues and how students can better the situation at VHS. The project has 5 main goals that focus on bringing more awareness and prevention to bullying. The group has made t-shirts for staff and students to help show support and awareness.

## **Fall Sports Teams:**

Football

Boys Soccer

Boys Tennis

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Girls Golf

Volleyball

Sideline Cheer

## **Winter Sports Teams:**

Boys and Girls Basketball

Wrestling

Competitive Cheer

Bowling

## **Spring Sports Teams:**

Baseball

Boys Golf

Boys Lacrosse

Boys and Girls Track

Softball

Women's Tennis

Women's Soccer