

2019-2020 WAHS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES BOOKLET



Williamsport Area High School

2019-2020 edition

HOME OF THE MILLIONAIRES

Developing responsible citizens through excellence in education

ART & YOGA CLUB

Co-Advisors: Mr. Eaton, Mrs. McDonough-Varner
Art & Yoga will be open to all students in grades 9-12, and may be limited to 15 participants per week. Students will explore art and yoga each week with a connection to mindfulness practice.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Advisor: Mrs. Flint

Club members work with coordinators from The Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Susquehanna Valley to mentor and tutor elementary students within our district.

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*).

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:

9th –Academy, 10th – Mrs. Moore

11th – Mrs. Swink, 12th – Mrs. Cowden & Mr. Speight

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.

CONSTRUCTION CLUB (PA BUILDERS)

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>

DRAMA CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Marie 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.

EDUCATORS RISING

Advisor: Mrs. Antonetti-Hill

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.

ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Sarge

Although open to all students who have an interest in science and/or engineering, the club is specifically geared toward students who are enrolled in the Engineering & Robotics CTE program.

PURPOSE: Engineering & Robotics Club allows students to explore, investigate and discover STEM subjects in a stimulating learning environment away from the constraints of the school timetable or a prescribed curriculum. The club participates in challenging projects and competitions including TSA, Vex Robotics, and Combat Robotics.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

Advisor: Mrs. Wimer

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.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Miller

For students who wish to develop an interest and awareness of the Graphic Communications program at the Williamsport Area High School.

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

Advisor: 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 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.

PETROS

Advisor: Mr. Plowman

Petros provides students who have similar beliefs in Christ with an opportunity to fellowship in a non-denominational Christian atmosphere and to meet the student's spiritual needs.

RECYCLING CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Eberhart

Open to all students. Groups of students walk around to the designated recycling drop off locations throughout the school and take the accumulated recyclables to the loading dock and dump it. We also hope to make a recycling "how to" video and decorate the bins for recycling.

RED CROSS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Eck

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. Pulizzi

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

Advisor: Mr. 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 AMBASSADORS

Advisor: Ms. Sieber

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.

THE TREE OF LIBERTY

Advisor: Mr. Niklaus

Are you considering a career as a public servant? If so, this club is for you! We will help you fine tune your interests in exploring, discussing and debating the issues of political philosophy and public policy. You will come away with improved communication skills along with a deeper understanding of the political world.

WASSA (Williamsport Area Student Aerospace Agency)

Advisor: Mr. Harris

See advisor for more information.

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 (Mrs. McDonough Varner)
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (Mr. Decker)
- NATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY (Mrs. Wimer)

Activities for students in specific CTE (Career and Technical Ed. Programs):

- WELDING CLUB (Mr. Gephart)
- ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS CLUB (Mr. Sarge)

Music programs:

- CHAMBER ORCHESTRA (Mr. Radspinner)
- G.Q. (Mr. Kent Weaver & Mr. Robinson)
- LES CHANTEUSE (Mr. Kent Weaver)

Activities with try-outs:

- BIG BAND (Mr. Kendall)
- BRASS ENSEMBLE (Mr. Kendall)
- COLOR GUARD (Mr. Kendall)
- JAZZ BANDS (Mr. Kendall)
- MARCHING MILLIONAIRES (Mr. Kendall)
- PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE (Mr. Kendall)
- PMEA – Choral, Band, Orchestral (K. Weaver, Kendall, Radspinner, Robinson)
- STRING QUARTETS (Mr. Radspinner)
- STROLLING STRINGS (Mr. Radspinner)
- WOODWIND QUINTET (Mr. Kendall)
- 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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