

2018-2019 Co-Curricular Clubs

CLUB	ADVISOR	DESCRIPTION
ACADEMIC DECATHLON	Ms. Gamgort Mr. Saxon	The United States Academic Decathlon is a ten-event scholastic competition for teams of high school students. Students hone their academic, speech, and interview skills via regional competitions for individual and team recognition.
ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB	Dr. Whitfield	The Animal Rights Club is an exciting and beneficial as it raises money for animal care and promotes awareness about animal cruelty. The club provides students with information regarding animal rights and allows them to voice opinions.
ART CLUB	Ms. Garretson	Art Club provides students with an open studio environment where students can develop their own art projects with the teacher's guidance. Group projects based on basic art skills are also offered.
AUDIO VISUAL CLUB	Mr. Dore	AV Students are trained to provide assistance at all events in the auditorium during the day and evening. Student provide sound, lighting, run videos by computer to the projector, and assistance with the projection of power point presentations.
BECCA'S CLOSET	Mrs. Listro	Becca's Closet is a national non-profit organization that has been making homecoming, military ball & prom accessible to tens of thousands of U.S. young people since 2003 by donating dresses to deserving high school girls with financial need. PH chapter has donated 100's of dresses over the past couple of years to local high school students in need.
CAMP RASPBERRY	Ms. Gorman Mr. Salgado	The goal of Camp Raspberry is to provide opportunities for recreation and socialization to special needs students. Students will also benefit from volunteering as they learn more about students with special needs and gain

		understanding and ability to interact with them.
CHEMISTRY OLYMPICS	Ms. Pugliese Mr. Soltmann	Students participate in a variety of chemistry events, such as performing research, delivering chemical demonstrations, and solving problems using advanced laboratory techniques. The team practices regularly in preparation for the New Jersey Chemistry Olympics competition, in which schools from around the state compete against each other at the NJIT campus.
CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Yao	The NCHS is a scholastic organization that recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of students in learning Chinese as a second language, who demonstrate citizenship, leadership, and community service. It also promotes meaningful exchange between Chinese culture and American culture, and creates lasting bonds of friendship among students.
CHOIR	Ms. Elkin	This club is open to all PH students who are currently enrolled in a choir class and would like to get more involved in planning and organizing various fundraising events as well as various performances in the community and beyond. Chamber Choir participates in festivals and has won numerous awards.
DEBATE TEAM	Ms. Horn	The debate team is a great place for students to explore the art of "organized arguing." Speech and debate skills help students to thrive academically and provide them with an advantage in college and in their careers. The club's purpose is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Teach and train students in the fundamentals of debate research and public speaking. · Develop research, reasoning and organizational skills · Foster confident public speaking skills · Help students build leadership skills and improve individual responsibility

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Compete with other high school debate teams in the area
DECA CLUB	Ms. Gamgort Mr. Henry	DECA is a competitive business club that focuses in the area of marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Students have the ability to compete in different business events to solve problems for local businesses.
ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH CLUB	Mr. Shields	This club works to learn about and take action on local and regional environmental issues. The club runs a yearly bike recycling collection, sends letters to Congress, organizes school clean-ups, distributes energy efficient light bulbs and re-useable water bottles and leads education campaigns on topics like climate change. Currently the club is spearheading a campaign to improve the school's performance at effectively separating recyclables from garbage in the waste stream.
FALL PLAY	Mr. Fournier*	PH Theatre produces a Fall Play during the month of November (rehearsals September-November).
FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Conboy Ms. Gorman	(Antoine de St.-Exupéry Chapter) This is a National Honors Society for seniors currently enrolled in, and have taken French all four years of high school, while maintaining a 3.7 GPA.
FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA	Ms. Mahaffey Ms.Schwartzman	Future Educators of America (FEA) is a fun and exciting community service club offered at PH. Students work together to develop lessons and activities for elementary aged school children. In the past, FEA has collaborated with the Montvale Public Library to assist with their "Story Hour" and Memorial Elementary School, in which we have taught a lesson and led an activity using the Star Lab. Students that are interested in pursuing education or enjoy working with younger children are encouraged to participate in the club.

GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE	Ms. Marootian-Miller	Gay/Straight Alliance is a student run program that fosters discussions focusing on equality and acceptance for all Pascack Hills students, regardless of one's race, background, sexual orientation, or beliefs. GSA is dedicated to creating a more welcoming school climate.
HISTORY BOWL	Mr. Scerbo	The History Bowl competes against other schools from around the region in Jeopardy-style competitions. The "season" for competitions runs from December to April and gives students the opportunity to expand their historical knowledge in a fun and competitive environment.
INTERACT	Ms. Olzewski-Garcia	The Interact Club is a community service based club affiliated with the Rotary Club, helping local families in need. The club motto is "service above self." Club members participate in several projects throughout the year including, but not limited to: Food Drives and Thanksgiving Day Food Baskets,
INVESTMENT CLUB	Ms. Gamgort	Everyone wants to take the money they currently have and turn it into more. The Investment Club is designed to teach the fundamentals of investing in a fun manner. Students will not only learn about different types of investments, but what investments are right for them.
ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Guardabascio	Oriana Fallaci Chapter . This is a National Honors Society. The academic honor can be noted in any college or scholarship application. Membership is open to seniors who have completed -or are currently enrolled in - the highest level of Italian offered at Pascack Hills HS. Applicants and Members must maintain 3.7 GPA
JAZZ ENSEMBLE	Mr. Dore	The Jazz Band is an after school-performing group whose members are interested in learning to play big band jazz. The PHHS Jazz Ensemble performs at the evening Band

		concerts with the other bands throughout the year and at the Senior Awards program.
LITERARY MAGAZINE	Ms. Donahue	<i>Echoes</i> , PH's Literature and Art magazine, works throughout the year to solicit, evaluate, and present creative student work through a variety of formats. The traditional annual print magazine, is delivered every spring. <i>Echoes</i> encourages all PH students to submit their creative writing, photography and visual art, to the print magazine of the school.
MATH LEAGUE	Ms. Bucco	The Pascack Hills Math League takes part in mathematics competitions with other schools. Questions in the competitions include a variety of mathematical topics from algebra to geometry to discrete mathematics.
MODEL U.N.	Ms. Yeam	Model UN provides students the opportunity to research, analyze and better understand world issues. Students participate in competitions in which they replicate the United Nations and represent various nations on issues ranging from nuclear proliferation to immigration to international trade.
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. White	The National Honor Society is a group of model junior and senior students who are involved in community service, fundraising and academic services directed towards the betterment of the PH community as well as surrounding towns. Juniors who have a 3.85+ GPA in the middle of their junior year will be invited to apply. NHS students provide academic support for their classmates through drop-in tutoring sessions during the Pascack Period as well as during private sessions as well. NHS collects food for Thanksgiving baskets each November to donate to the Hillsdale Food Pantry. Students raise money through various fundraisers and help fund the Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging Event which is done in collaboration with the PV NHS each March. NHS students are expected to act as a model

		for the underclassmen in the four pillars of the group: character, leadership, scholarship and service.
NEWSPAPER	Ms. Apanosian Ms. Pflieger	The Trailblazer is Pascack Hills's student-run newspaper. The publication's primary focus is its website that is committed to providing new and timely news, sports, arts, and other relevant content every single day and in a variety of different media, including written articles, video content, blogs, podcasts, infographics, and the like. The Trailblazer also publishes occasional (usually themed) print issues.
PH CARES	Ms. Gaeta Ms. Sachs	The PH Cares Club aims to raise awareness of mental health issues and raise funds for donations to benefit any worthy PH Community member and/or mental health charity.
PH HARVESTERS	Ms. Yeam	PH Harvesters is a faith-based fellowship and community service club. Through fellowship, the students hope to unite everyone together and create a relaxing, comforting environment where no one is alienated. The club is open to anyone of any belief and will be discussing all religions.
PATERSON PROJECT	Ms. Mahaffey Ms. Lutz	Project Paterson is a fun and exciting community service club offered at PHHS. Several times throughout the school year, students travel to a K-4 school in Paterson to assist with an after school program. Students also have the opportunity to volunteer their time by helping out with school functions that typically take place over the weekend. Our two major events that include the entire school community are the Toy Drive and the School Supply Drive.
PEP BAND	Mr. Dore	Pep Band is an extracurricular group that rehearses after school and performs at all Pascack Hills home football games. The band plays uptempo songs and cheers during the

