



Extra-Curricular Activities, After-School Clubs, and Athletics at Newpoint Tampa

2009 – 2010 School Year

Newpoint Tampa's extra-curricular activities emphasize student participation and student leadership. Our small school setting allows us to tailor our activities to the students' interests and provide opportunities for student leadership, collaboration, and participation that larger schools rarely achieve. We accomplish these goals through our student-run Campus Activities Board (CAB). This board of students, guided by a senior administrator, plans and creates the activities that our students enjoy. Student-centered activities are activities that interest students, and they are also activities that students learn to create themselves.

Each quarter, CAB addresses three activity areas: clubs, all-school activities, and athletics. During the regular school week, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Newpoint teachers, administrators, and volunteers provide a variety of clubs such as the yearbook club, robotics club, and others. CAB encourages the creation of new clubs, but the board knows that a great deal of the work involved with a club must be shouldered by the students themselves.

Each quarter, CAB plans three all-school activities: a work service project, a social gathering, and an academic activity. These activities might include a dance, reading to elementary students, cleaning up an environmentally fragile area, a movie or swim night, a visit to a museum, a dance performance, or an ice cream social. CAB works with the teachers and administrators to develop these activities and make each one a great event for their peers.

CAB also promotes healthy, physical activities. CAB encourages the formation of athletic teams, such as a golf team, but also creates ways to expose students to new athletic experiences such as a martial arts demonstration, a modern dance performance, or an ice-skating night. Athletics at Newpoint Tampa may never include a football team, but, once again, our small school setting provides other opportunities designed especially for our own students.

CAB has ten members (five 9th grade students and five 10th grade students this year), but every CAB meeting is open to every student, and all students are encouraged to share their ideas with CAB. CAB elections are held within the first few weeks of each school year. CAB meets weekly.