

# CLUB ACTIVITIES

All Clubs meet during 10<sup>th</sup> period (2:27—3:09) unless otherwise specified.  
Room locations subject to change

## **A-CAPPELLA**

Membership: 83

*Mr. Paltrowitz*

Purpose: Provides students with an opportunity to perform and create musical arrangements A Capella style.

Activities: Seven student-run A Cappella groups sing at various performances in the school and throughout the community; workshops held after school to help younger members of the program

Meetings: Weekly, Choir Room

## **ANIME**

Membership: 45

*Mr. Weinstock/Mr. Horton*

Purpose: Education through the appreciation of a foreign culture and its art form. Anime allows a meeting place and dialogue for sci-fi, anime, animation, comic books, gaming, and animatronics.

Activities: Producing a sci-fi comic; dubbing an anime; gaming competitions; participatory discussions; animatronics magazine; writing, performing and participating in plays.

Meetings: Weekly, Room 142/143

## **ART**

Membership: 30-40

*Ms. Morgan*

Purpose: To celebrate art and to work on art projects for the school and the community

Activities: Develop and assist in projects for K Center students; assist with Gallery Shows; yearly Valentine Project with residents of nursing home; yearly Technonite with members of Plainview Senior Citizen Club; assist art teachers as art interns; work on individual art projects, e.g., bead making and jewelry, computer graphics, etc.

Meetings: Weekly, Room 161

## **ART HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

Membership: 17-28

*Ms. Morgan*

Purpose: To recognize excellence in art and to promote art service throughout the community.

Requirements: Grades 11, 12. Must have completed one Art class with a minimum grade of 90 and be currently enrolled in one Art class. Attend at least 50% Art Club or Art Honor Society meetings. Two teacher recommendations; one must be an Art teacher.

Activities: Lead and mentor in Halloween project; Art Internships; Art Murals around the school; The Memory Project; NAHS students curate & exhibit work at the Tim Sanchez Gallery; and work on all aspects of NAHS Induction ceremony.

Meetings: Weekly, Room 161

## **BAND**

Membership: 16

*Mr. Loeb*

Purpose: To maintain and improve morale in the bands through student input into procedure, repertoire and activities.

Activities: Marching band performances, small ensembles, train student conductors and choose & musical selections.

Meetings: Weekly Thursdays, Room 178

## **BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY**

Membership: 63

*Ms. Santorello*

Purpose: A New York State organization that recognizes students with academic excellence in business. Provide service to the school and community by organizing and holding various fundraisers.

Requirements: Must have completed one Business class with a minimum grade of 92, an overall minimum GPA of 90 and be currently enrolled in one Business class. Must be a member of Moot Court, DECA, Wall St. Investors or in the process of completing an Internship or Work Study. Recommendation from one business teacher.

Activities: Dress for Success fundraiser

Meetings: Monthly, L.G.I. (winter meetings bi-monthly), Room 219

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Membership: 150

*Mr. Paltrowitz*

- Purpose: Donate services and time to community members as well as raise money for the community.
- Activities: Senior Citizen Tea; Senior Citizen Prom; fundraising through pizza sales; send various items to our troops thanking them for their service; assist at district events including the Halloween festivals at the Kindergarten Center and the elementary schools.
- Meetings: Bi-monthly, Choir room

## **CREATIVE PATTERNS**

Membership: 11

*Ms. Curran*

- Purpose: To create a magazine that showcases creative artistic and literary works from students in all district schools.
- Activities: Annual magazine publication; preparation of magazine including photo shoots for artwork; collect, select and type-up writing and preparation of artwork and magazine layout; submit work to printer.
- Meetings: Bi-monthly Sept-Dec; Daily Jan-June, Room 165

## **DECA**

Membership: 235

*Mr. Secko / Ms. Mandell / Ms. Santorello*

- Purpose: Compete in regional, state and international competitions; organize and participate in fundraising and community service events.
- Activities: Regional, State and International Competitions; installation of Members; awards luncheon; fundraisers include: Entertainment book sales; Candle sales, Car Wash, Kickball Tournament, Crafts Fair, Pet Awareness Week, Laughs for Life Comedy Show, Autism Speaks, DECA Apparel, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and. Applebee's Fundraising Night. Junior Achievement: teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade students "More than Money" financial literacy curriculum, Financial Literacy Awareness Week, Meeting with Legislator Judy Jacobs.
- Meetings: Monthly in Rooms 218/292/LGI; Weekly for club officers

