

## CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

2021 – 2022

### VIRTUAL CLUB FAIR EDITION \*

Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Our co-curricular clubs and organizations exist to provide all at NCHS opportunities to pursue their interests, express their creativity and learn about or try something new, as well as a way for students and staff to find others within the high school community who share those interests and are eager to work collaboratively while having fun. *This listing will be updated throughout the year as new clubs are begun and interest in established clubs wanes.*

**When an activity or club has regularly scheduled meetings, that time and location (or via Zoom) are provided. If there is no meeting time provided, then you should listen for announcements, check the TV monitors and watch for posters around the building.** Adviser and student leader names are provided for e-mail communication and can be contacted through first.last@ncps-k12.org, unless noted otherwise.

**MOST OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PRODUCED AN INTRODUCTORY VIDEO (LINKED WITH THE DESCRIPTION). YOU CAN CLICK ON THE NAME OF THE GROUP TO VIEW ITS VIDEO**

**There is no fee for participation in any co-curricular organization, club or activity at New Canaan High School.** However, to offset costs associated with some of these groups or activities, members or participants may be solicited for contributions and/or asked to participate in fundraising. If doing so in whole or in part proves burdensome to any NCHS student and his/her family, the school will cover such costs so that no student should be excluded from participating. Please contact the club Adviser, your child's counselor or grade-level administrator if this is an issue and arrangements will be made discreetly.

If you have any questions or would like to start a new club, contact Mr. Rothman in the Main Office.

Lastly, to insure everyone's safe participation, we expect that the student and/or parent take seriously the responsibility to inform the club Adviser of any medical information pertinent in an emergency.

*\* Since we cannot offer our usual fair this year (with crowds around tables in the cafeteria), we wanted to still provide personal introductions and descriptions of our wide variety of student-lead co-curricular offerings.*

This list is designed to provide you with ideas and contact information for any of the activities listed below and will be **updated regularly** as new groups form. For your convenience, it is organized into the following categories:

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## INTERSCHOLASTIC ACADEMIC COMPETITION

### Debate Team

**Thursdays at 5:45 PM in Room 221**

*Matthew Axon, Catherine Burges, Charlie Corcoran & Caleb Scola – Co-Captains  
Mrs. Nancy Stevens – Coach*

The NCHS Debate team gives students the opportunity to explore current, controversial issues in politics and society, while competing in extemporaneous competitions against other high schools in the Connecticut Debate Association. Parliamentary style tournaments may be added throughout the year. Whether they're looking to overcome a fear of public speaking or perfect their rhetorical technique, members will gain valuable speaking, listening, and analytical skills in a supportive environment. For more information, please visit the Connecticut Debate Association website ([ctdebate.org](http://ctdebate.org)) or follow us on Instagram [@nchsdebateam](https://www.instagram.com/nchsdebateam).

### **Math Team**

**Mondays at 2:15 in Room 205**

*Andy Liang, Victor Ralev, Julie Song – Captains  
Ms. Jennifer Lee – Advisor*

Each Monday after school, the Math Team prepares for competitions that take place on the first Wednesday of the month from October through March. The first three matches will be held virtually over Zoom. Topics change monthly. Based on performance in tryouts and prior competitions, students are then selected for A and B teams. NCHS participates in the Fairfield County Mathematics League and has qualified for competition in the Connecticut State Association of Mathematics Leagues for the past several years. We welcome students from any grade and any math class. For more information about competitions, go to [fcmath.org](http://fcmath.org).

### Model Congress Club

**Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 102**

*Praja Tickoo – President  
Mrs. Amy Rothschild – Advisor*

In preparation for conferences, the Powers of Congress will be reviewed, and students will simulate the writing of a bill. As a delegate, students will have the opportunity to debate, amend, and pass mock legislation. It is the expectation that members will attend one local scrimmage in the fall and one offsite conference.

### Model United Nations Club

**Thursdays at 8:00 PM via Zoom**

*Amelie L'Henaff, Aleena Nasruddin & Savannah Phillips – Co-Captains  
Mrs. Zeeshaan Arastu, Mrs. Marianne Cohen, Mrs. Allison Freeman & Mr. Paul Phillips – Advisors*

The NCHS Model United Nations Club has an active and growing membership, which meets each Monday after school to prepare for competitions at Ivy League colleges and other venues, and plans activities involving the wider high school, local and global communities. The NCHS Model UN Club will only succeed if members both enjoy themselves and succeed in achieving their personal and team goals. As such, the club positions itself within the school community as an academic "sport," with the following goals: promoting a world view that respects divergent national priorities, developing skills in research, critical thinking, persuasion, and collaboration, providing a platform for club members to compete at the highest national and international level, giving back to the school, local and international community and, ultimately, preparing members for leadership positions at college and beyond.

### Science Team

**Wednesdays at 2:15 in Room 207**

*Clara Bloom – President, Ty Kelliher – Vice President, Avery Morawa – Media Manager,  
Kira Titova – Events and Outreach Coordinator  
Mrs. Reka Cebulski – Advisor/Coach*

We talk about current science news across all science subjects, and we encourage our members to bring in news articles and talk about specific topics they're interested in. This year, we'll also do fun labs, talk about research that our own members are conducting, and attend science-related talks and events in the community.

In October, some of our team members will begin practicing representing NCHS at the National Science Bowl. Practices will be held after regular club meetings, so interest/participation in the competing team is not a requirement to be in the club.

### **Technology Student Association**

***Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 120***

*Ben Skrelunas – Student Leader*

*Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor*

The Technology Student Association (TSA) fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs. Over the past few years we have been focused on the VEX Robotics competition.

