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WHAT IS RED CROSS CLUB?

The Red Cross Club is a community service organization, which works with the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey. We host blood, food, and card drives for the chapter and teach children Halloween, Fire, First Aid, and Water safety. We also make generous donations to the local chapter through fundraisers, most notably, Dance-a-thon. With over 280 members, we are the largest club at South and offer tons of service opportunities. Red Cross Club truly makes a difference in our community.



We've Raised:

- *TGIF: \$245!*
- *Adopt a Unit: 179 bags & 461 cards!*
- *Blood Drive: 88 units!*
- *Lollipops: \$800!*

2010-2011 OFFICERS:

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FALL BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive was one of our main events this past fall. Recruitment for donors began in September at Back to School Night. Volunteers publicized the October blood drive and handed out sign-up sheets to students. On October 22nd, the day of the blood drive, the blood

drive committee came in early to set up with the officers. Throughout the day, volunteers came in to talk to donors, donate food, and help keep things running smoothly. At the end of the day, everyone pitched in for cleanup and everything was put away in a timely

manner. Thank you to all who participated in the blood drive and helped make it a success. Special thanks goes to our blood drive committee

for helping the officers plan and organize the blood drive. By the end of the Fall Blood Drive, South had registered 112 donors and collected 88 units of blood. Amazing job Pirates!



Youth Council

The Youth Council is a group that works under the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey, serving the Mercer, Middlesex and Hunterdon communities. This humanitarian organization provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Composed of all high school Red Cross club officers in the Central NJ area, the group is most known for its annual

event, Dance-A-Thon. This event is aimed at raising funds to sup-

port the local chapter's programs. The group also hosts restaurant fundraisers and other activities such as blizzard bags and Adopt-a-Unit, supporting the elderly and soldiers overseas. Lastly and most importantly, the Youth Council aims to connect Red Cross volunteers to more opportunities where they can make a difference in their community.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The WWPHS-South Red Cross Club kicked off the year with the entertainment books' fundraiser for the American Red Cross of Central New

Jersey's community programs. The entertainment books, containing various coupons to local establishments (e.g. Dunkin Donuts, Aero-

postale, Shoprite) were sold to family and friends. Members sold 66 books altogether which made this fundraiser a huge success!

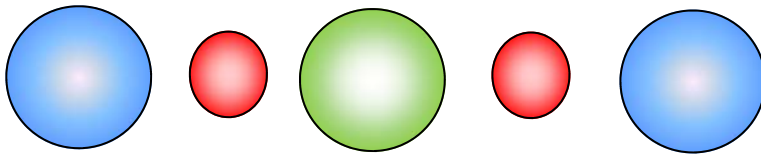


Halloween Safety



On Friday, October 29th, WPHS-South's Red Cross club hosted its annual Halloween Safety event. Red Cross members taught the children at Maurice Hawk Elementary School's after school program how to trick-or-treat safely. Groups created their own

presentations using posters, skits, goodie bags, and games that creatively demonstrated basic Halloween Safety facts. The grinning faces of the children showed that the event was a great success. Thank you for your amazing effort Pirates!



LOLIPOPS



The club held a lollipop fundraiser from November 15th to 18th, where members bought bags of lollipops and sold them..... 1,740 lollipops were sold

which raised over \$800.. The proceeds from this event went to the local Red Cross Chapter's community programs. Thanks for your generosity Pirates!

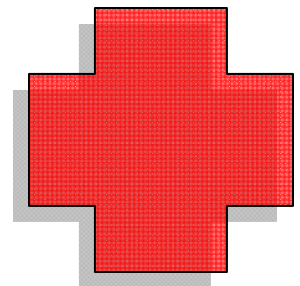


T. G. I. F



On November 17th, South's Red Cross Club participated in the T.G.I.F Fundraiser hosted by the local chapter's Youth Council. T.G.I.F. generously donated 20% of each bill to the local chapter's community

programs. Just by eating some delicious food with friends and family, members helped raise funds for programs such as local Disaster Response and Home Delivered Meals.



Clothing Drive for Anchor House

Anchor House, an agency that supports runaway and homeless youth and their families, is a new event for the Red Cross Club. Donating clothing ranging from dresses to jeans, and from shirts to coats, the Red Cross Club collected over 490 articles of clothing for the agency. Amazing job, Pirates!



BLIZZARD BAGS

Each year the Red Cross Club collects Blizzard Bags for the homebound elderly in the community. They are mainly used during emergencies. The bags are filled with non-perishable food items that satisfy hunger and supply energy. The Blizzard Bag collection this year was phenomenal!

HOLIDAY CARDS

This winter the Red Cross Club made holiday cards to send to the armed forces overseas. The cards were filled with warm messages of joy and safety for our soldiers during the holiday season. The cards are always very well appreciated.



CRAFT FAIR

This year the Red Cross Club returned to participate in helping set up for the Craft Fair. Twenty dedicated members showed up to help set up tables and stalls for the annual Craft Fair, a colorful event where people from the area come to South and sell unique crafts.



Adopt A Unit

On Friday, December 10th, WWPHS-South's Red Cross club collected 179 packages for its annual Adopt-a-Unit event. The goal of this program was to create personalized care packages with essential food and personal items for American soldiers serving overseas. Adopt-a-Unit has allowed our members to show their appreciation and respect for the men and women who serve our country. Thank you for your generosity Pirates!

