

CLUB ACTIVITIES

All Clubs meet during 11th period (2:29—3:09) unless otherwise specified.
Room locations subject to change

A-CAPPELLA

Membership: 100+

Mr. Paltrowitz

- Purpose: Provides students with an opportunity to perform and create musical arrangements A Cappella style.
- Activities: Eight 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. Workshops may include guest artist, audition techniques, arranging, etc. The club is open to all; the current individual performing groups require an audition where students must demonstrate musicianship, vocal ability, and stage presence.
- Meetings: Weekly, Choir Room

ANIME

Membership: 25+

Mr. Weinstock

- Purpose: Anime club is an advocate of learning and reading through the use of graphic novels. 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, 154

ART

Membership: 45+

Ms. Elder

- Purpose: To celebrate art and to work on art projects for the school and the community
- Activities: Develop and assist with murals for the school; create art fundraisers and art projects to donate to Senior Assisted Living Homes; assist NAHS with Senior Paint Day and Faculty Paint day; work on individual art projects
- Meetings: Weekly, Room 164

BAND

Membership: Varies

Mr. Carter

- Purpose: To maintain and improve morale in the bands through student input into procedure, repertoire and activities.
- Requirements: Must be enrolled in a band course.
- Activities: Marching band performances, small ensembles, train student conductors and choose musical selections.
- Meetings: Weekly Thursdays, Room 178

BEST BUDDIES

Membership: 50+

Ms. Carollo & Ms. Miller

- Purpose: A club where students are “buddies” with others to help foster social skills and friendships.
- Activities: dances, walks, prom, crafts, collaborations with other clubs
- Trips: Events with other school districts, bowling, attend school sports events together, etc.
- Meetings: Alternate Wednesdays. Location based on planned events.

CHESS CLUB

Membership: 50+

Mr. Pekar

- Purpose: To develop a community of students around the game of chess. We will teach new players how to play chess and to teach old players new skills and advanced techniques.
- Activities: Playing classic chess for fun and in tournaments, instruction on tactics and strategy, and playing different variants of chess.
- Meetings: Weekly Thursdays, Cafeteria

CODING CLUB

Membership: 35+

Ms. Augenblick

Purpose: To gather and strengthen a community of POBJFK students and faculty interested in sharing and improving new skills and techniques related to computer programming. To teach students the skill of coding, the uses of coding in today's society and the application of coding in educational settings.

Activities: Coding exercises, competitions and activities

Meetings: Every other Thursday, room 292A

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Membership: 50+

Ms. Jackson

Purpose: For students to seek out opportunities to interact with members of the community in meaningful, helpful and enjoyable ways.

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, TBD

CREATIVE PATTERNS

Membership: 7-10

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: 180+

Mr. Ambury /Ms. De Lucca / Ms. Tortoso

Purpose: Compete in regional, state and international competitions; organize and participate in fundraising and community service events.

Requirements: Initial DECA membership is open to students enrolled in Marketing 1. Students must be subsequently enrolled in a full credit of business courses for continued membership; annual dues of \$55 determined by NYS DECA.

Activities: Regional, State and International Competitions; installation of Members; end of year awards; fundraisers include: Entertainment book sales, popcorn sales, Kickball Tournament, DECA Apparel, and Plainview Diner Fundraising Night, and numerous fundraisers to benefit local and national charities. Junior Achievement: teaching 5th grade students "More than Money" financial literacy curriculum, Financial Literacy Awareness Week.

Meetings: As needed in 292/LGI; more frequent for competition preparation and 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. Fall play, by audition; Spring Musical, all welcome; audition for parts; others may be a part of crew & ensemble

Meetings: Daily for rehearsals of upcoming play, Location TBA

ENGINEERING (Robotics)

Membership: 80+

Mr. Kunz / Mr. Caputo

Purpose: We are the POBots, FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 353. Check us out at POBots.com. 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 engineering, science and technology. Our team needs all kinds and levels, both technical or non-technical to succeed. We have a job for you, and we’ll probably teach you a few new ones while you’re with us.

Activities: Every January the FRC announces a new competition in an event called the Kickoff. After the Kickoff, over 3,000 FRC teams worldwide 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 one, sometimes two, 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. On occasion, if the team qualifies, we fundraise to attend the international level competition.

