

**NANUET HIGH SCHOOL
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS 2023 – 2024**

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 with lighted buzzer boards, 4-person teams.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Strong academic background, interest in a few key areas and some trivia, and quick reaction to questions. Open to all students, grades 9-12.

ART CLUB

Ms. Kodi Smith (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.

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

BADMINTON CLUB

Mr. Steven Martin

PURPOSE: Badminton Club is for the experienced and inexperienced players looking for competition and fun. The club meets in the fall and spring after school for one hour. Matches can be formal or informal. Come ready to play.

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

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Ms. Melanie Sadoff

PURPOSE: To rehearse challenging and rewarding orchestral repertoire of a variety of styles, and to develop in the areas of leadership, collaboration, and dedication.

ACTIVITIES: Rehearsal and performances of the repertoire, in concerts, competitions, and community events. This elite group has earned accolades from New York State School Music Association.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Open to students who are enrolled in Orchestra by audition.

CONCERT CHOIR

Ms. Keilah Ussi

PURPOSE: To provide students with an opportunity to participate in an auditioned, performance heavy vocal ensemble that sings various styles of music including contemporary, jazz, pop A Capella, and traditional choir repertoire.

ACTIVITIES: Perform in 2-3 formal concerts and special community events in the Nanuet area.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Open to students 9-12 who can demonstrate a high level of breath support, tone quality, sight reading ability and overall vocal technique. Students interested should expect to join a community of singers who look out for one another and support one another.

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 bi-weekly during the common lunch period.

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

DEBATE CLUB

Mr. Mark Salerno, Mrs. Lacey Ross

PURPOSE: To provide opportunities for students to develop their ability to speak in public, to listen to others' arguments, to reason, and to do 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 Svara

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.

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:** Listening to speakers presenting information on the diversity in the school community, group discussions about these topics, field trips, and community service to support our purpose.
- QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**
An interest and open mindedness to learn about others. Open to all students in grades 9-12.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Ms. Shannon Cokeley

- PURPOSE:** The Nanuet Drama Society puts on two productions a year, a play in the fall and a musical in the spring. Both rehearse after school every day: the fall play from September through November and the spring musical from January through March. Students can be actors/singers, members of the stage crew or musicians in the orchestra. Throughout the rehearsal process students learn about stage direction, blocking, acting, singing and choreography that culminates in a staged production open to the public and Nanuet community.
- ACTIVITIES:** Fall and Spring productions.
- QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students grades 9-12.

FOLK MUSIC & ALL SORTS CLUB

Mr. Mark Modica

- PURPOSE:** Offer students a welcoming environment to be part of a group centered around music within the high school. Our belief is that every student needs to feel that they are part of group or have an outlet where they can gather.
- ACTIVITIES:** Listening to music, creating music when possible. Musical talent is NOT a requirement.
- QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Appreciation of music is required.
Open to all students grades 9-12.

INTERACT

Mrs. Gail Kearns

- PURPOSE:** Leadership development and community service organization.
- ACTIVITIES:** Interact provides students leadership training and development through workshops, conferences, and hands-on planning of activities and projects, which support the school and local community (i.e. clothing drive, walk-a-thons, teddy bear drive).
- QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**
Students are nominated by faculty members and/or through self-nomination applications. Open to any students in grades 9-12.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Mr. Walter Miller

PURPOSE: This ensemble explores jazz style, improvisation, and performance. We perform big band standards, funk, popular, latin, and holiday selections.

ACTIVITIES: The Jazz Ensemble rehearsals are held Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 in the band room. We present several performances each year including our Highview Holiday Happening, Jazz Knight, and other school/community functions.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Open to all band students, grades 9-12. Instrumentation is as follows: saxophones, trumpet, trombone, bass, guitar, drums, piano or other keyboards.

KNIGHT-TIMES

Mrs. Lacey Ross

PURPOSE: Production of online school new site.

ACTIVITIES: Writing and editing articles, art design and photography, conducting interviews, planning stories and covering campus events/

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.

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: 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

Advisor: TBD

PURPOSE: To compete in the annual NYS Mock Trial Competition.

ACTIVITIES: Students, with Attorney Advisors, will prepare for the annual NYS Mock Trial Competition. Students will serve as attorneys and witnesses and prepare and present legal testimony in a courtroom setting.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Any student, grades 9-12, who expresses an interest in business, law, or public speaking.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

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.

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.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Mr. Josh Emanuel

PURPOSE: The Music Technology Club is for all students who are interested in music, technology, or the combination of the two. Students will explore and create with current music technology, write and rehearse songs, prepare for and run live performances, and learn how to run live sound systems. Topics and projects are student-driven.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Open to all students grades 9-12. No music experience needed.

