

CLUB ACTIVITIES 2009-2010

All Clubs meet during 10th period (2:27—3:09) unless otherwise specified.

A-CAPPELLA Membership: 40 *Mr. Paltrowitz*

Activities: Singing at various performances throughout the community

Meetings: Weekly

ANIME Membership: 45 *Mr. Weinstock*

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 play.

Trips: Comicon NYC; Animefest NYC; ICON; Forbidden Planet; Stony Brook Sci-Fi Convention.

Meetings: Weekly in Room 142/143



ART Membership: 40 *Ms. Morgan*

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

Activities: Assist in K Center and Elementary Art Shows; Valentine Cookie Project with residents of nursing home; Painted murals at local fire dept., hospital and Nassau County Ball.

Trips: Heckscher Museum; Huntington Arts Council; Senior Citizen Center; Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Meetings: Weekly, Room 161



ART HONOR SOCIETY Membership: 17-30 *Ms. Morgan*

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

Activities: Halloween project; painted murals at Plainview North Shore Hospital and for EMS; JFK Gallery Exhibit; Induction ceremony; Technonite for senior citizens; NAHS students exhibit work at the Tim Sanchez Gallery.

Trips: LI Best Heckscher Museum trip; Senior Citizen's Center Valentine's Day; Nassau County Ball Mural; Metropolitan Museum.

Meetings: Weekly, Room 161

BAND *Mr. Loeb*

Purpose: To maintain and improve morale and participation in performing music through student input into procedures, repertoires, and activities.

Activities: All marching band activities; parades; half-time shows, trips, and school spirit events.

Meetings: Thursdays, Room 178 (during marching season—Saturdays AM or PM)



BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY *Ms. Rogers*

Purpose: To recognize students with academic excellence in business.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Membership: 200 *Mr. Paltrowitz*

Purpose: Donate services, time, and raise money for the community.

Activities: Sponsor the Senior Citizen Tea; Senior Citizen Prom; Candy Sales; Bake Sales; and participation in the Holiday Magic Program.

Meetings: Every other Thursday

CREATIVE PATTERNS

Membership: 10

Ms. Curran

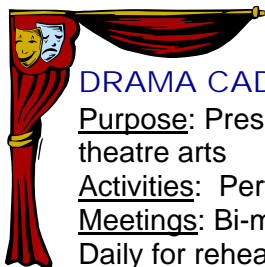
- Purpose: To create a magazine that showcases artwork and written works for all the schools in our district.
Activities: Annual magazine publication; Preparation of magazine including photo shoots for artwork; collect, select and type-up writing and preparation of artwork; and magazine layout; submit work to printer.
Meetings: Weekly

DECA

Membership: 209

Ms. Mandell / Mr. Secko / 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; Kickball Tournament; Fashion Show; Crafts Fair; Fundraisers: Entertainment Books, Cookie Dough Sale, Pie Sale, and Car Wash. Accomplishments: Benefits for LI Fight for Charity, Find A Cure Today, Ronald McDonald House of LI, and Holiday Toy Drive.
Trips: Regionals: Nassau Community College; States: Rochester, NY; International: Anaheim, CA (2009); Louisville, KY (2010); Orlando, FL (2011); Salt Lake City, UT (2012); Anaheim, CA (2013)
Meetings: Monthly in Rooms 218/292/LGI; Weekly for club officers



DRAMA CADETS

Membership: 70+

Mr. Olivari

- Purpose: Present two theatrical productions (play/musical) to develop/advance standards of excellence in theatre arts
Activities: Performance of Fall and Spring Plays
Meetings: Bi-monthly—Thespian Honor Society;
Daily for rehearsals of upcoming play

ENGINEERING (Robotics)

Membership: 35

Mr. Kunz/ Mr.Rappaport/ Mr. Shapp

- Purpose: POBOTS is directed for the inspiration and recognition of science and technology through the FIRST Robotics Competition. Student members are mentored by teachers, parents and professionals to organize a business type structure that develops a new robotic driving machine each year. The team builds the machine and enters it into one or more regional and national competitions. The team includes mechanical engineering, electrical engineering pneumatics, programming, public relations, finances, computer animations, and research and design.
Activities: Compete at competitions, mentor rookie robotics teams, hold robot demonstrations; participate in Plainview Memorial Day parade; annual end-of-season awards dinner.
Trips: Local competition sites; Nationals—Atlanta, GA
Meetings: Bi-weekly (Sept.-Dec; March-Apr); Daily (Jan-Feb); Weekly (May-Aug)

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

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. The club is working on recycling paper, sneakers, and selling t-shirts to help save the rain forest. The club will also work with YAC to plant in the courtyard and the community service club to clean a local park.
Meetings: 10th period Room 228



