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Charlotte High School (CHS) offers many different clubs and organizations to students. Many students are unaware that they could be involved in some of these clubs and organizations or that they even exist.

One of these clubs that many students are unaware of is Writers' Club. Writers' Club is a group of students who meet once a week at lunch under the advisory of Mrs. Sarah Milarch. Writers' Club participates in many activities throughout the school and the community. Starting this year, Writers' Club has created a monthly writing contest in the high school. Club members pick out a piece of artwork from our very own CHS students. This artwork is displayed in a showcase for a month, and students are allowed to write anything about that piece of artwork and submit it before the month ends in order to be entered for the contest. At the end of the month, the club reads all of the submissions and picks an overall winner. The winner will receive a grand prize, while the others will get an honorable mention, which includes a smaller gift. Each month the members of Writers' Club will pick a new piece of artwork to be displayed.

Aside from the monthly contest, Writers' Club members also go to the Charlotte Upper Elementary (CUE) building once a week after school to lead the fifth grade Writers' Club. This includes many fun little writing activities to get the students involved with writing at an early age. This is extremely beneficial, because it allows both the younger students in the district and the older students to get involved with one another and make new friends.

Writers' Club members also tutor at the Writing Center after school twice a week in the high school media center. This gives students who need it, a chance to get help with writing essays, brainstorming topics, peer revision, and more. This tutoring allows Writers' Club members to get community service hours, while also being able to help fellow classmates.

Last year, Writers' Club created a writing contest open to all students, called the "Hidden Talent Show." This contest is happening again this year. For this contest, students will submit any piece of writing in order to be judged by a selected board of judges. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category, along with an overall winner. The overall winner will be announced at either Senior Honors Convocation or Underclassmen awards, depending on his or her grade level. This contest brings confidence to writing, which otherwise has a negative connotation. Through Writers' Club I have been able to write for this weekly column along with some other great writers from CHS. Students who don't join any clubs or organizations are missing out on opportunities that could greatly impact their futures. Sarah Emenhiser, a senior and Writers' Club member at CHS says, "Writers' Club has opened up opportunities for me to help out both

high school and CUE students with writing skills and writing projects. The club has also allowed me to help the community and build my own skills.” Holistically, Writers' Club is a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and it’s a great program offered by CHS. Go Orioles!