

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

AFRICAN CULTURE CLUB:

Mrs. Lisa Gialanella, Advisor

Meets weekly, where we gather to explore different tribes in Africa via power points and internet. We enjoy African music and learn a bit of Swahili. We end the year with a fundraising effort to contribute toward the education of girls in Africa. All are welcome

ART CLUB:

TBD, Advisor

Art Club offers students the opportunity to expand and apply their artistic skills and interests in an after school relaxed atmosphere. Students are encouraged to experiment with a variety of subjects and mediums. They need not be involved in an art class to be in Art Club. Join us and be creative.

ASIAN CULTURE CLUB:

Ms. Yutong He, Advisor

The Asian Culture Club is an opportunity for students to participate in celebrations, cooking instructions, movies and field trips unique to the Asian cultures. Students may serve as officers and gain leadership experience. Fundraisers are conducted to defray the cost of activities.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

Mr. Mark Finegan, Advisor

The Boys volleyball club is open to all male students in grades 9-12. The club will endeavor to teach fundamentals and the finer points of the game. There will also be open play on multiple courts. Meetings will occur biweekly or monthly when gym space is available.

BUDDY BUNCH:

Mr. Michael Solazzo, Advisor

The Buddy Bunch is a club dedicated to include Foundation Students in after school activities hosted by the Community Care Club to enhance their social skills and experience different social settings, foster student collegiality, and just have some fun. All are welcome!

CHESS CLUB:

Mr. Robert Stellabotte, Advisor

The Chess Club is an opportunity for students to play and learn about the game of chess. It is open to students at any level or experience.

COMMUNITY CARE CLUB:

Ms. Nicole Wasnetsky, Advisor

The Community Care Club of PMHS is dedicated to engaging in activities that support a sense of community and work towards the community's improvement with a particular focus on the social and emotional wellness of teens in the Pelham community.

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB:

Mr. Joseph DiBello, Advisor

Computer Science Club encourages students to meet and learn a variety of programming languages. Creating programs to logically solve problems is a vital skill in today's technological world, and it can be fun. Students in all grade levels are encouraged to join.

DIY CLUB:**Ms. Dana LaRose, Advisor**

The Do It Yourself club meets to work on projects that involve various hands on techniques to design and make creative pieces.

DOOR:**Mrs. Cami O'Brien/Mrs. Courtney Kiessling, Advisors**

DOOR is a club that produces the high school literary/art magazine. It solicits art and literature from students in grades 9-12, reviews the submissions, and selects the best work for publication. Door Magazine members also organize and host the annual Poetry Cafe, an open mic poetry reading event that takes place in the spring.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB:**Mr. Steven Beltecas, Advisor**

The Environmental Science Club focuses on environmental issues and concerns through discussions and field trips. Students will work on raising awareness throughout the school community via multiple events and initiatives.

FORENSICS SPEECH TEAM:**Mr. Tom Beck and Mr. Neil Schleifer,****Advisors**

Forensics (not to be confused with Forensic Science!) is the art of formal public speaking and presentation. Team members take part in a variety of oral communication competitions. Students' research, develop, practice, and deliver their performances which include speeches, interpretations and dramatizations of literature. Although students perform as individuals or in small groups, involvement in forensics almost always means being part of a larger team that practices, travels, and competes together. Students also get many opportunities to interact with and learn from students from other schools. The award-winning PMHS team has enjoyed great success on the local, regional, state and national levels.

FRENCH CLUB:**Mrs. Ariadne Livaditis, Advisor**

The French Club is an opportunity for students at all levels in the language to participate in celebrations, cooking demonstrations, movies and field trips unique to the French culture. Students may serve as officers and gain leadership experience. Fundraisers are conducted to defray the cost of activities.

GAELIC LEAGUE:**Mr. Andrew Scott, Advisor**

The Gaelic League of the Pelhams celebrates the richness of Irish culture by exploring the music, history, folklore, and language of Ireland. Students of all backgrounds are welcome!

GENDER AND SEXUALITY ALLIANCE:**Mrs. Kimberly Lundy, Advisor**

This club works to improve school climate for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:**Ms. Megan Rice, Advisor**

Habitat for Humanity is a club with volunteers with habitat for Humanity of Westchester. We participate in at least one build each month and plan one or two fundraisers each year to help the organization. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

HUMAN RIGHTS CLUB:**Ms. Megan Rice, Advisor**

The Human Rights Club is a student directed discussion and activism group created to help students inform one another about important issues involving human rights. The group's goal is to both inform and empower change among our school and global community.