## **DRAMA CADETS**

Membership: 80

*Mr. Olivari*

- Purpose: Present two theatrical productions (fall play/spring musical) to develop/advance standards of excellence in theatre arts
- Activities: Performance of fall and spring plays
- Meetings: Daily for rehearsals of upcoming play, Location TBA

## **ENGINEERING (Robotics)**

Membership: 43

*Mr. Kunz/ Mr.Rappaport/ Mr. Shapp*

- Purpose: We are the POBOTS, FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 353. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology", and is devoted to motivating students to reach their full potential in the fields of science and technology.
- Activities: Every January the FRC announces a new competition in an event called the Kickoff. After the Kickoff, nearly 2,000 FRC teams enter a 6-week build season to fabricate a robot from scratch that can meet the demands of the competition. Team 353 takes their robot to regional level competitions every year. In addition, every other year we fundraise to make the national level competition, which is held in a different city each year.
- Meetings: Weekly; and daily during the 6-week build season, Tech Room

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

Membership: 43

*Mr. Desimone*

- Purpose: To promote environmental awareness in and around POB JFK HS
- Activities: The club is responsible for administering the recycling of water bottles in the high school. Celebrate Earth Day; park or beach clean-up; expand recycling effort to include paper; and a school mural.
- Meetings: Weekly, Room 228

**EVENING CHOIR**

Membership: 83

*Mr. Paltrowitz*

- Purpose: Sing and perform throughout the district schools and the community
- Activities: Perform within and outside of the school at holiday concerts; preparation of solo repertoire for students attending annual NYSSMA festival; and socialize at several activities.
- Meetings: 20-25 times per year, Choir room

**FOREIGN CULTURE**

Membership: 43

*Ms. Smith*

- Purpose: To promote awareness and appreciation of various cultures and encourage tolerance within school and community.
- Activities: Fundraising, supplies, and holiday cards for charitable contributions to the troops in Iraq; Foreign Language Month activities; various international celebrations; guest speakers who provide demonstrations of a culture; share personal experiences among club members.
- Meetings: Bi-monthly and as needed for project meetings, Room 141

**FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

Membership: 57

*Ms. Salzman*

- Purpose: A national organization that rewards excellence of achievement in the French language. The major purpose is to provide service to the school via an extensive tutoring program.
- Requirements: Must have a minimum grade of 90 in prior two years Language courses as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the current year's language course. Must have completed two language courses and be currently enrolled in one. Recommendations from two language teachers.
- Activities: Homecoming; induction ceremony; fundraisers; charitable contributions to organizations; foreign language week activities
- Meetings: Monthly in Room 138

**FRESHMAN CLASS**

Membership: Grade 9

*Mr. Jacobson*

- Purpose: Organize events for freshman students, increase involvement in school wide activities and fundraising for the class of 2015.
- Activities: Participate in Homecoming parade and banner contest; Battle of the Classes, Clothing and wrist band sales, and additional fundraisers.
- Meetings: Bi-monthly (Tuesdays), Room: TBA

**HAWKS OF HISTORY**

Membership: TBD

*Mr. Ventimiglia*

- Purpose: To collect and display various artifacts representing LI history.
- Activities: Research and collect items representing Long Island history. Display and promote the Hawks of History Museum housed in the POBJFK HS library.
- Meetings: TBD

**IMAGES**

Membership: 45-60

*Ms. Rosenbaum*

- Purpose: Publish an annual art and literary magazine
- Activities: Workshops through Columbia Scholastic Press Association; Submit entries to CSPA; fundraising to support magazine. Review submissions, design and layout the magazine for publication. Anticipate expansion into the community with memberships to the magazine who wish to support the arts.
- Trips: Columbia University
- Meetings: Weekly (Sept-March) Mondays, Room 170; Daily prior to publication

**ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY (National)**

Membership: 10

*Ms. Pupillo*

Purpose: To recognize academic excellence in Italian; promote awareness of the Italian language and culture; and provide service to our school and community.

Requirements: Must have a minimum grade of 90 in prior two years Language courses as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the current year's language course. Must have completed two language courses and be currently enrolled in one. Recommendations from two language teachers.

Activities: Tutoring program; fundraising for charitable organizations; play Italian scrabble; induction ceremony of new members; learn about Italian culture (food, music and life); participate in poetry contest and AATI national contest; Foreign Language Week; and field trips to Little Italy, etc.

Meetings: Bi-monthly in Room 141

**JUNIOR CLASS**Membership: 11<sup>th</sup> Graders*Ms. Horney*

Purpose: To organize events for juniors, create class spirit, and promote junior involvement in school wide activities.

