

# 2023 -2024 WAHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES BOOKLET



Williamsport Area High School

HOME OF THE MILLIONAIRES

*Developing responsible citizens through  
excellence in education*

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## **AQUARIUM CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. L. Flint

The Aquarium Club provides a platform for students who are interested in the Ocean & Marine Sciences. It offers students the chance to discuss, socialize and partake in water-based activities. Students will take care of the aquariums around the building.

## **BILLTOWN BANNER**

Advisor: Mrs. Mahon

The student newspaper publishes news, opinion, features and sports. The paper develops a marketable skill for writers, illustrators, photographers, and desktop publishers. It is written, illustrated, designed and printed by students. Generally, an upperclassmen activity but freshmen may stop in to learn more.

## **BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS**

Advisor: Mrs. McCloskey

This group covers the business aspects of the yearbook such as networking with small businesses in our community for advertisements, sales, marketing, fundraising, yearbook promotions and yearbook distribution. (*This club is combined with LaMemoire [Yearbook] in D110*).

## **THE CHERRY AND WHITE**

Advisor: Mr. Murafka

The literary magazine is an annual publication produced by a volunteer staff. The staff creates and accepts submissions of poetry, fiction, essays, and other genres, as well as artwork. The magazine exists as a place where student writers, artists and photographers can display their work. The Cherry and White is Pennsylvania's oldest continually published school magazine.

## **CLASS ADVISORS - EXECUTIVE BOARDS (2019-20)**

Advisors by Grade: **9<sup>th</sup> – Academy, 10<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. J. Flint  
11<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Moore, 12<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Swink**

Class officers are elected by classmates and members of the class board are volunteers. Officers must maintain a cumulative average of 85 or above while executive board members are required to maintain a cumulative average of 80 or above.

## **CORNHOLE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Kelley

The Millionaire Cornhole Club is open to all students in grades 9-12. The club meets once a week after school from 4pm- 6 pm. All skill levels are welcome. Learn the game of cornhole, strategies, skills, and play weekly round robin tournaments. Follow us on Instagram @millionairecornholeclub.

## **DRAMA CLUB**

Advisor: Mrs. Fox

With exercises in pantomime, script work, improvisation; school dances, plays, and trips to New York City we allow kids to express themselves and have fun while making new friends.

## **E-SPORTS/GAMING CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Karl

The E-Sports club's primary goal is to organize and participate in competitive tournaments in a friendly and safe environment. We also want to build a community of gaming enthusiasts within WAHS and give them a space to share their interests with others. We strive to develop member's team working skills, as well as help them develop a professional mindset in gaming environments. We are open to students of all grade levels, and encourage anyone with an interest in gaming to join, even if you've never considered participating in competitive games.

## **EDUCATORS RISING**

Advisor: Ms. Costa

Educators Rising is a free national membership organization that provides students with authentic opportunities to experience teaching and build the skills they need to be successful educators. As a permanent member of the National Coordinating Council of Career and Technical Student Organizations (NCC-CTSO), Educators Rising offers resources and opportunities that integrate directly into the academic programs of “teacher academy” career and technical education courses at the high-school level. By joining Educators Rising, those leading or participating in school-based programs that help young people explore teaching — in secondary or postsecondary — are connected to more than 45,000 members across the country. This network includes more than 42,000 rising educators, and 24 states and regions have become official Educators Rising affiliates. We’re actively working to diversify the teaching profession; our student membership is comprised of 51% students of color. These aspiring educators and their mentors connect and deepen their learning through the

EdRising Virtual Campus, a cutting-edge online community that offers rigorous resources to support the development of great teachers. Our many opportunities for students and teachers range from national competitions that allow rising educators to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and leadership in education to a customizable curriculum that fits any teacher leader's needs. To discover the power in teaching, please visit [www.educatorsrising.org](http://www.educatorsrising.org).

## **ENVIROTHON**

Advisor: Mrs. Yokitis

WAHS and Mrs. Yokitis will guide high school students through this natural resource environmental education program that combines classroom learning and outdoor activities. This exposure to nature and seeing how humans impact the natural world provide invaluable lessons for understanding ecosystems and our environment.