NANUET JR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ms. Kelly Quartironi

- PURPOSE:** To become involved in efforts that support and shape public policy, enhance local business climate, and deliver new community service opportunities that benefit local businesses and the surrounding community. We will work in conjunction with Nanuet Chamber of Commerce to help support/ promote businesses, volunteer in business/ community endeavors, while focusing on cultural vitality of Nanuet through creatively thinking of possible solutions for businesses, leadership and networking to create a vibrant, prosperous, environmentally sound and strong community.
- ACTIVITIES:** We will meet at least once a week during lunch. We will also meet after school and in various locations to see and plan events, talk and visit businesses.
- QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students in grades 9-12 who are creative, business minded, want to reach out to and be involved with the community and/ or love event planning!

NANUET CHAPTER - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Ms. Juliana Laurenzano

- PURPOSE:** Honor general academic achievement.
- ACTIVITIES:** 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.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER DISCOVERY GARDEN CLUB

Ms. Nancy Galdi

- 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 Club will be in charge of setting up a Farmer's Market in season and help promote healthy eating.
- QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students, grades 9-12.

RED CROSS

Mrs. Dana Dube

PURPOSE: Red Cross Club is open to students in any grade who are interested in volunteering and community service.

ACTIVITIES: Students plan events in Nanuet including the annual Blood Drive. We also work with local organizations in need and help to provide necessary supplies related to disaster relief. Students also work to spread the message of the Red Cross of disaster preparation and survival skills in first aid and CPR emergencies.

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

ROBOTICS

Mr. Steve Martin, Mr. Joe Vogel

PURPOSE: The Nanuet Robotics Team, The KnightTronz, 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: Compete in FIRST Robotics event at R.C.C. each Spring

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

Mrs. Hannah Murphy

PURPOSE: To provide students with an aptitude for science to compete against other schools in science related events.

ACTIVITIES: Members meet every Tuesday after school, beginning in November, to prepare for the State Regional Science Olympiad held in February.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Science Olympiad team consists of 15 team members, grades 9–12. A three part mini science Olympiad competition is held in October to select new 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.

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/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. (Due to Covid restrictions, students make crafts and write letters and cards for residents of an assisted living center.)

ACTIVITIES: Members will meet on scheduled days to visit rehab facilities. (Due to Covid restrictions students meet on scheduled days to make crafts and write cards and letter to residents.)

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 fundraisers for the student body, volunteers at school functions as tour guides, coordinates Spirit Week.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The Student Senate consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five 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, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary.

TECHNOLOGY & FILM

Advisor: TBD

PURPOSE: To provide students with the opportunity to explore, learn and work with different aspects of computers and related technology in the process of content creation.

ACTIVITIES: Working with hardware (e.g. computers, scanners, digital cameras, voice interfaces) and software (e.g. Multimedia Presentation, Desktop Publishing, Voice Input, WeVideo) to create video and audio productions. Students may work on individual projects, group projects and collaborate with other clubs.

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

THE NANUET 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.

ACTIVITIES:

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

TODAY'S STUDENT TOMORROW'S TEACHER

Mr. Paul Torres

PURPOSE: Recruit and mentor minority students that are considering a career in Education.

ACTIVITIES: Monthly meetings with the TSTT Regional Coordinator, set up volunteer hours for members, coordinate required tutoring hours with students at Miller Elementary School

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Students of color, membership based on financial need, maintain good academic standing (B average).

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Ms. Melanie Sadoff

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.

UNITED WAY

Mrs. Allison Schwarz

PURPOSE: To increase the value and impact of community support & resources through collaborations that advance the common good. This club will expose students to a wide variety of volunteer work and community service specifically aiding those with education, economic security, and healthy lifestyles.

ACTIVITIES: Throughout the year students will help organize and run many activities in our community including the Nyack Fall Festival, Laps for Literacy, Day of Caring, the United Way Gala, and many more fundraising events.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Open to all High School Students

VAASA - VARSITY ATHLETES AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Ms. Alison Kersh

PURPOSE: To have trained varsity athletes serve as role models for younger students, giving them the message that you do not need to use alcohol or other drugs to be popular and successful in school and athletics.

ACTIVITIES: All participants must attend training, which includes communication skills, making presentations and information on drugs and alcohol. Working in small groups of 2 or 3 athletes you make classroom presentations for younger students in grades 3 through 8. Additional activities are planned throughout the year, including program meetings.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

There is no grade requirement, but students must play at least one varsity sport. Students must be drug and alcohol free for a minimum of one year.

Being outgoing and unafraid to speak to groups is helpful. Applications are accepted at the beginning of the year, which starts the application process. An information meeting is held in late September to give out applications.

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.

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

YEARBOOK – EXCALIBUR

Ms. Juliana Laurenzano, Mrs. Susan Turner, Missy Barnes

PURPOSE: To produce a compilation of the year's events at Nanuet High School and picture all graduating seniors.

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