

Nathan Sunker ('23) on Generation Tech

"I'm a board member [for] Generation Tech, which is a nonprofit run through Creek. Our whole thing is that we would go into senior homes and volunteer with them to try and help them with technology problems and get a connection and hopefully improve their lives. But now that we're not allowed to actually visit homes, it's a very different process trying to still help fix problems and also make a deeper connection for people who aren't accustomed to communicating over the internet...Not that everything we used to do is impossible to do now, it's that we have to try and find new ways to do them and those new ways don't always work out as well as how we were able to do it before. But hopefully as time goes on, if the pandemic continues, we'll find a new success in helping people even without actually visiting them."



Theater: Fall Radio Play



Nathan Krause ('23)



Priyanka Senapati ('22)

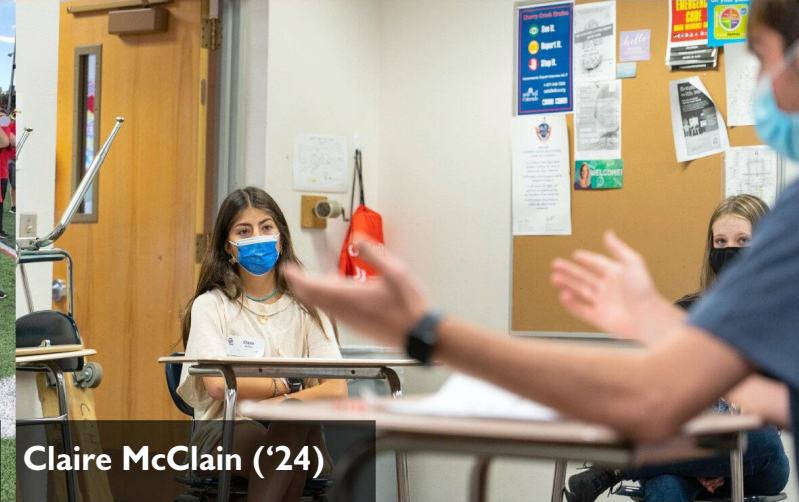
More Than 100 Things To Do

With over 100 clubs and countless other extracurricular activities, Creek hosts a massive lineup of things to do before and after school

From the weekly meetings of interest-based clubs to the dress up days and fun games and tournaments of Spirit Week, and everything in between, activities are a well known staple of student life at CCHS. The difficult task of managing all of these events falls on Activities Director Dr. Krista Keogh (Staff). For years, she's been working hard to maintain smooth sailing for various before and after school activities. However, the chaos that this school year brought has tasked her with ensuring that activities can continue safely in the "New Normal" of 2020 and 2021. Keogh says that "just as many, if not more of our students are involved in extracurricular things above and beyond sports, and a lot of the kids that are in sports are also in some of our extracurricular clubs and activities," so when the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) began to phase in sports, she began working with the school district to get approval to continue with virtual, and even some in person activities. "I know that the reason we are here is for academics, but I think the things that keep kids here are the extracurricular things," says Keogh. "Those are the things that kids look forward to, and from a mental health perspective I think that it's extremely important that kids are able to do those things that are their passions in addition to their academics." Keogh says that she would encourage students, especially freshmen, to "look and find a club that might look interesting and just give it a try. It's not going to be what it normally is, most of them are virtual, but it still helps connect them to other students."



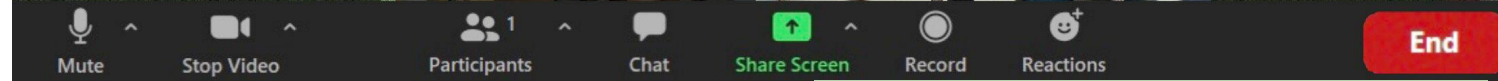
Jamie Chaffin ('23)



Claire McClain ('24)



Kyle Scheerer ('24)



"We need to stop constantly competing with each other and start supporting one another"

-Sanya Bhartiya ('21)

LATIN CLUB

Club sponsor Amy Rosevear (Staff) says that unlike Latin classes, which are focused on learning the language, Latin Club is a "space for Latin students of all levels (and anyone else who wants to join us) to spend time together and build relationships around a shared interest in Latin and all things related to Ancient Rome." According to its members, few people leave the club once they join. Sophomore Nicholas Geiger ('23) said that he joined because of a trip to Olive Garden that the club was hosting as part of an event, but then he realized how fun it was and has been a part of it ever since, and Junior Colin Mitchell ('22) said that he was convinced to stay after he quickly learned dozens of inside jokes. For many, what has made Latin Club so special has been its close community, which, according to Sanya Bhartiya ('21), is rare to find in a club.



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ECO ACTION CLUB

EcoAction is a club focused on making Creek a more sustainable community by reducing the school's carbon footprint, with goals like installing solar panels on the CCHS campus to reduce its energy consumption.

"I became passionate about climate change in my middle school science class when my teacher warned us about the effects of climate change and how humans have caused it. I joined EcoAction as a freshman at Creek, eager to help my local community contribute to the solution of the climate crisis. This is my third year as a part of EcoAction, and I am grateful to have found a group of like minded students and faculty that care about the issue as much as I do."

-Joshua Guthrie ('22), club president

POETRY CLUB

According to Vance Hollander ('21), Poetry club is a "calm, creative space where people are free to share their writing, writing that has had an impact on them, or just listen to other's work. We are a very accepting club of all backgrounds and cultures and stories. We want to help people get in touch with their creative side, and feel like they are part of a close-knit community." He says that he joined the club because of his friends and has stayed because of the community, saying "I consider everyone in the club to be a friend, and with them I have a strong place to fall back onto."