

2026-2027 WAHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES BOOKLET



Williamsport Area High School

HOME OF THE MILLIONAIRES

*Developing responsible citizens through
excellence in education*

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ART CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Cooley

This Club is designed for students in grades 9 through 12 who have a passion for art, creativity, and expression. Whether your interests lie in painting, drawing, crafts, or any other artistic endeavor, the Art Club is the perfect place to explore and enhance your skills. In the Art Club, students will have the chance to work on individual and group projects, contribute to school community art initiatives, and develop their artistic talents through various workshops and activities. It's an excellent opportunity to meet like-minded peers and be part of a vibrant artistic community within the school.

AWAKENING FAITH CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Zortman

Awakening Faith is a student run Bible study created so that students can comfortably explore and expand their faith with other students in the high school. This club is for students with any level of knowledge of the Christian faith-

from those who have practiced religion their whole lives to those who may just be beginning their journey.

BILLTOWN BANNER

Advisor: Mrs. Cajke

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.

BRIDGING GENERATIONS

Advisors: Mrs. Gee

Ms. Heggenstaller

This Club is a student-led organization designed to foster meaningful connections between high school students and residents of local nursing homes. This club will address the growing issue of social isolation among elderly individuals by creating opportunities for communication, relationship-building, and community support.

Through consistent interaction, service projects, and seasonal outreach, students will develop empathy, communication skills, and civic responsibility while improving the emotional well-being of nursing home residents.

BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

Advisor: Mrs. Cajke

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*).

CARD and STRATEGY GAMES

Advisor: Mr. Habalar

This club is open to all students interested in competitive card games like Magic: The Gathering and Pokémon, as well as strategy board games. These board games include Statego, Axis and Allies, Cataan, etc. No prior experience is needed. Club members are anxious to teach newcomers.

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.

CHESS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. A. Taylor

Chess Club is designed to give students an opportunity to learn the game of chess, improve their chess skills, and to enjoy challenging their peers, while experiencing healthy competition and team spirit. Chess is used to develop critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making. While the students will have the chance to track their progress and to compete in chess matches, our main focus will be to encourage learning, sportsmanship, and fun.

CLASS ADVISORS - EXECUTIVE BOARDS (2023-24)

Advisors by Grade: **9th –Academy, 10th – Ms. C. Costa**
11th – Mrs. Moore, 12th – 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.

DRAMA CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Reeder

With exercises in pantomime, script work and improvisation students are allowed to express themselves and have fun while making new friends. Students don't necessarily have to be performers. Training will also be provided to help us backstage in lighting, sound, costuming, and stage management.

E-SPORTS/GAMING CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Lingle

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: Mrs. P. Miller

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.

ELECT CLUB

Advisor: Ms. A. Sweeley

This club is designed for students who are actively enrolled in the ELECT Program and are pregnant or parenting. The club offers opportunities for students to engage in positive peer support, build healthy relationships, and strengthen social connections through group interaction and shared experiences. Students participating in the ELECT Club will engage in educational activities focused on healthy relationships, child development, life skills, self-advocacy, and overall well-being.

ENVIROTHON

Advisor: Mrs. Yokitis

WAHS Envirothon is based on the PA Envirothon Competition held every year in May. In order to qualify for the state competition, local Lycoming & Sullivan County students compete, with the top team from each county advancing to the state competition. Students in Envirothon prepare to compete, in teams, in 5 different areas: Aquatics, Forestry, Soils & Land Use, Wildlife, and a Current Issue that changes annually. There are many different opportunities for students to practice their outdoor skills on field trips and in class. Our overall goal is to help students connect to nature and provide an

understanding of ecosystems, our environment, and our role in it.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

Advisors: Mr. Gordner

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. Armstrong

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 NO Silence, anti-bullying/positive message campaigns, and several socials throughout the year.

HOPE SQUAD

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

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.

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).*

MILLIONAIRE WRESTLING CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Werner

For students interested in learning how to increase involvement in the Wrestling community. They will review footage/film of wrestling contests. Club members will be supported in their learning process and needs in the mat room and the classroom.

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>

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. M. Day

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.*

SKILLS USA

Advisors: Mrs. L. Manetta & 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.

SPREAD THE WORD: INCLUSION

Advisor: Ms. Clemons

The Spread the Word Inclusion Campaign inspires respect and acceptance by advocating for inclusive words and actions to end the discrimination of individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Campaign is intended to engage schools, organizations and communities to promote and pledge their support of inclusion.

S.T.A.R. Club

Advisor: Mr. Samar

The S.T.A.R. Club formalizes a partnership with local high schools providing students with leadership, citizenship, and character development. S.T.A.R. Club and program leverage the expertise and resources of the various branches of the US Military and Public Safety Professionals in the community to help students develop skills that will enable and encourage them to take active roles in their own life, within their family, school, and community. Club participants have an ultimate goal of graduating high school and creating enriching postsecondary options such as enlisting in one of our nations armed forces, continuing service to our community through public safety organizations (Fire and Emergency Medical Services-EMS), or a career in Emergency Management.

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.

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.

TRUE CRIME CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Gerasimoff

The True Crime Club is a club where we explore and study real case files from scientific, psychological, and forensic perspectives to understand how experts uncover the truth. We will discuss evidence and think critically about ethics and criminal justice as well as practice forensic lab skills and analysis. This club is great if you are a lover of crime or student interested in forensics, psychology, or the scientific side of law.

WITHOUT A CUE

Advisor: Mrs. Reeder

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 (Mr. Werner)
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (Mrs. Cipriani & Mr. Robinson)

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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