

THE COMMON APP ACTIVITIES SECTION

TIPS FOR THE ACTIVITIES SECTION OF THE COMMON APP:

Put your most important activities, sports, jobs, volunteer work, etc. FIRST because you only have 10 spots.

These 10 spots have to include all school volunteer work, community volunteer work, clubs/activities/sports (inside and outside of school), jobs, church activities and more. You can even include family responsibilities in this section.

If you need more space, Common App recommends you use the “additional information” question in the Writing Section.

SCHOOL CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

Club/Activity	Activity Type	Description of activity	Volunteer Opportunities Through Club (Past and Present)
Academic Challenge	Academic	Academic Competitions in a tri-county league over topics like: literature, science, social studies, math, religion, and pop culture.	
Ambassadors	Other club activity	Ambassadors greet and host visitors at CMHS to ensure they feel comfortable during open houses, tours, shadow students, welcoming committee, and more.	• 5th and 6th grade day • 7th grade day • Open house • Shadow host • Visiting elementary schools
Art Club	Art	Art club students use their unique talents to help serve the local community in various ways.	• Host a halloween costume day with proceeds going to an agreed upon charity • Ornament making • Pumpkin painting for elementary schools • Create a coloring book for elementary schools
Astronomy Club	Science/Math	We study and discuss topics including: Cosmology, the Big Bang, galaxies, black holes, exoplanets, the variety of stars, solar system, comets, etc.	
Band			
Book Club	Academic	Students discuss and agree upon books to read then have open discussions about literary techniques, characters, themes, and more.	

Crimson Feather	Art	Digital literary/art magazine created by students with poetry, short stories, art, photography, and more.	
Drama Club	Theater/ Drama	Group of students who plan and execute the school plays twice a year including actors, set building, and crew.	
English Festival	Academic	This is an event hosted by Youngstown State. Local students read a select set of books then compete in various events at YSU against students from the tri-county area. Be sure to list any awards received.	
Italian Club	Cultural	Discussions and activities about various Italian traditions, days of celebration, cities/regions, Feast Days, food, etc.	• Hosted Movie night for younger students • Raffle ticket sales
Link Crew	Other	This is a program for select juniors and seniors to mentor freshmen and new students throughout the year.	• Freshmen Orientation • Weekly meetups for mentoring for the first month of school • Monthly meetups and activities for the remainder of the year
Mahoning Valley Bridge Building	Science/ Math	Students practice building bridges to meet certain requirements then compete by building a bridge in a set time at YSU against other local schools.	
National Honor Society	Academic	National Honor Society is a select group of students inducted based on strong demonstration of the 4 NHS pillars: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.	• Tutoring younger students • Salvation Army Bell ringing • Running activities at the Advent Tree Lighting
Ora et Labora	Community Service (volunteer)	School service group	• Reading at mass • Speaking at mass • Serving mass • Served mass at St. Columba Cathedral
RoboBots	Robotics	RoboBots is a high school combat robotics competition that allows high schools to partner with industry mentors to build a 15 lb combat robot.	
Spanish Club	Culture		
Speech and Debate Team	Debate/ Speech	Weekly competitions in various categories like public speaking, acting, and debate against other schools locally, statewide, and nationally. List any awards received and state/national competitions attended.	

Student Council	Student Government/ Politics	Elected group of students who are responsible for service, school spirit, and student engagement throughout the school.	• Rally planning • Making signs for various school events, rallies, and school spirit • Back to school party
Yearbook	Other club/ activity	Students use editing software to assemble and publish the yearbook.	• Summer editing hours • Attend sports, activities, and events throughout the school year to photograph. • Gather photos from faculty and students

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Sport	Description	Volunteer Opportunities <i>(Past and present)</i>
Baseball	Explain how you contributed to your sport. Use present tense if you are still participating in it. Include: • Position played • If you were a starter and for how long • List if the team went to playoffs and how far they made it. • If you were a captain + how long • Do you have a rank (ex. Tennis - first doubles) • Awards/Honors ◦ Varsity letter + how many years ◦ Conference, District, Regional, State recognition Ex. I have been the starting 2nd baseman and team captain for 2 years. I have lettered all 4 years and earned 1st team All Conference and 2nd team District honors in the 2023 season.	• 7th grade day activities • 5th and 6th grade day activities • Baseball Camp • Easter Seals Fashion show and luncheon (select students) • Driving other students to practices/games.
Basketball		• Parochial League: ticket sales, concessions, scoreboard for every game hosted at Mooney • Basketball Summer camp for elementary aged children
Cheerleading		• Cheer camp for elementary aged children • Decorating lockers/locker room • Advent Tree Lighting face paint (2024) • Face painting at parochial school rallies and events • Carwash
Cross Country		

Football		• Auction - clean up landscaping • Cleaning turf • Camp of Champions • Strength and Conditioning camp for elementary aged children • Worked fundraiser Bingo Night (2024) • Parochial football games when hosted at Mooney: Chains, Scoreboard, tickets • Carwash
Golf		
Lacrosse (boys)		• Youth summer camp 2024
Lacrosse (girls)		• Youth summer camp 2024
Soccer (boys)		• Carwash • Youth summer camp
Soccer (girls)		• Carwash • Youth summer camp
Softball		
Tennis (boys)		
Track		
Volleyball		• 3rd/4th grade clinic (2024) • Middle school camp • Parochial league games: Concession stands, Line judge, Ticket sales, Scoreboard

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Food Drive
 - organize daily, room collection, boxing up, delivery, etc.
- 5th & 6th Grade Day
- 7th Grade Day
- Hosting a shadow
- Open House
 - Greeter, Tour guide, Informational table
- Advent Celebration/Christmas tree lighting
- Whole School Day of Service
- Campus Clean ups
- Tutoring
- School mass
 - Serving, reading, or distributing Communion
- Rallies
 - Setting up for rallies
 - Ursuline Week decorating
 - Sign making
- Stoops Pelini Foundation Bocce tournament at the MVR
- Working the auction/gala
- Working fundraisers for parochial and local schools
 - St. Charles bingo
 - St. Christines
 - Holy Family
- St. Charles tree lighting
 - Running activity tables
- Dinner theater for school play
 - Servers, concessions, bussers, etc.

EDUCATION HONORS SECTION

POSSIBLE ACADEMIC HONORS

Do not leave this section blank if at all possible.

- Most Outstanding Student (end of year awards in all courses)
- Academic Letter
- Soaring Cardinal
- Speech and Debate awards
- Honor Roll
- Essay awards
- Photography awards
 - Gold Key
 - Silver Key
- Art Awards
- National Honor Society member