

# Two clubs, one goal: Inside JHS' political clubs

As the 2016 Election draws near, two clubs have been gaining extra attention around JHS: the Republican and Democratic Club.

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The goal of the Republican Club is listed prominently: "To actively work to bring young people into politics."

Since the club was chartered last December, club president Josh Waddell has worked to teach other students on what it means to be a Republican. Each meeting starts with a small presentations over something political, then the group spends the rest of the time talking over how it relates to the Republican Party.

"Being a Republican means that you are concerned with fiscal and economic responsibility, as well as being open to other views, and respecting others," Waddell said.

With the upcoming election just days away, Waddell has noticed a slight increase in attendance to the Club. Typically, the club has only five students attend, but has increased up to 10 people in wake of November's election.

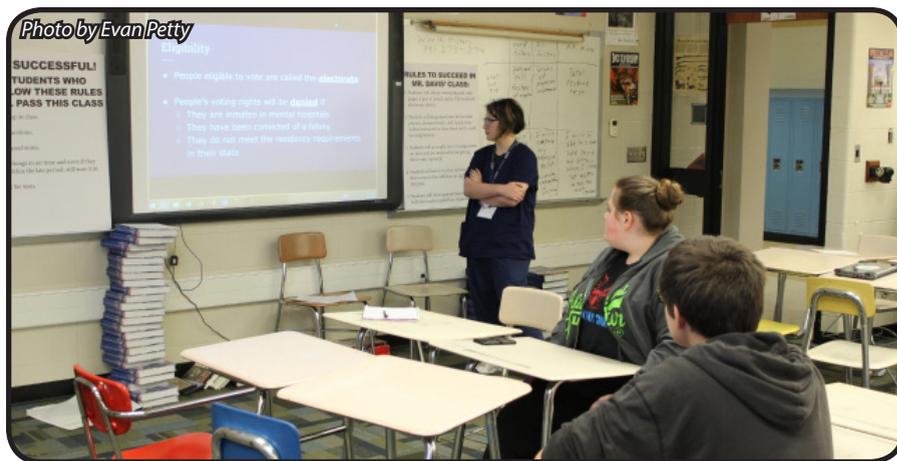
"I think this is a very unique and interesting election," Waddell said. "This year the millennials become the largest voting block, though most will not vote, so a lot of young people are coming to age in this very interesting year."

The Republican Club is a way to teach other students about politics, and the ways a Republican and Democrat are different. According to Waddell, students get a lot out of the discussions.

"The Republican Club provides me with opportunities to support local Republicans and learn more about what it really means to be a Republican," said junior Kurtis Kimmel, an attendee of the club.

The Republican Club is proud to be a club to help teach politics among students, and hopes to remain around after the election to help students learn more about being a Republican. The Club meets up every other Wednesday after school in Mr. Davis room ,A204.

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The Republican Club meets every other Wednesday to discuss Republican politics and what it means to be a Republican



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The Democratic Club attendees meet every Tuesday and discuss Democratic politics and what it means to be a Democrat.

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"Democrat Club, for me, has given me a place where I feel as if I have made a difference in local politics, even though I can't vote."

As a member of the Young Democrat Club, junior Hazel Dickey explains what the club has to offer, and what they wish to do within the walls of Jeff High and in our city.

Run by Mr. Mark Felix, the Young Democrat Club is a place for students who are interested in learning more about Democratic politics to get involved, and have political experience in the community.

"Last year, the first year of the club, we basically all got together and were able to discuss our opinions and beliefs with people who also felt the same way," Dickey said. "This year we want to make more of a difference. We do phone banking every Thursday and we also try to do what we can do get more Democrats into office."

Treasurer Abby Hornback thinks that the Young Democrat Club is a great opportunity for students to learn more about politics, as well as to go out into the community and educate themselves on the issues today's politicians are fighting for.

"It seems like kids today are becoming more aware of politics and social issues," Hornback said. "Having this club at school gives them a chance to get a head start in making a difference, rather than waiting until they're an adult."

Hornback encourages anyone who is interested at all in politics to join. They meet every Tuesday in Mrs. Jenna Felix's room, C103.



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