		football games as well as at any school pep rallies. The band is open to anyone with instrumental experience.
PEER LEADER PROGRAM	Ms. Marootian-Miller Mr. Postman Ms. Schwartzman	Juniors and seniors work together to discuss various issues that affect teens, and adults, today. Groups then work with freshmen to help acclimate the students to high school and to school's culture. The Peer Leaders act as advocates for the underclassmen and as moderators among the students. Peer Program advisors work a guide for the students, helping plan activities and workshops.
POLITICS CLUB	Mr. Goodman	This club focuses on current events as well as the most up to date issues of the day. The club uses an open discussion forum.
SCIENCE LEAGUE	Mr. Shields	Students are invited to represent PH at regional competitions related to their knowledge of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at the advanced level. Students are eligible for scholarships and individual awards.
SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	Mr. Field	To be invited to join the Science National Honors Society, students must participate in one or both of the following competitions: The National Science Bowl NJ State Competition in Princeton, NJ or The National Science Olympiad Regional Competition in Newark, NJ.
SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB	Dr. Edelberg	The Science Research Club is a club where students work on authentic research projects of their own design and learn modern laboratory techniques. In the first year of membership students also work on a project in collaboration with Rutgers University in the Waksman Student Scholar Program where they use modern molecular genetic techniques and bioinformatic software for data analysis. Enrollment in the Research in Molecular Genetics Class is required for membership into the club.

SENIOR PROJECTS COORDINATOR	Ms. Rossi	This program affords interested seniors the opportunity to opt out of a class during second semester in order to pursue an independent study project under the tutelage of a faculty mentor chosen by the student. The projects culminate in a research paper, journal and 20-minute oral presentation to a panel of faculty volunteers who award the final grades to the projects.
SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Sularz	(Esmeralda Santiago Chapter) This is a national honor society for seniors who are currently enrolled in, and have taken Spanish all four years of high school, while maintaining a 3.7 GPA in the language. Students participate in community service and fundraising activities, which help promote the Spanish language and culture.
STUDENT GOVERNMENT	Ms. Bucco	Student Government enables students to be leaders on the class, as well as school level. Through elected and appointed positions, students can get involved with helping shape the building climate and goals. Class Council members raise money and awareness for their Class Causes, in addition to hosting fundraisers to help offset class expenses, including the Junior and Senior Proms. Class Council members work directly for their grade. Executive Council members organize programs for the entire building, including Hills Cup competitions, Spirit Week and Pep Rally, and all elections, plus many other school wide activities. Executive Council members are the voices for the entire school. Elections for both Class and Executive Councils are held in the spring each year, except for the incoming Freshman Class Council, which has its own election in the fall.
TEENS AGAINST CANCER	Ms. Conboy	This program empowers students by helping in the fight against cancer. Various fundraising, such as bake sales, poster session, t-shirt design, Dig Pink, and many other activities. Skin Cancer & prostate cancer awareness, Relay for Life. Attending Relay.

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Elkin	This is a Music National Honor Society which is recognized by all colleges and universities around the country. Members of this society are current members of Chamber Choir, Concert Choir or Concert Band and have been actively involved in all music school activities for all years of their high school career. These are the most advanced and dedicated band and choir students who regularly perform in school as well as around the community to spread the awareness of quality music around their peers and the community and to promote the PH's music program. Tri-M members participate in various honors bands and choirs on a county, regional, and state level. To be accepted, students must audition to demonstrate a high level of musical talent and possession of certain performing skills. They must have an A average in their music class and maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
WORLD CULTURE CLUB	Ms. Guardabascio	Students engage in activities/events that promote the cultures of countries around the world, and expand students' views of foreign cultures and traditions.
YEARBOOK ADVISORS	Ms. Pugliese Ms. Schultz	Students meet weekly to plan, design, and construct the school yearbook. The committee is comprised of students from all grade levels.
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Mr. Fournier*	PH Theatre's musicals rehearsals take place December-March on Monday-Friday afternoons and Saturdays. Recent shows include: Big Fish and Legally Blonde.
MUSICAL COSTUME DESIGNER	Ms. Wagner	Interested in Costumes? Props? Hair and Makeup Design? PH Theatre's crew designs and builds all of these elements for the Fall Play and the Spring Musical each year.
MUSICAL ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR	Mr. Santoro*	Pit Orchestra students learn the score of the Spring Musical, performing alongside professional musicians.

MUSICAL SET CONSTRUCTION	Mr. Fournier*	PH Theatre's crew is responsible for designing, building and painting the award-winning sets for the Fall Play and Spring Musical each year.
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