EVENING CHOIR

Membership: 83

Mr. Paltrowitz

- Purpose: Sing and perform throughout the community
Activities: Concerts outside of school
Trips: CW Post Tilles Center
Meetings: Weekly Mondays



FEDERAL CHALLENGE Membership: 10 *Ms. Behrens*
Purpose: Increase economic awareness and prepare for competition
Activities: Research and discuss economic conditions; Competitions at the Federal Reserve Bank of NYC.
Meetings: 1-3 times per week

FOREIGN CULTURE Membership: 30 *Ms. Stack*
Purpose: Promote awareness and appreciation of various cultures and encourage tolerance within school and community
Activities: International food festival & Cultural Exchange; Club fair; fundraising for charitable contributions; language and culture projects like making flags of different nations and signs in different languages; Foreign Language Week activities.
Meetings: Bi-monthly and as needed for project meetings in Room 141

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY Membership: 50 *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.
Activities: Homecoming; Induction ceremony; Fundraisers; Charitable contributions to organizations; Foreign language week activities
Meetings: Monthly in Room 138

FRESHMAN CLASS Membership: 9th Graders *Ms. Horney*
Activities: Homecoming; Various fundraisers; Battle of the Classes
Meetings: Bi-monthly

IMAGES Membership: 20 *Ms. Beinlich*
Purpose: Publish an annual art and literary magazine
Activities: Workshops through Columbia Scholastic Press Association; Submit entries to CSPA; and 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-April) in Rooms 143 and 145; Daily prior to publication deadline.

INCREASE THE PEACE Membership: 20+ *Ms. Gonzalez/ Mr. Dugan*
Purpose: Raise student awareness of human rights issues both local and international
Activities: Participation in "11 Million Pennies" Drive for Facing History; board game drive for autism school; evening game night & choral performance at autism school; construction of website; free rice-a-thon
Meetings: Weekly in Room 197

ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY Membership: 19 *Ms. Stack*
Purpose: Recognize academic excellence in Italian; promote awareness of the Italian language and culture; provide service to our school and community
Activities: Tutoring program; fundraising for charitable organizations; Italian fiesta; induction ceremony of new members; pizza sales; foreign language week activities; Spring carnival; bocce tournament; participate in poetry contest and AATI national contest; Italian movie day.
Meetings: Bi-monthly in Room 141

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY Membership: 30+ *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

JUNIOR CLASS Membership: 11th Graders *Ms. Bromberg*

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: Weekly Tuesdays in Room 142

MATHLETES Membership: 30-40 *Mr. Wylor*

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 (Sept-March) in Room 203

MEDIA (TELEVISION PRODUCTION)

Membership: 25 *Mr. Rappaport/ Mr. Weinstock*

Purpose: To develop creativity and technical ability in video production

Activities: Filming and editing the Fall play; Talent show; Battle of the Bands; School musical; Sing; Senior show; Robotics promotional video and competition coverage; Newscasts; Documentaries; Video montages; Commercials; Feature productions; and Cafeteria broadcasting.

Meetings: Weekly Tuesdays in TV Studio



METMUNC Membership: 120 *Ms. Robinson*

Purpose: This Model UN Club is a forum for research and debate on contemporary international issues. It also teaches and demonstrates the workings of the U.N.

Activities: Conference participation; Host an annual Model UN Conference for delegates from JFK and other schools.

Trips: United Nations

Meetings: 1-2 times weekly prior to conferences; otherwise Monthly in Room 192, 193 or 194

MOOT COURT Membership: 100+ *Ms. Lasher/ Ms. Rogers*

Purpose: To enhance classroom learning with real world law applications. Visit actual trials in progress both locally and in Washington, DC.

Activities: After-school tournaments; guest speakers; Constitutional Law Tournament; Spring and Fall Bowl Tournaments; In-house tournament with ~15 schools and ~50 judges participating. mock trial performance; Students must take law courses to be a member.

Trips: NYS Supreme and District Courts

Meetings: Weekly+ in Room 211

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Membership: 135 *Mr. Lieberman*

Purpose: To recognize students with high achievements and to build on the character of these students through community service.

Activities: Underclass tutoring program; Community service; Induction ceremony.

