

AcaPELICANS GROUP

Mrs. Maria Abeshouse, Advisor

The AcaPelicans are an auditioned group of singers who rehearse weekly and occasionally on the weekend. Students perform in the Pops concert in February and at various events outside of school.

AFRICAN CULTURE CLUB

Mrs. Lisa Gialanella, Advisor

Educates students about the culture, food, language, dance, and tribes of Africa.

ANIMAL WELFARE CLUB

Ms. Dana LaRose, Advisor

The purpose of this club is to bring awareness to and raise funds to protect habitats to animals in need. And, if possible adopt one or more animals through the WWF (World Wildlife Foundation).

ART CLUB

Ms. Kaycee Cherashore, 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, 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.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Mr. Joseph DiBello/Mr. Steven Beltecas, Advisors

The purpose of this club is to inform students about general astronomical knowledge and current event news in the field.

BEADING CLUB

Ms. April Clapp, Advisor

The purpose of this club is to learn and create different types of patterns from ponybeads. Learn how to relieve stress through creative activities and use our creations for fundraisers.

BIOLOGY CLUB

Mr. Leo Pena/Mr. Robert Lieber, Advisors

The purpose of this club is to spread knowledge and understanding of Biology, to fundraise for Cancer and Alzheimer patients, and to learn about real-life careers in science.

BLACK STUDENT UNION (BSU)

Mr. Daryl Jackson, Advisor

This club is intended to promote the concerns of African American students in part with teaching, discussing and empowering black culture to anyone who has interest, all while creating a safe and welcoming environment for African American students. BSU wishes to promote diversity and encourage unity among the plethora of students at our school.

BUDDY BUNCH

Mr. Michael Solazzo/Ms. Nicole Wasnetsky, Advisor

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

CHEMISTRY CLUB

Mr. Jupiter Luna, Advisor

To advance the knowledge and passion for chemistry through fun experiments with an educative lesson (related to the experiment).

CHESS CLUB

Mr. Robert Stellabotte, Advisor

A fun relaxed environment with members of various levels. All are welcome to come play and learn about the 1500 year old game.

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.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Ms. Ren Strachan, Advisor

A space to collaborate and edit new poetry, short stories, and other projects by Pelham Students. All are welcome!!

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.

DO SOMETHING CLUB

Mrs. Jeannette Connolly, Advisor

Provides opportunities about service projects, helping others and bringing about social change.

DOOR

Mrs. Cami O'Brien/Mrs. Courtney Kiessler, 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 in the spring.

DUNGEONS/DRAGONS CLUB

Ms. Laura Stagliano, Advisor

Ease middle schoolers into the high school through relationship building, along with improving the ability to think on the spot through board games.

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.

FORENSIC SPEECH TEAM

Mr. Tom Beck/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 any student, regardless if they study French or not, 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.

GERMAN CULTURE CLUB

Mr. Leo Pena, Advisor

Educates students about the culture, foods, language, and life of German people

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.

INDIAN CULTURE CLUB

Mr. Steven Beltecas/Mr. Jason Lindley, Advisors

This club is to introduce students to several aspects of Indian tradition, including foods, holidays, and society. Also, to fundraise to support healthcare, schools and environmental issues in the poorer parts of India.

ITALIAN CLUB

Mrs. Christina Prignano, Advisor

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

The Jewish Culture Club is open to all who may be interested in finding out about the history, culture, and traditions of the Jewish people. We have parties to celebrate holidays, show brief presentations on occasion, and sometimes talk about current events. It is a terrific place to meet, make friends and expand your understanding. All are welcome!

LATIN CLUB

Mr. Andrew Scott, Advisor

The Latin Club brings together students of Latin and all interested in Classical Civilization to explore and celebrate the ancient culture of the Romans

MAKERSPACE CLUB

Ms. Lydia Panton, Advisor

Encourages the use of our new Makerspace room in the high school and offers students the opportunity to express their creativity while learning new skills

MATH HONOR SOCIETY

Ms. Allison 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.

MATH TEAM

Ms. Lisa DiCeglio, 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.

MEDITATION CLUB Ms. Dana LaRose, Advisor

A club for students to have a relaxing environment to relieve any stress from their stressors like school and outside activities.

MILITARY HISTORY CLUB

Mr. Andrew Scott, Advisor

The M.H.C. will advance student knowledge in this fascinating subject through discussion, guest lectures, field trips, film and historical strategy games.

MODEL UN

Mr. James Marcotullio, Advisor

Pelham's award winning Model United Nations 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, Advisor

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 free to any student who requests them. Membership is open to any Junior or Senior with an 89 or better average over two years who demonstrates qualities of leadership, service, and character. Meetings are held as needed.

OLYMPIC HISTORY CLUB

Mr. David Moskowitz, Advisor

This club intends to learn about the history of the Olympics and about all of the different sports in both the Summer and Winter Games. We will also help people learn about the relationship between the different countries and how it is a unifying event for the world.

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.