ITALIAN CLUB:
Advisor**Ms. Elizabeth Caparotta,**

The Italian Club is an opportunity for students at all levels in the language to participate in celebrations, cooking instructions, movies and field trips unique to the Italian culture. Students may serve as officers and gain leadership experience. Fundraisers are conducted to defray the cost of activities.

JEWISH CULTURE CLUB:**Mr. Neil Schleifer, Advisor**

Students of all faiths and backgrounds meet once a week to learn about Jewish culture, traditions, and history.

LATIN CLUB:**Mr. Andrew Scott, Advisor****MATH HONOR SOCIETY:****Ms. Alison Jacobs, Advisor**

The New York State Math Honor Society strives to recognize students for their excellence in mathematics, promote mathematical leadership, foster student collegiality, encourage mathematical service and to encourage students in the mathematical field.

THE MATH TEAM:**TBD, Advisor**

The math team meets Monday afternoons and participates in the Westchester Interscholastic Math League. If students qualify, they go to State and National competitions.

THE MILITARY HISTORY CLUB:**Mr. Andrew Scott, Advisor**

The M.H.C. will advance student knowledge in this fascinating subject through discussion, student-created lectures and presentations, films and historical strategy games.

MODEL UN:**Mr. James Marcotullio, Advisor**

Pelham's award winning Model United States program is an academically oriented club that travels to 5 conferences a year and sponsors 2 in house conferences. It aims to educate students about current events, topics in international relations, diplomacy and the United Nations agenda. Club members take on the role of diplomats representing a country, NGO, or person in a simulated session of a committee of the United Nations. Participants research a country, take on roles as diplomats, investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and ultimately try to develop solutions to world problems. During a conference, participants must employ a variety of communication and critical thinking skills in order to represent the policies of their country. These skills include public speaking, group communication, research, policy analysis, active listening, negotiating, conflict resolution, note taking, and technical writing.

NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY:

Mr. Bryan Sans and Ms. Tara Carmody,

Advisors

The National English Honor Society (NEHS) is the only national organization exclusively for high school students who, in the field of English, merit special note for past and current accomplishments. Meetings are held periodically throughout the year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:

Ms. Mariana Cordero,

Advisor

The National Honor Society provides tutoring services to students in need of assistance. Membership is by invitation only. Juniors and Seniors with an unweighted average of 89 or weighted average of 90 or better will be invited to apply. In addition, students will be required to write an essay, submit five Teacher Evaluation forms, and provide verification for a minimum of ten hours of community service upon submission of application.

PEER LEADERSHIP:

Ms. Dena Delfino, Advisor

This program teaches students leadership skills and ways of becoming positive role models for younger students. These students will be trained in building social skills, problem solving and ways to contribute to a safe and supportive school environment. Designated peer leaders work mainly with middle school students, underclassmen, students within our Foundations of Learning Program and students who are new to the Pelham Community, in both mentoring and tutoring capacities. The peer leadership program is deep-rooted within the Pelham community and it continues to be quite beneficial for all involved.

THE PEL MEL:

Mr. Neil Schleifer, Advisor

The Pel Mel is the official newspaper of Pelham Memorial High School, and publishes six issues per year. This student-run publication is primarily the final product of the Print Journalism class, which meets daily. However, students do not have to be a member of the class to be on staff. The club will meet once a week, after-school, to brainstorm for stories, receive assignments, write, edit and do graphic design layouts. Students may additionally be asked to attend after-school events (sports games, concerts, plays, awards ceremonies) in order to complete articles.

PELICAN YEARBOOK:

TBD, Advisors

The Yearbook club is a hands-on experience in reporting, writing, editing, creating layouts and photography skills. The staff meets every Wednesday and Thursday after school and the end product is our annual yearbook, *The Pelican*

PHILOSOPHY CLUB:

Mr. James Ferreri, Advisor

The Philosophy Club meets the same day each week and debates a philosophical question that has been pre-selected to motivate your analytical thinking skills. It is very spirited debate and has very dedicated attendees who challenge one another to think intellectually..

POLITICAL DEBATE CLUB:**Mr. James Ferreri,****Advisor**

Political Debate Club is a new club in which students have the opportunity to exchange ideas and opinions, and respectfully discuss and debate political, economic, and social issues of the day. We often discuss and even educate each other on current political issues, gun control, politics, elections, immigration, and other controversial topics.

RELAY FOR LIFE CLUB:**Dr. Thomas Callahan, Advisor**

The Relay For Life Club provides a way for Melham Memorial High School students to raise awareness, plan and organize their own teams, and fundraise to support the American Cancer Society's annual event, typically held at Glover Field in June.