## **FIND YOUR ANCHOR CLUB**

Advisors: Mrs. Way & Mrs. Keeler

Improving mental health and destigmatizing mental health problems through promoting initiatives that would spread hope, kindness, and let others know they are not alone.

## **FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)**

Advisors: Mrs. Baier & Ms. Moyer

It isn't just the suit-and-tie kind of business club. There are over 52 different competitions ranging from agri-business, public speaking, computer and computer programming, entrepreneurship to digital video production and social media campaign.

- Students participate in conferences and competitions
- Fundraising and community (school) service is involved
- Ideal for students interested in business/computers or public speaking.
- National Business Honor Society

## **GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance)**

Advisor: Ms. Nardella

GSA strives to create a safe environment for students at WAHS where they can support each other, educate the school community about LGBTQ and gender issues, as well as fight discrimination, harassment, violence, and other forms of bullying. The direction GSA takes each year is student-determined but usually includes discussions, in-school activities, fundraisers for social causes, conferences, Day of Silence, anti-bullying/positive message campaigns, and several socials throughout the year.

## **HOPE SQUAD**

Advisors: Mrs. Caringi, Mrs. Eckman, Mrs. Harris,  
Mr. Pish, & Mrs. Way

Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program. Hope Squad members are nominated by their classmates as trustworthy peers and trained by advisors. The program reduces youth suicide through education, training, and peer intervention.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

Advisors: Mrs. Baney & Ms. Lang

International Club celebrates cultures around the world and in our community through cuisine. Club members choose holidays that will be celebrated and members contribute to a meal that everyone shares.

## **KEY CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Rocky Miller

Key Club is a student-led organization focused on service and leadership. Club members have opportunities to organize and participate in community service, fundraising and an annual leadership development conference.

*\*Key Club is open to students in grades 9-12. WAHS Key Club is sponsored by the Williamsport Kiwanis Club.*

## **LA MEMOIRE (YEARBOOK)**

Advisor: Mrs. Gilson

The Yearbook staff work closely with the Business Publications staff to offer students a unique opportunity to show off multiple talents that involve: creativity, photography, writing and local networking. Students will work together to create a scrapbook capturing priceless moments that will last a lifetime. (*This club is combined with Business Publications in D110*).

## **MAGIC: THE GATHERING/STRATEGY GAMES**

Advisor: Mr. Habalar

This club is open to all grades and will include playing the card game “Magic: The Gathering” as well as strategy board games like Axis and Allies. Even if you have never played these games, you are welcome to attend to learn.

## **MILLIONAIRE FLY FISHING CLUB**

Advisors: Mr. Yohn & Mr. Schneider

The Millionaire Fly Fishing Club will give students the opportunity to learn about all aspects pertaining to the recreational sport of fly fishing and the local streams/rivers/lakes around our area. The students will benefit from this club by improving their skills/knowledge of fishing and learn about conservation efforts in place to protect our local streams/lakes/rivers. Students will also have the opportunity to build relationships with local fishing clubs and organizations in the area, such as Trout Unlimited.

## **MODEL UN / CONCON**

Advisor: Mrs. Hutchinson

If you love to debate, this is the club for you!! Each participant represents a state (ConCon) or country (MUN) and debates hot topic issues facing our nation (ConCon) or world (MUN) today. We compete against other area high schools at multiple conventions throughout the year. ConCon (1st semester) is great preparation for Model UN (2nd semester) and will help you develop your public speaking and debate skills. Come win with us! Open to all students.



## **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

Advisor: Mrs. Moore

Students involved in Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem-solving competition, will have time to develop their long-term solution to one of five "long term" problems. They also will practice for the "spontaneous" portion of the competition. This activity develops creativity, team work, innovative thinking and also may involve dramatic, artistic, engineering, costuming, and set building skills.

## **PENNSYLVANIA BUILDERS' CONSTRUCTION CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Williamson

The WAHS Construction Club is a National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Student Chapter, which is required for industry endorsement by the Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA). The WAHS Construction Club is open to any student who is enrolled in the Construction Trades Program levels 1, 2 & 3.

Mission: "The NAHB Student Chapters program is dedicated to enriching the educational experience of students by offering them first-hand exposure to the real world of the building industry through NAHB membership, educational programming, and networking opportunities."

