

# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to sports (which are listed elsewhere in this guide following the descriptions of the Middle School and High School programs), a variety of extracurricular activities enrich student life at SASA. Students annually participate in a variety of conferences, competitions and learning experiences in virtually every discipline. Students are integrally involved in local youth organizations and community service programs such as the NAACP ACT-SO, Junior Leadership Saginaw, Boys and Girls Scouts, the Saginaw Community Foundation's Youth FORCE Board, Prevention and Youth Services programs, peer tutoring and the United Way's many volunteer programs. In addition, students help out their communities through programs sponsored by religious and other local organizations.

SASA students have a long history of superlative performance and invitations to many varied programs and experiences. At the middle school level, there are teams and activities such as Student Council, national Junio Honor Society, the Spelling Bee, Geography Bee and First LEGO League Teams, the annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington, D.C., Chess Club, on-site auditions for Blue Lakes Arts camp, the regional Science Fair, the Discovery Channel Youth Scientists' competition, NOBBChE Science Bowl, Solo and Ensemble Festivals, the Midwest Talent Search programs, school-based and regional dramatic and musical theatre productions, peer tutoring, and a variety of community service projects through Student Council and through affiliations with the community. Periodic trips are also available to Japan and Europe through teacher-sponsored programs for middle and high school students, staff and parents.

At the high school level, students enjoy Student Council activities, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, the state and regional Model United Nations Club programs; the MI Youth in Government program, the Michigan Youth Senate; school-based and regional dramatic and musical theatre productions; various oratorical competitions sponsored by organizations such as Optimist International and National Veteran's groups; Michigan Youth Arts; Higgins Lake Writing Retreat, First Robotics, Junior Engineering TEAMS competitions, NOBBChE Science Bowl, art and literary competitions such as Columbia Scholastic Press, ICONS magazine and others; regional, state and International Science Fairs; the First Robotics League (in cooperation with the Saginaw Career Complex team); Yearbook, Newspaper, Solo and Ensemble Festivals, and several area youth leadership training programs. Students are also frequently sought as performers and creative producers at local and state arts, cultural and community events. Students are also encouraged to initiate the development of clubs and activities for students and the community throughout the school year.

SASA students are an amazing resource to each other and to the communities in which they live. Throughout their years at SASA, students enjoy exploring activities in a variety of areas to find ways to make the most meaningful contributions to their communities and to build their experiences for their futures.