Activities: Homecoming; Fundraisers; Battle of the Bands; Battle of the Classes; Junior Gala.

Meetings: As needed at least monthly, Room: TBA

**KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

Membership: 26

*Ms. Procida*

Purpose: Program in which high school students perform scripted plays for district's elementary schools. Plays discuss social issues and disabilities such as autism and bullying. Helps educate children about the differences between us all and teaches them to celebrate and embrace our differences.

Meetings: Weekly, Room 196A

**MATHLETES**

Membership: 35-45

*Mr. Wyler*

Activities: Compete in after-school mathematics competitions

Trips: SUNY Old Westbury; Nassau County math tournament; and various other local schools for competitions.

Meetings: Weekly Tuesdays (Oct.-Mar.), Room 292 A/B

**MEDIA (TELEVISION PRODUCTION)**

Membership: 17

*Mr. Rappaport*

Purpose: To educate members on use of cameras and media equipments; members will be able to use studio equipment to create and work on individual projects; film school productions and events

Activities: Filming various school productions; individual projects; media production for various purposes.

Meetings: Weekly Mondays, POB Studios

**METMUNC**

Membership: 150

*Ms. Robinson*

Purpose: This Model UN Club is a forum for research and debate on contemporary international issues. METMUNC helps students develop an awareness of the real problems the United Nations, its many agencies and communities, and the people of the world face. Delegates debate, negotiate, and work together to write and pass resolutions. They develop research and public speaking skills, follow Parliamentary Procedure, and interact as actual diplomats in the UN do. In addition, the student chairpersons who moderate the committees develop leadership and teaching skills as they take on the responsibility of guiding the delegates in two days of committee work.

Activities: Conference participation; Host an annual Model UN Conference for delegates from JFK and other area high schools; fundraising (2011 donation to IU-Kenya).

Trips: United Nations; and local area high schools.

Meetings: 1-2 times per week September through December. Secretariat and Staff 2-4 times per week in preparation for December conference; otherwise monthly in Room 193 (192A and 194 as needed)

**MOOT COURT**

Membership: 90

*Ms. Rogers/ Mr. Reynolds*

Purpose: To enhance classroom learning with real world law applications.

Activities: After-school tournaments; visit actual trials in progress; guest speakers; Tournaments participate in include: Spring and Fall Bowl; NYS Bar Association; Northport Annual Law Day Competition; In-house Annual POBJFK Tournament which includes 15 schools and 50 judges participating. Students must take law courses to be a member.

Trips: NYS Supreme and District Courts

Meetings: Bi-monthly; Weekly during tournament times; Room 211

**MSG VARSITY NETWORK LIASON** Membership: 12*Mr. Rappaport*

Activities: To set up logistics for camera and editing crews and record events to include on MSG website

Meetings: Weekly, TV Studio

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** Membership: 161*Mr. Lieberman*

Purpose: To recognize students with high achievements, character, scholarship and leadership. Students provide community service which may include tutoring and other community activities.

Requirements: Cumulative minimum GPA of 90. Must complete 10 hours community service (can include tutoring). Essay submitted showing scholarship, leadership, service and character. Must be approved by faculty council.

Activities: Underclass tutoring program; community service; induction ceremony.

Meetings: Monthly, LGI

**PEER MENTORING** Membership: TBD*Ms. Horney/Ms. Sigmon*

Purpose: A club where upper-class students work with under-class, specifically freshman to ease the transition into high school.

Activities: Assist during freshman orientation. Pair up with freshman and meet periodically during the year to discuss and help with various high school issues

Meetings: TBD

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Membership: 27*Ms. Curran*

Purpose: A club where students interested in photography can get together and create art, learn photographic techniques and share ideas.

Activities: Learn to shoot both film and digital pictures. Learn to develop film and print in the darkroom; digital pictures downloaded onto computers.

Trips: Planting fields and other locations

Meetings: Weekly, Room 165

**QUIZ BOWL** Membership: 12*Mr. Burke*

Purpose: To compete in academic contests/challenges with other schools

Activities: Compete in tournaments, matches and playoffs; Long Island Challenge on News 12

Trips: Local competitions

Meetings: Monthly, Room: TBA

**SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)** Membership: 30*Ms. Feder/Ms. Roeper*

Purpose: To promote good decision making among the students of the high school. Show the consequences of bad decisions; show students that you can have a good time while making good choices.

