

John Jay High School Clubs

John Jay High School encourages participation in co-curricular activities by offering a variety of clubs and activities so that all students will have the opportunity to pursue their personal interests. Students must be present in school a minimum of 3 hours in order to participate in a co-curricular/extracurricular activity. The category listed after each activity refers to the co-curricular/extra-curricular Code of Conduct.

Air Raid / Bear Aid is the JJHS Ultimate Frisbee team. The team practices regularly and participates in events and tournaments with other schools. The team is focused on teamwork and sportsmanship.

Advisor for Air Aid: Patti Dente

Advisor for Bear Aid: Ruthie Ryder

American Red Cross Club organizes fundraiser to help raise donations to support local and national relief efforts.

Advisor: Pat Bragdon

A World of Difference is a program for students in grades 9-12 who are interested in promoting tolerance and respect for diversity. It involves attending meetings and for those students interested, the opportunity to lead peer workshops.

Advisor: Courtney Hamilton

Art Club is an extracurricular activity which meets on Tuesdays after school. The students work together on creative projects which are shared with the community. In the past, the club members have made murals for Four Winds Hospital and Northern Westchester Hospital; ceramic bowls for Food patch; and raised money for Special Olympics. This club provides an opportunity for students to meet new people, to be creative, to learn new techniques, to be involved in community service.

Advisor: Judi Offenburg

Bridges to Community is a non-for-profit organization that organizes trips to Nicaragua. The goal of these trips is to build bridges between the local communities where we build houses and our community. Memories and relationships are built on these trips that last a lifetime.

Advisor: Tom Rizzotti

Campus Congress the governing body of John Jay High School, like American democracy itself, attempts to foster a spirit of mutual respect and involvement among the members of the school community. It serves as an important agent in the process of balancing rights with responsibility to the entire community. The Congress provides a forum for the open discussion of school-wide issues, and for the measurement of responses from all elements within the school community. It can also serve as a mobilizing body to focus on and move a particular issue from discussion to proposal to school-wide action.

Advisor: Malerie Simon

Chess Club - The Chess Club meets every week. Members practice their chess skills through competition, tutorials and online chess apps.

Advisor: Laura Ingram

Computer Science The computer science club offers students the opportunity to learn different computer programs and programming concepts. Students create and develop games to share and showcase. **Advisor: Jen McLean**

Dance Squad is an after-school activity in which both boys and girls can experience the delights of modern dance, have opportunities to dance, and have fun. A variety of music styles ranging from pure dance music, to hip-hop, to techno, to pop music are used. Whatever the style, the music is intended to make people get up and dance. Another important activity of the dance squad is the performance at the Variety Show. The dance squad also performs at halftime during the basketball home games. Students must audition for the Dance Squad.

Advisor: Delia Sambucci

Debate Team prepares for competitions in debates organized at the state level in New York and Massachusetts. Students develop skills in research, writing, and presentation based on specific debating forms. The team attends workshops as well as competitions where individuals test and sharpen their skills as stand-up debaters. **Advisor: Joe Rocchio**

Family Reach seeks to provide financial and emotional relief to parents whose child is afflicted with cancer. The club participates in fundraisers to help relieve the burdens associated with the cost of cancer treatment and the day to day expenses. **Advisor: Linda Devine**

Feminism The club has been focused on girls' education in third-world countries and understanding gender and sexuality. During meeting time, students engage in discussions about these topics. The club has participated in events such as: movie night, seminars, and Pride Works to bring awareness to girls and education in third world countries.

Advisor: Vicky Weiss

FOCUS is a newspaper written, produced and published by students at least six times a year. Experience in all aspects of publishing is available; for example, collecting information and writing about it, layout, word processing, business notes, advertising, etc. New members will be trained by current staff members. All grade levels can join. Meetings are held on Wednesdays after school.

Advisor: Jeanetta Bryant

French Club is for all students who have an interest in France, Africa and the Antilles. Activities include trips to New York City, games treasure hunts, and films. Each year the club members choose a humanitarian cause to support. This club is open to all students of French.

Advisor: Hanky Kutcher

Future Business Leaders of America is a club for students interested in a career in business. The mission is "to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs." The year's effort culminates in competitive events with the potential to go to the national level at the Business Leadership Conference. **Advisor: Jen McLean**

John Jay for Vets concentrates on issues concerning Veterans. Members visit the Veteran's Hospital in Westchester. Members raise money for projects to help vets.

