

**NANUET HIGH SCHOOL  
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS 2019 – 2020**

**ACADEMIC LEAGUE**

**Mrs. Peggy Panker**

**PURPOSE:** To foster competition on an academic level, answering questions related to high school curriculum, current events, and trivia.

**ACTIVITIES:** Interscholastic matches plus a county tournament using a "College Bowl" format with lighted buzzer boards, 4-person teams.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Strong academic background, interest in a few key areas and some trivia, and quick reaction to questions.  
Open to all students, grades 9-12.

**ART CLUB**

**Ms. Kodi Tidd**

**PURPOSE:** An enrichment program whereby students may utilize their talents in art. Students may create personal paintings or 3D crafts or enhance projects for their academic classes.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students grades 9–12.

**BADMINTON CLUB**

**Mr. Steven Martin**

**PURPOSE:** Badminton Club is for the experienced and inexperienced players looking for competition and fun. The club meets in the fall and spring after school for one hour. Matches can be formal or informal. Come ready to play.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students in grades 9-12.

**CONCERT CHOIR**

**Mrs. Elaine Royal**

**PURPOSE:** To rehearse selective choral repertoire in a small group setting

**ACTIVITIES:** Perform in concerts and community events.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to students who are enrolled in Mixed Chorus by audition

## **CULTURAL CLUB**

**Mrs. Jessica Johnson**

**PURPOSE:** To share and experience languages and culture, foster awareness and appreciation of cultures, and perform community service.

**ACTIVITIES:** Student-led meetings and activities focused on cultural exploration through language, songs, movies, food, and dance. The club meets bi-weekly during the common lunch period.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students in grades 9 through 12.

## **DEBATE CLUB**

**Mr. Pat Mitchell**

**PURPOSE:** To provide opportunities for students to develop their ability to speak in public, to listen to others' arguments, to reason, and to do research.

**ACTIVITIES:** In the first semester, members will participate in an oration competition, and in the second, they will research a debate topic and take part in competitions with other schools.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students in grades 9-12

## **DECA**

**Mrs. Lisa Svava**

**PURPOSE:** DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

**ACTIVITIES:** Students in DECA will prepare to compete in the regional DECA competition with the goal of qualifying for state and national competitions. Club time is spent preparing for these competitions through study sessions, mock interviews, role plays, and practice tests.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Students in grades 9-12 with an interest in both business and competition.

## **DIVERSITY**

**Mr. Andrew Cohen, Mrs. Tania Troiano**

**PURPOSE:** To provide opportunities for students to learn about the different racial, ethnic, cultural, gender and sexual orientation groups in the school community so that a greater appreciation of all people can be developed.

**ACTIVITIES:** Listening to speakers presenting information on the diversity in the school community, group discussions about these topics, field trips, and community service to support our purpose.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** An interest and open mindedness to learn about others. Open to all students in grades 9-12.

## **DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

**Mr. Andrew Carr**

**PURPOSE:** To offer opportunities for students to participate in dramatic productions.

**ACTIVITIES:** Fall and Spring productions, play-reading sessions throughout the year.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students grades 9-12.

## **FOLK MUSIC & ALL SORTS CLUB**

**Mr. Mark Modica**

**PURPOSE:** The sharing and enjoyment of all sorts of music, by all sorts of folks. (variable membership.)

**ACTIVITIES:** Listening to music, creating music when possible. Musical talent is NOT a requirement.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Appreciation of music is required.  
Open to all students grades 9-12.

## **INTERACT**

**Mrs. Gail Kearns, Mrs. Cathleen Brovarski, Ms. Heather Grymes**

**PURPOSE:** Leadership development and community service organization.

**ACTIVITIES:** Interact provides students leadership training and development through workshops, conferences, and hands-on planning of activities and projects, which support the school and local community (i.e. clothing drive, walk-a-thons, teddy bear drive).

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**  
Students are nominated by faculty members and/or through self-nomination applications. Open to any students in grades 9-12.

## **ITALIAN CLUB**

**Ms. Denise Cuccia**

**PURPOSE:** Learn the Italian language, culture, and geography. The club focuses on travel vocabulary, greetings, numbers, family, and more. Additionally, it covers Italian art, music, film and Italian recipes/food. Personal pen pal letters may be written and translated.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students grades 9 – 12.