Activities: Fall and Spring Blood Drives; Grim Reaper Day; SADD week; SADD sleepover; and Brian Assa Memorial Soccer Tournament.

Meetings: Bi-weekly Tuesdays, Room 145

**SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY**

Membership: 120

*Ms. Barditch*

Purpose: Promote scholarship, strengthen skills, promote leadership and develop character, render service within the science department, school and community; encourage students to seek science and technology-related careers; encourage talented students to help other students to develop an interest and achievement in science.

Requirements: Grades 10,11,12. Must have a minimum grade of 90 in two completed science courses and be currently enrolled in one science class. Must attend 50% Science Honor Society meetings. Must complete 14 service hours which includes tutoring, lab and research. Recommendation from all previous science teachers.

Activities: Club meetings, tutoring, science service and a year end induction ceremony. Trips can include judging science fairs at the middle schools or volunteering at a robotics completion.

Meetings: Monthly, Room 235

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

Membership: 53

*Ms. Wetzler*

Purpose: Members compete as a team in one of the nation's premier science competitions which involves over 20 rigorous science and technology events.

Activities: Students participate in the Science Olympiad Regional competition and fundraising is done to support the activities and to purchase supplies.

Meetings: 1/week Sept-Dec, 4/week Jan, 1/month Feb-June (as the competition date nears, students meet more frequently), Room: TBA

**SENIOR CLASS**

Membership: Grade 12

*Ms. Miller /Ms. Carman /Mr. Miller*

Purpose: Organize and set-up fundraisers to raise money for the senior class.  
To be leaders in spirit and school order

Activities: Senior Spirit Week; Homecoming; Pep Rally; Car Wash; Fundraisers (sweatpants and sweatshirts sales); Badminton Tournament; Senior Show; Sign & Dine; Prom; Graduation

Meetings: Weekly (with officers), Room 293

**SING**

Membership: 250

*Ms. Kleinman/ Ms. Rivas-Laline  
Ms. Hershkowitz/Ms. Curran*

Purpose: A theatrical competition amongst the grades to unite the school in song and spirit. The students are presented with a theme and must write a script, song lyrics, choreograph dances, design their own sets and costumes and perform. A winner is chosen among the four grades.

Activities: Students work on an original musical presentation they design and produce. All students are involved from stage management and scenery to actors, dancers, etc.

Meetings: Daily (Nov-Feb); otherwise weekly, Location: TBA

**SOPHOMORE CLASS**

Membership: Grade 10

*Ms. Russell*

Purpose: Raise money for the class of 2013; increase school spirit; increase community relations

Activities: Homecoming; fundraising activities; Battle of the Classes

Meetings: Bi-monthly (1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>), Locations TBA

**SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY**

Membership: 50-75

*Ms. Visbal*

Purpose: Provides a variety of leadership opportunities that are differentiated based on student interest. The SHS leadership is inclusive and invites all students who study Spanish, and other second languages to join in the fun and participate in constructive servicing learning opportunities.

Requirements: Must have a minimum grade of 90 in prior two years Language courses as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the current year's language course. Must have completed two language courses and be currently enrolled in one. Recommendations from two language teachers.

Activities: Fundraisers for charity; Induction ceremony; Create Spanish newspaper; Poetry contest; Relay for Life; and Foreign Language Week festivities;

Meetings: Weekly for officers; twice per month for special committees; once per month for general membership gatherings.

**STRIDES**

Membership: 15

*Mr. Drossman /Ms. Horney*

Purpose: To promote tolerance and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people among students. Pertinent discussions on GLBT issues such as marriage, safety, and acceptance in the military.

Activities: Day of Silence; Food Drive; Purple Shirt Day; Cofeehouses

Meetings: Bi-Monthly (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays), Room 215

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Membership: 26

*Ms. LeBlanc/Mr. Campanelli*

Purpose: To supervise, run, and coordinate school governance and school wide events.

Activities: In particular, the executive board oversees the Pep Rally, Homecoming, Battle of the Classes, Senior voter registration a Frisbee Tournament and a Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament. The government insures that the constitution is followed. It engages in community service through park clean-ups, and officer committees. Represents the students at BAC, Site-Based Committee and to the Board of Education. The Executive Board runs freshman and school wide elections and allocates funds to school clubs.

Meetings: Bi-Weekly Executive Board meets; Bi-weekly with full student government, Room 194

**STUDENT NEWSPAPER**

Membership: 50+

*Ms. Kleinman*

Purpose: Attend and report on school events and represent the student body on school issues; include local, national and world news items and features that impact on students and their families; create a reader-friendly quarterly newspaper that students, staff and neighborhood will want to read.