Meetings: Weekly; and daily during the 6-week robot building season, Tech Room 168

ENVIRONMENTAL

Membership: 25+

Mr. O. Dugan

Purpose: To bring awareness of the ways in which we can help our environment. To help reduce pollution, restore recycling, and make the world a cleaner, more eco-friendly place to live.

Activities: Plantings around the school; recycling bins in school; fundraisers

Meetings: Bi-weekly, Location TBA

EVENING CHOIR

Membership: 120+

Mr. Paltrowitz

Purpose: Sing and perform throughout the district schools and the community.

Requirements: Must be enrolled in mixed choir course.

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

FASHION CLUB

Membership: TBD

Ms. Elder

Purpose: Introduce students to the opportunities in the Fashion industry; hands-on activities in the fashion industry including sewing, design, etc.

Requirements: NA.

Activities: Guest speakers from fashion programs; introduction to sewing; introduction to fashion design

Meetings: Thursdays, Room 164

FOREIGN CULTURE

Membership: 60+

Ms. Vanni

Purpose: To promote awareness and appreciation of various cultures and encourage tolerance within school and community.

Activities: Fundraising, charitable contributions to various organizations; presentations to learn about other cultures; share craft activities and foods native to particular regions; international celebrations; sharing of personal experiences.

Meetings: Bi-monthly and as needed for project meetings, Room 192A/B

FRESHMAN CLASS

Membership: Grade 9

Mr. Schumacher

Purpose: Organize events for freshman students, increase involvement in school wide activities and fundraising.

Activities: Participate in Homecoming parade and banner contest; Battle of the Classes, Clothing and wrist band sales, and additional fundraisers.

Meetings: Bi-monthly for Officers; others as needed; Room 134

GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)

Membership: 15+

Ms. Pfeffer

Purpose: To promote knowledge and acceptance of LGBT+ students and help create a positive school climate. Discussions include activities to promote acceptance of others in our school building and current issues as they relate to the LGBT + community.

Activities: National Coming Out Day, National Day of Silence; Fundraisers, Health 10 Classroom Presentations.

Meetings: Bi-Monthly (1st & 3rd Thursdays), Room 131

GIRLS LEARN INTERNATIONAL

Membership: 25+

Ms. Candelaria

Purpose: GLI aims to increase awareness about human rights and work to improve them for everyone around the world. In addition, we will discuss current human right happenings. We will raise money for various charities around the world.

Activities: Learn about education in other countries; fund raise to assist educational efforts elsewhere; etc.

Meetings: Tuesdays, Biweekly. Room 140.

HEALTHY HAWKS

Membership 30+

Mr. DiDomenico

Purpose: To promote health and wellness activities to the students and staff of POBJFK HS.

Activities: Mental health awareness, healthy food sales and preparation; wellness activities and discussions

Meetings: Monthly, TBD

IMAGES

Membership: 45+

Ms. Makuh

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

JUNIOR CLASSMembership: 11th Graders*Ms. Baum/Ms. Pizzo*

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

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

Meetings: As needed at least monthly, Room TBD

KINDNESS CLUB

Membership 30+

Ms. Butindari

Purpose: To spread positivity through school-wide events

Activities: Inspire others to be more courteous to those who are different than them; Encourage altruism through activities such as Random Acts of Kindness Week; Fundraise for charities such as the Born This Way Foundation; Collaborate with other clubs to promote a welcoming and positive school community.

Meetings: Once a month on Thursdays, Room 192A/B & TBD

KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Membership: 20+

Ms. Leavitt/Dr. Xydas

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 respect, celebrate, and embrace these differences.

Activities: Perform for 3rd graders at each of the four elementary schools in our district.

Meetings: Weekly Mondays, Room 196A

MATHLETES

Membership: 35-45

Ms. Leary

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 209, Library Lab

MEDIA (TELEVISION PRODUCTION)

Membership: 20+

Mr. Carbo

Purpose: Designed for creative and dedicated students interested in exploring television, film and web production. Members work with the school community to stream and document live events and produce commercials, PSA's, music videos, and short films. Great for portfolio building while being an impressive part of the POB community.

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

Meetings: Weekly Mondays, POB Studios

METMUNC

Membership: 150+

Mr. DeMartinis

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.