RHO KAPPA NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY:**Mr. Marc Sirico, Advisor**

Membership in Rho Kappa is an honor bestowed upon a student by the PMHS chapter for his/her accomplishments in the field of social studies and overall academic achievement. Rho Kappa members demonstrate civic engagement in the school or community.

ROBOTICS CLUB:**Mr. Jason Lindley, Advisor**

The Robotics Club is an opportunity for students to get hands on experience with design, construction, and programming of robots. Students of any and all skill levels are welcome to join and learn along with their peers!

SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY:**Mrs. Irene Gruber, Advisor**

The purpose of the New York State Science Honor Society is to encourage an interest and understanding of science and science-related careers, as well as to recognize the academic achievement in science of high school students. Students who are members are enthused about research, participate in science related activities, tutor other students in science, have demonstrated achievement in science learning, are service-minded, and present excellent personal character.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD:**Mr. David Schembari, Advisor**

The Science Olympiad is a national organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition of outstanding achievement in science education. These goals are achieved by participation in Science Olympiad tournaments. Science Olympiad tournaments follow the format of classroom lab tests, popular board games, TV shows, and athletic games. Everyone can find a niche for his or her particular skill in Science Olympiad as each event is designed to take advantage of the wide variety of students' talents. Events are well balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. There is also a balance between events requiring knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills and science applications.

SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB:**Mr. Steven Beltecas, Advisor**

Members will work on mentoring elementary and middle school students through the research process. This club will allow members to develop leadership skills as well as further their understanding of science research. The club will culminate in a Middle School science fair that is organized and run by the members themselves.

SERVICE LEARNING:**Mrs. Katelin Cuccia, Advisor**

As a requirement for graduation, students need to earn 40 hours of community services activities by the end of their senior year. Volunteer hours must be completed during non-school hours and all hours must be signed off by an adult supervisor. All verified volunteer hours must be documented and submitted to Mrs. Cuccia in the counseling office (supervisors can mail a letter, email Mrs. Cuccia directly, or sign the school's verification form). Volunteer opportunities are listed in a binder in the counseling office and specific opportunities will be emailed to students and parents throughout the school year. Verification forms are located on the High School website: Click on the Student Life tab and all information and forms are under Service Learning.

THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM CLUB (SPAC):**Ms. Nicole Wasnetsky, Advisor**

The Social and Political Activism Club (SPAC) is a club dedicated to spreading awareness of current issues and brainstorming ways to make change in the country and community through open and respectful discussion about political and social issues.

SOCK N' BUSKIN:**Mr. Tom Beck and Mr. Neil Schleifer, Co-Directors**

Sock n' Buskin is the high school theater club. Working with teachers and professional guest artists, members of the club develop the skills of acting, writing, designing, construction and stage management. The group presents two main stage productions per year – a dramatic production and a musical. In addition to main stage productions, Sock 'n' Buskin also presents the Young Playwrights Festival, an evening of short pieces that features the work of student authors and directors. This club encompasses all aspects of theatre, including onstage and backstage: set building, lighting, props, set painting, set dressing, costumes, etc.

SPANISH CLUB:**Ms. Regla Guzmán, Advisor**

Spanish Club is an opportunity for students at all levels in the language to participate in celebrations, cooking instructions, movies and field trips unique to the Spanish culture. Students may serve as officers and gain leadership experience. Fundraisers are conducted to defray the cost of activities.

STOCK MARKET/INVESTMENT CLUB:**Mr. Marc Sirico, Advisor**

The Stock Market Club offers students the opportunity to engage and interact with the stock market via an online simulation game using imaginary funds. Students participate in a fun, entertaining, and live experience which allows them to learn important economic/personal finance lessons about investing, portfolio diversification, risk and reward. Student presentations on the stock market, individual stocks, and industries are welcome and encouraged. Meetings occur on a bimonthly basis.

STRATEGY CLUB**Mr. Gregory Kopstein, Advisor**

Strategy Club allows students to participate in problem solving through historical and fictionalized military scenarios. Most simulations utilize hands-on, interactive software and vary through historical circumstances and scenarios.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION:**Mrs. Regina Ricci/ Ms. Megan Rice,****Advisors**

The "S.A." is the student government for the school. It consists of elected officers from each class as well as school wide officers and faculty advisors. The S.A. sponsors events throughout the year including Homecoming and the Olympics. It meets at least twice monthly.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS:

Mr. James Ferreri, Advisor

This club is designed to support servicemen around the world through packages and letters.