<http://www.nahb.org/generic.aspx?sectionID=2598&genericContentID=204851>

## **PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

Advisor: Mr. Chase Smith

Students complete independent science research projects in any science subject area they choose and submit and present their findings to a panel of judges. Currently, membership is by invitation only but interested individuals are encouraged to speak to the advisor for more information.

## **RED CROSS CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Paulhamus

The Red Cross Club works closely with the leadership of the local Red Cross organization to be actively involved in the Williamsport community. We organize and do student registration for the fall Blood Drive for the Red Cross and help on donation day. We

perform a routine at the Montoursville haunted house each year and won second prize last year. We volunteer at local hospitals and other charity events in and around Williamsport. We go to elementary schools in the district to do “scrubby bear”. In addition, we raise as much money as possible for Relay for Life and have a booth at the Relay itself.

Members can become trained “CPR” instructors that will teach classes throughout the community in Red Cross provided apparel. A great new opportunity this year that could help any student prepare for the real world of work or college.

### **SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)**

Advisor: Mr. Steppe

A student-centered organization that encourages and supports students in making positive decisions. Activities focus on promoting healthy young adults and developing well-rounded citizens. S.A.D.D. members organize and participate in service events within our school and community.

### **SGA (Student Government Association)**

Advisor: Ms. Heggenstaller

The Student Government Association is an important organization at our school. We represent the needs and concerns of the entire K–12 student body to the School Board, work with high school faculty and administrators to improve the WAHS learning community, plan school spirit events, conduct all elections for the school and organize and participate in community service projects.

*\*This activity is not open to freshmen but freshmen may stop in to learn more. Contact the advisor.*

### **SHAPING AN ADULT LIFE**

Advisor: Mrs. Gee

The purpose of this club is to help kids navigate life as an adult with life skills that are not specifically taught in high school.

### **SKILLS USA**

Advisors: Mrs. K. Hill & Mr. T. Miller

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA is a national organization that offers many opportunities for growth through local, state and national competitions. The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Membership is limited to students enrolled in a CTE program.

## **STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY**

Advisor: Mr. Sibiski

For students interested in reaching academic and athletic potential by competing at the next level and pursuing a college athletic career. Student Athlete Advisory provides guidance on how to approach the recruiting process, time to write emails, create recruiting profiles, work through eligibility process and more.

## **STUDENT AMBASSADORS**

Advisor: Mrs. Becker

Ambassadors are fellow students who serve the school community by assisting new students in the transition process. Specifically, these students will serve as tour guides to new students, information resource, and role model to others. In addition, these students assist in providing assistance for various programs in the school when called upon.

## **WITHOUT A CUE**

Advisor: Mrs. Fox

See advisor for more information.

**The following activities and programs are for students involved in specific courses and/or require tryouts:**

**Academic excellence:**

- NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (Dr. McDonough)
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (Mrs. Reeder)

**Music programs and Activities with try-outs:**

- BIG BAND (Mr. Bulgarelli)
- BRASS ENSEMBLE (Mr. Bulgarelli)
- CHAMBER ORCHESTRA (Mr. Radspinner)
- COLOR GUARD (Mr. Bulgarelli)
- G.Q. (Ms. Louder & Mr. Robinson)
- JAZZ BANDS (Mr. Bulgarelli)
- LES CHANTEUSE (Ms. Louder & Mr. Robinson)
- MARCHING MILLIONAIRES (Mr. Bulgarelli)
- MILLIONAIRE SINGERS (Ms. Louder & Mr. Robinson)
- PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE (Mr. Bulgarelli)
- PMEA – Choral, Band, Orchestral (Bulgarelli, Louder, Radspinner, Robinson)
- STRING QUARTETS (Mr. Radspinner)
- STROLLING STRINGS (Mr. Radspinner)
- WAHS MUSICAL (Ms. Louder & Mr. Robinson)
- WOODWIND QUINTET (Mr. Bulgarelli)
- SPORTS TEAMS & CHEERLEADING (Mr. McCann)



## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL!

- Find a club you might be interested in
- Contact the advisor
- Join in the activities and have fun!

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