Meetings: Monthly

PHOTOGRAPHY Membership: 18

Ms. K. Smith

- 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



QUIZ BOWL Membership: 9

Mr. Burke

- Purpose: Compete in academic contests/challenges with other schools
- Activities: Compete in matches and playoffs, Long Island Challenge on News 12
- Trips: Local competitions
- Meetings: Monthly

SADD Membership: 68

Ms. Calandra

- Purpose: To promote living life above the influence, show dangers of drugs and alcohol, and promote good decision making.
- Activities: Fall and Spring Blood Drives; Grim Reaper Day; SADD week; SADD sleepover; Relay for Life; and bake sales/pizza sales.
- Meetings: Weekly Tuesdays

SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY Membership: 39

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. It is the combination of academic excellence and good citizenship that qualifies honorees to become members of the New York State Honor Society which the Plainview-Old Bethpage Chapter is a member.
- Activities: Club meetings, tutoring, science service and a year end induction ceremony.
- Trips: Science expo at both middle schools
- Meetings: Monthly



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD Membership: 30+

Ms. Wetzler

- Purpose: Compete in regional and state science Olympiad competitions
- Meetings: Weekly

SENIOR CLASS Membership: 12th Graders *Ms. Vanderpool/ Ms. Carman/ Ms. Roeper*

- 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); Senior Show; Sign & Dine; Prom; Graduation
- Meetings: Weekly Thursdays in Room 190C or LGI

SING Membership: 250

Ms. Vanderpool/ Ms. Bromberg/ Ms. Curran/ Mr. Ruggiero

- 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


SOPHOMORE CLASS Membership: 10th Graders *Mr. Miller*
Purpose: Raise money for the sophomore class; increase school spirit; increase community relations
Activities: Homecoming; fundraising activities; Battle of the Classes
Meetings: Bi-monthly in Room 197A

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY Membership: 50-75 *Ms. Visbal*
Purpose: Recognize academic excellence in Spanish; promote awareness of Spanish language and culture; provide service to our school and community.
Activities: Fundraisers for charity; Induction ceremony; Create Spanish newspaper; Poetry contest; Relay for Life; and Foreign Language Week festivities;
Trips: Salsa trip with cultural restaurant lunch, movies, theater, United Nations based upon student request.
Meetings: Weekly in Room 195 for officers; twice per month for special committees; once per month for general membership gatherings.

STRIDES Membership: 10 *Mr. Drossman*
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: Coffeehouses (after school, watch a gay-related movie and discuss); Day of Silence; annual LIGALY (Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth) conference
Meetings: Weekly Mondays in Room 109C



STUDENT GOVERNMENT Membership: 26 *Ms. Fielding*
Purpose: Help organize and oversee school events and represent the student body on school issues
Activities: Elections held to vote for officers; Homecoming; Club funds allocation process; Rewriting of student government constitution; Passing of new legislation; Battle of the Classes; Charity fundraisers; Community service activities; Carnival; School Store; Ticket sales.
Meetings: Weekly; at times 2-3 times weekly in Room 129 or Student Government Office

STUDENT NEWSPAPER Membership: 50-75 *Ms. Kleinman*
A cartoon illustration of a newspaper with the word "NEWS" on the front page.
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
Meetings: Weekly; Daily during publication deadline weeks in Room 158 & 158A

TECHNICAL SERVICE Membership: 20 *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; Battle of the Bands; Sing; Senior Show; and Café Kennedy.
Meetings: Weekly Tuesday in Media Room

THEATER CLUB Membership: 12 *Ms. Goodrich*
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.



TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Membership: 75

Mr. Rubin

Purpose: To invite and induct those 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.



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; Holocaust music assembly; Movie night; Certification class for tutors; Induction ceremony and reception; Award annual music scholarships.

Trips: Community and district-wide events

Meetings: Bi-weekly in Orchestra Room

VARSITY LEADERS CLUB

Membership: 25

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 in their sport. Each member will be following the model of "Life of an Athlete," and the Six Pillars of Character. Advanced leadership techniques will be followed by the members in order to keep all high school teams as one unit.

Activities: Clinics in the middle school; exposition at Hofstra; Speeches about "Life of an Athlete".

WALL STREET INVESTORS

Membership: 48

Mr. Secko

Purpose: Provide the students with an opportunity to learn about investing. Each member participates in the Stock Market Game, twice a year.

Activities: Stock market games played (15 weeks) in teams and individually twice a year; participate in First Investors/Newsday Stock Market Game which competes against other L.I. High School teams.

Trips: Wall Street, NYC

Meetings: Bi-weekly during game session; Monthly other times; Room 218



YEARBOOK

Membership: 10-15

Mr. Jacobson/Ms. Lasher

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 all grades. Editors are usually juniors and seniors.

Trips: Columbia Scholastic Press Association in NYC

Meetings: Tuesdays & Thursdays in Room 170 (during Spring daily)

YOUTH AGAINST CANCER

Membership: 76

Mr. Leavitt/ Ms. Gorre-Herguth

Activities: Cancer walk-a-thon; Jones Beach Walk; garden clean-up; holiday toy drive for young cancer patients; daffodil fundraiser

Meetings: Monthly in Room 292