## **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

**Mr. Walter Miller**

**PURPOSE:** The complete development of a well-rounded musician and to just have fun with music. The group also develops awareness of jazz styles and fosters individual and group musical growth.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Jazz Ensemble has traditionally presented fine and exciting performances for assemblies, concerts, clinics, and community benefits over the past 15 years. They have won many awards and have been recognized in productions in the tri-state area.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

A student must demonstrate a positive attitude and be able to demonstrate instrumental proficiency. Instruments used are: flute, sax, trumpet, trombone or baritone, bass, guitar, drums, piano or other keyboards. Limit: 22 members. Open to all students, grades 9-12. Meets during Band, so student should be a member of the Band.

## **KNIGHT-TIMES**

**Mr. Pat Mitchell**

**PURPOSE:** Production of school newspaper.

**ACTIVITIES:** Writing articles, interviews, laying out paper.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

None but interest and dedication. Open to all student grades 9–12

## **LITERARY JOURNAL**

**Mrs. Carol Ryan, Mrs. Gail Kearns**

**PURPOSE:** To provide an opportunity for students to express themselves through creative writing.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Any student, grades 9-12, who wishes to write creatively. Selected works will be published once a year.

## **MATH LEAGUE**

**Mr. Christopher Campanella**

**PURPOSE:** Allow interested students to compete mathematically.

**ACTIVITIES:** Participation in two leagues: Rockland County Math League, N.Y.S. Math League.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12.

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB**

**Mrs. Missy Barnes, Mrs. Carol Ryan**

**PURPOSE:** An organization that guides students through a process of solution-based research and education with the goal of participating in an annual simulation conference held in the spring of each year. It stresses the importance of compromise, consensus and collaboration while working together to assess priorities and allocate resources for real-world situations that the United Nations addresses.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12.

## **MU ALPHA THETA - MATH HONOR SOCIETY**

**Mr. Joseph Ryan**

**PURPOSE:** Honor excellence in Mathematics

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

The Mathematics Department of Nanuet Senior High School sponsors a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta (Math), a National High School and Junior College Mathematics Honor Society. To be eligible for membership a student must:

- a) have completed three years of College Preparatory Mathematics (Honors or Regents).
- b) be currently enrolled in a fourth year of College Prep Math (or have completed Math 12).
- c) have achieved a final grade of A for all regents level Math courses taken.
- d) have achieved a final grade of B+ or greater for all honors level Math courses taken.

## **MUSIC TECHNOLOGY CLUB**

**Mr. Josh Emanuel**

**PURPOSE:** Students will have the opportunity to explore music related technology through recording technology and music related software. Students work on independent projects like recording bands, learning how to set up and use audio recording equipment, and learning Sibelius music composition software. Topics and projects are student driven.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students grades 9-12. No music experience needed.

## **NANUET CHAPTER - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**Mr. Brian Metcalf**

**PURPOSE:** Honor general academic achievement.

**ACTIVITIES:** Investiture annually – spring

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

To be eligible a student must have completed 5 semesters and have an average of 91.5% or higher. Additional eligibility requirements include character, leadership, and service.

## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER DISCOVERY GARDEN CLUB**

**Mrs. Jackie Laurenzano**

**PURPOSE:** The Outdoor Education Center Discovery Club will expose student to the outdoors and utilize the garden as outdoor classroom. It will develop students to become life-long advocates for sustainability, conservations and healthy lifestyles.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Club will be in charge of setting up a Farmer's Market in season and help promote healthy eating.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12.

## **ROBOTICS**

**Mr. Steve Martin**

**PURPOSE:** The Nanuet Robotics Team, The KnighTronz, offers an awesome opportunity to learn technical skills such as machining, programming, and electronics, but it also presents much more. It provides enrichment in graphic design, website building, community outreach, fundraising, publishing, safety training, networking with other schools, leadership, cooperation, and much more.

**ACTIVITIES:** Compete in FIRST Robotics event at R.C.C. each Spring

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to any student, grades 9-12, that has an interest in Being part of competitive robotics team. The team needs Graphic Artists, Builders Designers, Business People, and Ambassadors to the Community. Previous Robotics' class/experience are not required. All are welcome.

## **SADD – STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS**

**Mrs. Allison Schwarz**

**PURPOSE:** To raise awareness about appropriate decision-making for young adults.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12.

## **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

**Mr. Charles Barone**

**PURPOSE:** To provide students with an aptitude for science to compete against other schools in science related events.

**ACTIVITIES:** Members meet every Tuesday after school, beginning in November, to prepare for the State Regional Science Olympiad held in February.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Science Olympiad team consists of 15 team members, grades 9–12. A three part mini science Olympiad competition is held in October to select new members.