Advisor: Candy Wilmot

Junior Statesman of America allows students to participate in debates and workshops about our country's government. This group attends conferences in places such as Boston and Washington, D.C. where they compete against other chapters from across the country.

Advisor: Dan Longhurst

Math Team is open to everyone. Members prepare for and participate in the activities and contests sponsored by the New York Math League. **Advisor: Xiaomei Tang**

Mock Trial prepares members for the Mock Trial Tournament held each March in White Plains. The trials take place in real courtrooms and provide exciting and educational opportunities to any interested student to get hands-on experience in the practice of criminal-civil law.

Advisor: Chandler Lewis

Model U.N. is an academic club that utilizes research and presentation skills. Students role play countries in U.N. simulations of the General Assembly, Security Council, and special commissions of the United Nations. Meetings are held weekly to prepare for conferences at which students from different schools interact and debate representing their countries.

Advisor: Candy Wilmot

Operation Smile is a club whose primary purpose is to raise money to help others around the world receive reconstructive mouth surgery. The number one goal is to help bring smiles to those who are most in need. **Advisor: Carol Rumpf**

Photography Club is open to all students interested in learning about black and white photography. The main event of the year is the Photo Club Show where members plan, organize, and exhibit their work. **Advisor: Diane Nerwen**

Reflections John Jay's literary and art magazine is published each spring. Poems, short stories, essays, memory pieces, drawings, and photos by students and faculty are selected from submissions given to the advisors or placed in the REFLECTIONS box in the library. Thursday meetings consist of reading manuscripts and selecting and coordinating material for publication. The editorial staff is responsible for all aspects of the magazine except for the final printing.

Advisor: Therese VonSteenburg

Relay for Life – this club's purpose is to fundraise for the American Cancer society. The culminating activity is an overnight walk-a-thon on the contest field.

Advisor: Meghan Lynch

Robotics - The robotics club is recommended to students interested in design, engineering, computer science or robotics. Students will learn the fundamentals of building robots and

programming them. Students are challenged to design, build and program a tele-operated and autonomous robot based on the Tetrix Prizm system. The club also hosts outreach events and mentors younger students to learn to code. The club meets Tuesday in C103.

Advisor: Steve Zoeller

SAGA is an organization that aims to create a safe, welcoming and accepting school environment for all students regardless of one's sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. **Advisor: Malerie Simon**

Science Olympiad is part of a national program designed to capture the kind of interest, enthusiasm, and commitment for science we see for sports. In November, members begin training for regional, state and national tournaments held in March through May, and require knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills and applications. Some past activities include: building bridges, musical instruments, kites, catapults and egg-carrying vehicles, shooting laser beams, doing chemical and geological detective work, orienteering, troubleshooting electrical circuits, solving genetic and ecological puzzles, and computer programming. If you are competitive, and if these sample activities interest you, consult your science teacher for more information. **If interested see Annmarie Lipinsky**

Spanish Club promotes salsa, trips to New York City, piñatas, masks, fiestas, banquets, Monopoly, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, Viaja a Espana and Metro competitions in Spanish. The club is designed to promote student interest in the Spanish language and the varied cultures of Spain and Central and South America. Officers usually meet twice a month to plan activities. The club is open to all Spanish students. **Advisor: Maria Vales**

Statesman the John Jay yearbook, is produced by a dedicated staff which works from the opening of school in September, until about May 1. Students can choose between the business staff, or the production staff, or both, as ad sellers, photographers, typists, writers, production people, and more. Everyone is welcome to join this staff and make a great yearbook for the school.

Advisor: Linda Binns & Carl Swanson

Students for KEEP (Katonah Education Exchange Program) looks to decrease the gender discrimination, poverty and violence that affect women/girls in India. Education gives girls a chance to become economically self-sufficient and equips them to fight oppression. Students for KEEP supports the education efforts of Apne, Aap, and NGO helping educate at-risk girls in India. **Advisor: Noelle Maoriello**

Sustainability Club seeks to educate the school community about environmental issues and concerns. The club is instrumental in bringing awareness to issues such as recycling, carbon footprints and sustainable eating practices. **Advisor: Jill Hirshfeld**

Teen Lounge is a club that brings a wonderful opportunity for student to connect with other students. Together students play games, listen to music and simply have fun.

Advisor: Jen Lovallo