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: 75+

Ms. Rogers/ Ms. Farrell

Purpose: To enhance classroom learning with real world law applications. Students must be enrolled in Principles of Law, Advanced Principles of Law, or College Business Law to join the Moot Court Club.

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.

Trips: NYS Supreme and District Courts

Meetings: Monthly; Weekly during tournament times; Room 211

PEER MENTORING

Membership: 50+

Ms. Rudes

Purpose: A club where high school students are trained to serve as mentors to incoming freshmen. Potential mentors are nominated by teachers. Application is required, highlighting student leadership skills and strong character. Accepted mentors engage in monthly trainings, preparing them to address academic, social, and emotional issues through auditorium style presentations and one-to-one mentoring.

Activities: Freshman Orientation, HS 101's, Mentor-Mentee Match Up, 8th Grade Visit, etc.

Meetings: TBD

PHOTOGRAPHY

Membership: 25+

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: 10+

Mr. Burke

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

Activities: Compete in tournaments, matches and playoffs; Compete in intramural activities. Must qualify to compete; all others can assist.

Trips: Local competitions

Meetings: Semi-Monthly, Room 228,298

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

Membership: 36+

Ms. Jackson

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; Valentine Healthy Relationship Event

Meetings: Bi-monthly, Room 109C

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Membership: 35+

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. Additionally students may compete in Physics Olympics.

Activities: Students participate in the Science Olympiad Regional competition and fundraising is done to support the activities and to purchase supplies. Must qualify to compete; all others can assist.

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. Carman /Ms. Henkel

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

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

Meetings: Weekly (with officers), Room 293

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Membership: Grade 10

Ms. Eifert

Purpose: Raise money for the class of 2020; increase school spirit; increase community relations

Activities: Homecoming; fundraising activities; Battle of the Classes

Meetings: Bi-monthly (1st & 15th), Room 132

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Membership: 25

Mr. Miller

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

Activities: Oversees and executes freshmen elections in the fall and school-wide elections in the spring; community service activities including food drives and support of local businesses; oversees park and memorial garden clean-ups; conducts senior voter registration; decorates the gymnasium for PEP Rally; conducts nomination/selection process for Homecoming court and banner preparation; Organizes and implements the school-wide Battle of the Classes

Meetings: Weekly, room 294

STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Membership: 50+

Mr. Beck/Mr. Schumacher

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; 8th grade issue; sports extra; and fundraising to upgrade equipment and issues.

Meetings: Weekly; Daily during publication deadline weeks in Room 158 & 128 (when announced)

TALENT SHOW

Membership: 100

Mr. Rubin

Purpose: Organize and put on the annual student/faculty talent show.

Activities: Run the annual student/faculty talent show

Meetings: As needed, LGI. Show is the first Friday of November

TECHNICAL SERVICE

Membership: 30

Mr. Carbo

Purpose: Working and creating behind the scenes with dedicated team members to ensure that "the show must go on." Great for exploring potential careers while being an integral part of the POB community.

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; Battle of the Classes; Plainview Idol; Relay for Life; Founder's Day and more.

Meetings: Weekly, Tuesdays, POB studios

WALL STREET INVESTORS

Membership: 50+

Mr. Ambury

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

WPOB RADIO CLUB

Membership: 90+

Mr. Weinstock

Purpose: Teaches students the skills to be a radio broadcaster; includes FCC regulations, radio transmissions, radio speech and the study of music

Activities: Weekly and daily broadcasts; podcasts; surveys and interviews; streaming WPOB

Meetings: Period 0 and 10 daily, radio station

YEARBOOK

Membership: 9+

Ms. Curran / Ms. Makuh

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: Daily until publication

YOUTH AGAINST CANCER

Membership: 50+

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; St. Baldricks; Pennies for Patients; Relay for Life; and work in YAC Memorial Garden.

Meetings: Bi-monthly, Room 127

OTHER:

TAG- The After School Group

Ms. Gulli

Volunteer as a peer mentor to assist students in our school who need help learning to socialize and interact appropriately with their peers. Volunteers will assist students in activities such as cooking, interactive games, sports, and leisure activities. Please contact Ms. Jeannine Gulli for any questions at JGulli@pobschools.org

Meetings: Mondays & Wednesdays 1:50-3:50pm in room 109C

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