## **SEAL OF BILITERACY**

**Mrs. Jessica Johnson**

**PURPOSE:** Guided by a faculty advisor, students work toward completion of the requirements for the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. Students meet monthly as a cohort and work independently to complete program components.

**ACTIVITIES:** Independent completion of written/oral assessments, journal entries, portfolio, and final presentation; active participation and regular attendance at monthly cohort meetings and additional scheduled conferences with advisor.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Members of the Seal of Biliteracy cohort are primarily 11th and 12th grade students proficient in English and another World Language (intermediate/advanced level of proficiency).

## **SMILES FOR SENIORS**

**Mrs. Peggy Ann Panker**

**PURPOSE:** To provide companionship and activities for residents of a local eldercare facility. To enrich the lives of residents of the facility by engaging them in stimulating conversation and activities.

**ACTIVITIES:** Members will meet on scheduled days to visit rehab facilities.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMEBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12

## **STUDENT SENATE**

**Mrs. Peggy Ann Panker**

**PURPOSE:** Service organization.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Student Senate supervises all elections, organizes a holiday show at St. Anthony's Senior Citizen Center and coordinates Battle of the Classes and Spirit Week.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

The Student Senate consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four class representatives for the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. All of these positions are elected. In addition, the members of the Student Senate elect a President who appoints, with Senate approval, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary.

## **TECHNOLOGY CLUB**

**Mr. Christopher Kersting**

**PURPOSE:** To provide students with the opportunity to explore, learn and work with different aspects of computers and related technology.

**ACTIVITIES:** Working with hardware (e.g. computers, scanners, digital cameras, voice interfaces), software (e.g. Multimedia Presentation, Desktop Publishing, Voice Input, Web Page design), and Programming Languages. Work on individual projects and/or assist other clubs and staff.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12. No previous computer experience is necessary.

## **TWIRLING**

**Ms. Janine Napierkowski**

**PURPOSE:** To provide students with an activity that enables them to participate in various school functions as well as compete with other high schools.

**ACTIVITIES:** Performance at football games, concerts, parades and various school functions, and as an accompaniment to the High School Band.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Desire to participate. Open to all students grades 9-12.

## **THE NANUET GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE**

**Ms. Alison Kersh**

**PURPOSE:** The Nanuet Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is part of the GSA Network which has the goal: "To empower youth activists to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools." The Nanuet GSA aims to do exactly that, to create an environment in our schools where students do not fear harassment or discrimination.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12.

## **UNITED WAY**

**Mrs. Allison Schwarz**

**PURPOSE:** To increase the value and impact of community support & resources through collaborations that advance the common good. This club will expose students to a wide variety of volunteer work and community service specifically aiding those with education, economic security, and healthy lifestyles.

**ACTIVITIES:** Throughout the year students will help organize and run many activities in our community including the Nyack Fall Festival, Laps for Literacy, Day of Caring, the United Way Gala, and many more fundraising events.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all High School Students



## **VAASA - VARSITY ATHLETES AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**Ms. Alison Kersh & Mrs. Elizabeth Masterson**

**PURPOSE:** To have trained varsity athletes serve as role models for younger students, giving them the message that you do not need to use alcohol or other drugs to be popular and successful in school and athletics.

**ACTIVITIES:** All participants must attend training, which includes communication skills, making presentations and information on drugs and alcohol. Working in small groups of 2 or 3 athletes you make classroom presentations for younger students in grades 3 through 8. Additional activities are planned throughout the year, including program meetings.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

There is no grade requirement, but students must play at least one varsity sport. Students must be drug and alcohol free for a minimum of one year.

Being outgoing and unafraid to speak to groups is helpful. Applications are accepted at the beginning of the year, which starts the application process. An information meeting is held in late September to give out applications.

## **WOMEN'S ISSUES NOW**

**Mrs. Gail Kearns**

**PURPOSE:** To promote awareness and help support causes concerning women's issues. Members will primarily fundraise for causes such as breast cancer, women's shelters, and females in the military.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students grades 9-12.

## **YEARBOOK – EXCALIBUR**

**Mr. Mark Mitchell, Mrs. Jacqueline Laurenzano and Mrs. Susan Turner**

**PURPOSE:** To produce a compilation of the year's events at Nanuet High School and picture all graduating seniors.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** All welcome, grades 9-12.