

**NANUET HIGH SCHOOL  
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS 2020 – 2021**

**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 conducted through a google meet/zoom meeting, 4-person teams.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**  
Strong academic background, interest in a few key areas and some trivia, and quickreaction 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.

**ACTIVITIES:** Art club will operate on a virtual platform through weekly Zoom meetings (Wednesdays at 2:00). We also are utilizing schoology to communicate and showcase work as well as our Art Club Instagram. We have a student "social media/visual relations" representative who will continue to focus/support this component.

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

**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 via Zoom meetings held bi-weekly on Wednesdays.

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

**DEBATE CLUB**

**TBA**

**PURPOSE:** To provide opportunities for students to develop their ability to speak in public, to listen to others' arguments, to reason, and to do to 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. Most club meetings will take place virtually in 2020 – 2021.

**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:** Zoom meetings to discuss and celebrate culture and diversity in the school community. To further our mission, the club will also consist of Schoology discussions and presentations about these topics, virtual field trips, virtual guest speakers, and community service.

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

## 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.

## INTERACT

**Mrs. Gail Kearns, Mrs. Cathleen Brovanski**

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

**ACTIVITIES:** Interact provides students leadership training and development through workshops, conferences, and planning of activities and projects, which support the school and local community. This year our meetings will be bi-weekly on Zoom.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**  
Students are nominated by faculty members and/or through self-nomination applications. Open to any students in grades 10-12.

## **KNIGHT-TIMES**

### **Lacey Ross**

**PURPOSE:** Production of school newspaper.

**ACTIVITIES:** Students will conduct interviews and write articles on newsworthy school events (features, sports, entertainment and opinion columns). Students will meet for bi-weekly Zooms on Wednesdays to be assigned articles and deadlines.

**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.

**ACTIVITIES:** Student-led meetings, in which students will brainstorm, write creatively, peer conference, edit and revise to produce an annual Literary and Art Journal

**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:** Monthly meets will be done virtually over Zoom with other Rockland County Schools. Participation in two leagues: Rockland County Math League & N.Y.S. Math League.

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

## **Mock Trial**

### **Mr. Andrew Cohen**

**PURPOSE:** To prepare students for the annual New York State Mock Trial Competition and to develop students' public speaking and analytical skills.

**ACTIVITIES:** Meet virtually and, potentially, in-person, to prepare for the 2020-2021 virtual New York State Mock Trial Competition. Students will be expected to attend all meetings, volunteer for an attorney or witness role in the trial, and have an open and respectful mind towards all participants.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

A desire to participate in the annual New York State Mock Trial Competition and an openness to improve their public speaking, debating, and writing skills. While this club is particularly relevant to students interested in business and law, it is open to all students in 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.

**ACTIVITIES:** Zoom student-led meetings focused on the role of the United Nations. Students will prepare for virtual and/or in person Model United Nations Conferences through research and mock debates.

**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.

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

**Ms. Juliana Laurenzano**

**PURPOSE:** Honor general academic achievement.

**ACTIVITIES:** Various activities that elevate Nanuet students' and schools' academics, leadership, and community engagement. 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.

## **NANUET JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

### **Ms. Denise Cuccia**

- PURPOSE:** Promoting and supporting local businesses civic and cultural diversity in Nanuet. Developing leadership skills, Community Service, Brainstorming business ideas, interacting with business professionals
- ACTIVITIES:** Be involved with our local governments and town representatives, attend local meetings, zoom meetings, be part of revitalizing our community and be involved with many other local charities and assist and fundraise and advertise community support, and plan events
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to students in grades 9-12 who wished to get involved in the community, plan events/ fundraisers, learn and be involved with entrepreneurs, or business minded individuals

## **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 Outdoor Education Club will meet mostly outdoors along with zoom meetings. Activities include seeding and planting the garden. Monitoring the garden and supplying the community with produce. The club promotes healthy eating and stresses the importance a sustainability.

**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:** Design, improve, and build parts for existing robots. Locally compete with robots.
- 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.

## **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 Wednesday at 2:00 via Zoom beginning in October. Meetings are approximately 42 minutes long and run until February with a last meeting summarizing the results of this year's competition and the election of a new captain.

#### **QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Science Olympiad consists of 2 - 15 member teams of students from grades 9-12 with a maximum of 7 seniors per team

Mini Science Olympiad trail events designed and run by the senior returning members are held in November to select new members to fill the slots of last year's graduated senior 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. All work is completed and submitted digitally and culminates with a final project presented to an evaluation panel in the spring.

#### **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 high/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 via zoom to create cards and crafts that will be delivered to an eldercare facility.

**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 school wide fundraisers, holds charity drives and organizes Spirit Week. Meetings will be held via Zoom.

**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. Mark Mitchell**

**PURPOSE:** To provide students with the opportunity to explore, learn and work with different aspects of computers and related technology. To create and distribute a monthly news program aimed at informing and entertaining the High School community, "The Knightly News".

**ACTIVITIES:** Working with hardware (e.g. computers, scanners, digital cameras, voice interfaces), software (e.g. Multimedia Presentation, Desktop Publishing, and Voice Input. Work on individual projects and/or assist other clubs and staff. Work and collaborate in a remote environment

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

## **TODAY'S STUDENTS TOMORROW'S TEACHERS**

**Mr. Paul Torres**

**PURPOSE:** To mentor minority students who have an interest in pursuing a career in Education.

**ACTIVITIES:** Monthly meetings (virtual), college visits (virtual), arranging volunteer and tutoring hours as per the requirements of the TSTT student contract. Monitor each member's grades as they must maintain a B average overall.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** African American and Hispanic students in grades 9-12.

## **TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

**Ms. Melanie Sadoff, Ms. Nurkit Lucksom**

**PURPOSE:** These music students have been carefully selected on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Scholarship represents scholastic achievement and open-mindedness toward knowledge and truth. Character emphasizes a devotion to high ideals and recognizes no barriers between people of diverse backgrounds. Leadership guides us to greater undertakings, and service encourages assistance and kindness to others.

**ACTIVITIES:** Tri-M is a national music honor society that recognizes highly accomplished student musicians. There is a nomination, and later, formal induction, process, based on several criteria: music participation, grade/scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Members must volunteer a minimum of 6 hours of music-related volunteering by the end of February.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be involved in a school ensemble. Must maintain a minimum GPA of 95 in music and 85 overall. Must have participated in an All-County festival.

## 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.

**ACTIVITIES:** Members will meet bi-weekly on Zoom to discuss contemporary issues facing women. We will also participate in virtual events and fundraisers.

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

## YEARBOOK – EXCALIBUR

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

**PURPOSE:** The yearbook is a journalistic documentation of the school year and our Nanuet High School community. Each year the senior class YBK editors, along with the YBK staff that includes underclassmen, publish a book that captures the stories, events and personalities that shape life at Nanuet High School.

**ACTIVITIES:** **Yearbook Club** is a group that gives students experience with print media publishing and business sales. Being in the **Yearbook Club** provides students with a real life experience in journalism, graphic design, photography and creative writing that combine to create a **yearbook** that captures and documents the best memories of our school year. This year all activities will be done remotely - using zoom to facilitate working sessions with Advisors and Herff Jones representatives. Meetings will take place a minimum of once per week.

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

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