PEER TUTORING

Ms Allison Jacobs, Advisor

Provides students with a collaborative environment in which they can learn from one another. Students will have the opportunity to schedule appointments or drop in as needed. The room will serve as a supplement to academy period.

THE PEL MEL

Mr. Neil Schleifer, Advisor

The Pel Mel, the official newspaper of Pelham Memorial High School, is issued monthly. This student-run publication is primarily the final product of the one-semester Print Journalism class, which meets daily.

PELHAM FILM CLUB

Mr. Gregory Kopstein, Advisor

The Pelham Film Club meets twice a month; once to discuss the film and choose the next month's film (after Academy) and once to view the actual film that is student-chosen by vote (roughly 5pm start). Films are chosen entirely by students and possess some depth or creative emphasis. Past films include *Rain Man*, *Friday Night Lights*, *Battle Of The Sexes*, *The Zookeepers Wife*, *The Darkest Hour*, and *Fences*, among others. Dates for meeting are chosen via a groupchat set up by officers.

PELICAN YEARBOOK

Ms. Lauren Rosenberg/Ms. Nicole Marousek, 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 thinking skills. It is very spirited debate and has very dedicated attendees.

POLITICAL DEBATE CLUB

Mr. James Ferreri, Advisor

Political Debate Club is a new club in which students have the opportunity to respectfully discuss and debate political, eco, and social issues of the day, such as gun control, politics, 2016 election, immigration, etc.

RELAY FOR LIFE CLUB

Mrs. Lisa DiCeglio, 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

Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognize excellence in the field of Social Studies. Any accredited public or private high

school can apply for a local chapter, through which individuals will be inducted. Rho Kappa provides national recognition and opportunities for exploration in social studies. Through its sponsorship, NCSS hopes to encourage an interest in, understanding of, and appreciation for the social studies.

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!

SCHOOL OF ROCK

Mrs. Tara Carmody, Advisor

School of Rock enables fans of all kinds of popular music to interact both in and out of school. We collaborate on themed playlists, post on our Google Classroom page, meet to discuss the artists we absolutely can't live without hearing, and brainstorm activities for the school year that encourage and celebrate a love of music. All students and staff are welcome to "join the band" at any time.

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 Honor Society: Students must apply for the Science Honor Society. Students must have completed 2 years of high school science. The overall science average must be 85% or higher and overall GPA must be a minimum 80%. Applications are usually accepted in December.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Mr. Joseph DiBello, 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

Students will work on multiple hands on lab experiences together, in addition to mentoring middle school students through the research process, culminating in middle school science fair.

SERVICE LEARNING CLUB

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.

SOCK N' BUSKIN

Mr. Tom Beck, Director

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.

SPANISH CLUB

Ms. Regla Guzman, 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.

STAND Mr. James Marcotullio, Advisor

Student Anti-Genocide Coalition is an umbrella organization of over 600 high school and college chapters dedicated to putting an end to genocide. This chapter aims to help raise awareness and money to give humanitarian aid to help end genocide in Darfur.

STEAM BUDDIES

Dr. Thomas Callahan, Advisor

Bring high school students to elementary schools to help teachers and interact with younger children. Also, to provide high school students with a chance to earn community service hours.

STOCK MARKET INVESTMENT CLUB

Mr. Marc Sirico, Advisor

The Stock Market Club encourages students to explore the intricacies of the stock market exchange through a live simulation via Investopedia/Market Watch. Students report to the club the progress of their portfolio as well as earnings reports of companies. Students are also exposed to some core economic concepts including GDP, CPI, the unemployment rate as well as the working of the Federal Reserve and monetary policy.

STRATEGY CLUB

Mr. Gregory Kopstein, Advisor

Strategy Club uses military tactics and strategy to recreate and evaluate military battles throughout history using a hands-on approach through SmartBoard technology and military simulation boards

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Ms. Megan Rice/Ms. Allison Jacobs, 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.

STUDENTS FOR REFUGEES

Ms. Megan Rice, Advisor

Pelham Chapter of the larger, student-run organization, Students for Refugees. The purpose of the club is to improve the lives of refugees in Westchester and abroad. The club will focus on fundraising, researching and education.

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 INTERNSHIP

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

Ms. Nicole Wasnetsky, Advisor

The Women's Empowerment Club is open to all students 9-12 and is dedicated to advocating for the intersectional and gender equality in our own community and worldwide. Through group discussions, guest speakers, and fundraisers, WEC seeks to achieve these goals. New Members are 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, Advisor

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.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS CLUB

Mr. James Ferreri, Advisor

The Young Republicans Club is a new club that is geared toward keeping members informed on current events and government. Also, it provides a platform for discussion and ideas, as well as guest speakers.

CLASS OF 2022

Ms. Anna Brown/Mr. Leo Pena, Advisor

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 2021

Ms. Laura Battema/Mrs. Gretchen Satallante, Advisors

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

CLASS OF 2020

Ms. Jessica Waters/ Mr. Marc Sirico, 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 2019

Mr. David Schembari/ Mr. Jupiter Luna , 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.**