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY:

Dr. Michele Zanky, Advisor

The purpose of the *Modern Music Masters* organization is to inspire music participation, create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service and promote leadership in the music students of PMHS. Tri-M is under the sponsorship and supervision of NAFME (the National Association for Music Education) and NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association).

VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB:

Mr. Brian Powers, Advisor

The Video Production Club will meet twice a month after school for students who are interested in video production. Students will create videos for teachers, students or members of the school community.

WISE PROGRAM:

Mr. William Doyle, Advisor

The WISE Individualized Senior Experience program provides seniors with the opportunity to create a unique senior year experience while receiving school credit. Students in WISE design a project where they can explore a topic of personal interest while working with an adult mentor. Project options are as wide as students' interests, curiosities, and passions. Some examples of past WISE projects include coaching Little League Baseball, interning at a nature preserve, producing a music video, and volunteering at a medical center. WISE is open to all seniors on track for graduation.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CLUB(WEC):
Advisors

Mrs. Courtney Kiessling/Ms. Nicole Wasnetsky,

The goal of this club is to promote gender equality and raise awareness about current issues around the world that threaten to attack or deny women's rights. Previous events/fundraisers include: the Lights for Learning fundraiser to send girls in sub-Saharan Africa to school, prom dress drives, documentary screenings about women's issues, and local forums/discussions about women's rights.

WOUNDED WARRIOR CLUB:

Mr. Michael Green, Advisor

Wounded Warrior Club is a club for students grades 9-12 that seeks to promote awareness and fundraising for wounded veterans. The club is focused on serving veterans organizations and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, or wounds throughout their time serving. Through fundraising and promotions around Veterans Day and Memorial Day, the students of PMHS help those who gave so much for us. We meet twice a month and new members are always welcome.

WORLD LANGUAGE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:

Mrs. Angela Calvelli, Advisor

The World Language NHS includes French, Italian, Latin and Spanish. Membership is open to students of Level IV or higher with an average of 90 or better in the language and an overall GPA of 80. Meetings are held as needed.

YOUTH TO YOUTH CLUB (Y2Y):

Ms. Kristin Quintano

Youth to Youth (Y2Y) is a club that believes in the power of youth and supports teens in making positive and healthy choices. Members of the Y2Y club are committed to being alcohol and other drug free, and use their peer influence in a positive way. Y2Y club activities are focused on raising awareness of the risks associated with alcohol and other drug use, and providing fun alternatives for teens to participate in. The goal of Y2Y is to provide PMHS students with the information and support necessary to help more teens be confident, happy, safe, healthy and drug free.

CLASS OF 2021

TBD, Advisors

The freshman class sponsors many activities throughout the year, such as car washes and bake sales. They meet twice a month with officers and the advisors.

CLASS OF 2020

Mrs. Jessica Waters, Mr. Marc Sirico,

Advisors

Sophomores work on fundraising projects and class and school wide events. There are several meetings throughout the year.

CLASS OF 2019

Mr. Steven Beltecas, Mr. David Schembari, Mr. Jupiter Luna , Advisors

The junior class is responsible for many events during the school year such as the Olympics, the Junior Dinner Dance, the sale of Ghost-o-Grams at Halloween and refreshments during the Senior Talent Show. They meet as necessary through the year to plan events with the officers and advisors.

CLASS OF 2018

Ms. Kristin Cerreto / Mr. Michael Solazzo, Advisors

The seniors are very busy from the beginning of the year planning their prom. The annual Talent Show, for which they write scripts, plan themes, and do musical numbers, is another big project for the seniors. They also host a Halloween Event for the community and plan for their Senior Luncheon.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC TEAMS

BOYS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Crew
- Football
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track and Cross Country

GIRLS

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Crew
- Field Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Cross Country
- Volleyball

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association is the formal voice of the student body and it is essential to the governance of Pelham Memorial High School. The aims of the Student Association are to:

- a. provide student government for the entire student body
- b. develop attitudes and model the qualities of good citizenship
- c. promote harmonious relationships throughout the school
- d. provide a forum for responsible student expression
- e. act as a link and agent of communication between the administration and the student body
- f. develop a feeling of respect and loyalty in the school

In order to accomplish these goals, the Student Association has the power to:

- a. sponsor programs in the interest of the student body
- b. establish committees as the need arises
- c. coordinate the student calendar, whereby all clubs, classes, and other organizations must submit fund raising events or class activities to the Student Association for processing
- d. develop a formal budget at the end of each academic year to be used by the incoming officers of the Student Association

All members of the Student Association are elected directly by the student body for one-year terms.

*** All fundraising for all extracurricular activities MUST be approved by the student's government advisor and all paper work completed and submitted to Ms. Jacobs prior to fundraising.**