Activities: Report school news in accurate and interesting format; upcoming issues include: throwback issue; 8<sup>th</sup> grade issue; sports extra; and fundraising to upgrade equipment and issues.

Meetings: Weekly; Daily during publication deadline weeks in Room 158 & 158A

**TECHNICAL SERVICE**

Membership: 15

*Mr. Rappaport*

Purpose: Develop creativity and technical abilities as related to technical and theatrical school productions.

Activities: Provide technical production for the: Fall play; Talent show; orchestra, jazz and choir concerts; DECA Fashion Show; DECA Stand Up Comedy Night; Café Kennedy; Pep Rally; Battle of the Bands; SING; Battle of the Classes; Plainview Idol; Relay for Life; and Founder's Day

Meetings: Weekly, Media Room

**THEATER CLUB**

Membership: 25

*Mr. Paltrowitz*

Purpose: Focuses on going to see both popular and lesser known shows on Broadway, Off Broadway and local community theaters. Anyone with a love of the performing arts is welcomed and encouraged to join.

Meetings: Every few weeks to discuss show selections, trip itineraries and other club matters, Room 109B

**THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY (International)**

Membership: 60

*Mr. Olivari*

Purpose: Designed to be an honorary organization that recognizes and rewards excellence among the participants in the theatre arts program. Thespian membership should be viewed as an honor and a goal to which participants in the theater arts program aspire.

Activities: Assist with the fall and spring drama productions, usher drama productions, election of troupe officers, induction ceremony and dinner.

Meetings: Bi-monthly, Location: TBA

**TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

Membership: 83

*Mr. Rubin*

Purpose: To recognize music students who have attained excellence of music performance and are leaders in their respective ensembles. With the privilege of being an excellent music student comes the responsibility to serve our school and community by performing live music at special concerts and other forums.

Requirements: Grades 11, 12. Must have a minimum grade of 90 in music classes, an overall minimum GPA of 85 and achieve a NYSSMA score of 5A- or better. Attend 75% Tri-M meetings, pass a Tri-M history test, perform 2 concerts for senior citizens and volunteer at various events and musical mornings. Recommendation from one music teacher.

Activities: Annual Student Faculty Talent Show; Manage refreshment concession and usher at school concerts; Concert for senior citizens at "Y"; Food drive for food bank; Charity concert; Movie night; "Musical Mornings" in school lobby; Certification class for tutors; Induction ceremony and reception; Award annual music scholarships.

Trips: Community and district-wide events

Meetings: Bi-weekly in Orchestra Room 163

**VARSITY LEADERS CLUB**

Membership: 15

*Ms. Villalta*

Purpose: To teach high school student athletes to lead by example. The leaders of each team will have an opportunity to be a role model to our younger members of this community by getting involved with each middle school athletic team, and as a local community coach or officiate town programs for the elementary grade level. Drug awareness in athletic performance.

Activities: Members will continue to reach out to the community and athletic teams; and teach their teammates about 'The Life of An Athlete' program.

Meetings: Gymnasium or Room 192

**WALL STREET INVESTORS**

Membership: 50

*Mr. Secko*

Purpose: To provide students with an opportunity to learn about investment strategies. Each member participates in the Fall and Spring Stock Market Game.

Activities: Stock market games played (15 weeks) in teams and individually twice a year.

Meetings: Bi-weekly, Room 219 or 290

**YEARBOOK**

Membership: 16

*Ms. Curran / Mr. Lieberman*

Purpose: The yearbook brings students together to learn how to put a yearbook publication together through the use of the computer. Adobe In Design and Adobe Photoshop are taught. The club is open to students in all grades. Editors are usually juniors and seniors.

Trips: Columbia Scholastic Press Association in NYC

Meetings: Bi-weekly through December; then daily until publication

**YOUTH AGAINST CANCER**

Membership: 60

*Ms. Schreiber/ Ms. Gorre-Herguth*

Purpose: To raise awareness and fundraise for the American Cancer Society, and other organizations that help cancer patients.

Activities: Fundraisers of pizza sales, bracelets & magnets, bears & cookies in support of: Lee Denim Day for Breast Cancer; Jones Beach Walkathon; Toy Drive for Ronald McDonald House; Great American Smokeout; Daffodil Days; Pennies for Patients; Relay for Life; and work in YAC Memorial Garden.

Meetings: Bi-monthly, Room 292

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