### **VEX Robotics Team**

***Tuesday & Thursday 2:30 – 4:00 PM in Room 120***

*Ben Skrelunas – Current Club Leader*

*Mr. Jim Zambarano – Coach & Manager*

VEX Robotics Club explores the various aspects of robot design for county-level to international-level competitions. Each year, VEX Robotics, Inc. releases a unique competition video that sets the stage for that year's game. Members are challenged with designing a robot that can do a set of tasks involved in that year's game. In doing so, members develop a profound set of teamwork and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills that are valuable to colleges and careers beyond.

## **CULTURAL & PERSONAL AWARENESS**

### **[Academia Romanorum \(aka Latin Club\)](#)**

***Fridays at 2:10 PM, Room 115***

*Kira Titova & Andy Liang – Student Leaders*

*Mrs. Cristina Corona – Advisor*

We happily invite all interested members to join the ***Academy of the Romans***. Our agenda includes further explorations into the Latin language and literature, and surveys of the Roman culture and history. Through club activities like The Roman Garden, Saturnalia Celebrations, Minecraft games, and student-led presentations about classical topics they are interested in, we hope students can gain a better understanding of Roman culture and its impact on our culture and mores.

The Club is affiliated with the National Junior Classical League and The Classical Association of Connecticut. We attend the two events offered annually by ClasConn- [COLT](#) and [Connecticut State Latin Day](#). In addition, students can demonstrate their passion (and knowledge) in specialized topics by taking the following tests: the National Classical Etymology Exam, the National Roman Civilization Exam, and the National Mythology Exam. We will hold review sessions for these exams and work throughout the year to prepare for the CSLD. Students enrolled in the club who meet the NJCL and teachers' criteria may become members of the National Latin Honor Society.

### **Building One Community Club (B1C)**

*Angelo Alfaro – Student Leader*

*Mrs. Cristina Corona – Advisor*

The purpose of the Building One Community(B1C) club is to focus on helping immigrants from various countries immersed in a completely different contact culture to enhance their English speaking, writing, and listening skills for numerous reasons. Students of all levels will tutor multiple students and participate in our fundraiser by November to help donate toys and necessities for underprivileged kids. The club is an excellent opportunity for current high school students to improve their linguistic skills in either their native language or the language they're currently learning. We look forward to students from all grades who are interested in engaging within the community to participate in this unique path towards helping others!

### [Chinese Club](#)

***Every other Wednesday at 5:00 PM via Zoom***

*Taylor Flowers & Savannah Phillips – Student Leaders*

*Mrs. Linda Rosenthal – Advisor*

The purpose of the Chinese Club is to enrich students with aspects of Chinese culture through speaking, listening, and writing characters through various activities. Students of all levels of experience will participate in virtual seminars, where they will be expected to contribute on topics such as traditional holidays, travel, food, history etc. In addition, the Chinese Club hopes to incorporate seasonal activities, Chinese films, and guest speakers.

### **Gender Equity Club**

*Amelie L'henaff, Aleena Nasruddin & Elizabeth Reed – Student Leaders*

*Mrs. Xiomara Brea – Advisor*

The Gender Equality Club is an after-school group that promotes gender equality by educating New Canaan High School students and providing a forum to discuss issues related to gender. We aim to establish an inclusive environment for all by building partnerships and empowering youth towards activism. Our club will primarily host weekly discussions on topics ranging from double standards in the workplace to women's empowerment in America. We will also invite monthly guest speakers to showcase inspiring women in different career fields and ask what it is like to be in male-dominated industries, host annual projects to raise money for charities, and pressure state legislatures to pass gender equality legislation on the state and national level. Join our club for a fun and insightful time!

### [Gender Sexuality Alliance \(GSA\)](#)

***Meetings once a month in College and Career Center (listen for announcements)***

*Ms. Maggie Pennoyer & Ms. Bethanie Sawyer – Advisors*

The GSA is open to students of any sexual orientation who are interested in gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgender issues. It is organized to end anti-gay bias and create a positive change in the school by having a welcoming, supportive, and safe place for all students to meet and socialize, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. Interested students can contact the faculty advisers regarding meeting times.

### [Le club français](#)

***Tuesdays at 2:10 in Room 113***

*Ella Mihailoff, Sidonie Moutran & Maylis Pabon – Student Leaders*

*Ms. Stephanie Kremer – Advisor*

*Le club français* aims to promote enthusiasm for the French language and Francophone culture through activities, projects, discussion, and snacks! It is open to all French students, and anyone interested in the French language and Francophone culture

### Mitzvah Club

*Sage Fuhrmann – Student Leader*

*Ms. Kat Munson – Advisor*

The purpose of this club will be to get together once a month and rotate meetings in student homes. Before these meetings, we will decide on traditional Jewish food to cook together and then package and deliver them to the Waveny Care Center and to other local public servants. Since the Care Center is walking distance from the school, there won't be a transportation issue. Also, during the time we spend preparing and cooking the food, we will discuss the historical and cultural significance behind the different dishes. This creates a fun way to learn more about the Jewish culture while also working together to do a good deed and give back to the community.

### Nordic Club

**Every other Thursday at 7:00 PM over Zoom**

*Sophia Caron & Paige Della Bitta – Student Leader*

*Mrs. Zeeshaan Arastu – Advisor*

The Nordic Club is a place to learn specifically about the culture of Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland, and Denmark, or the Nordic region of Europe. We will additionally take part in activities relating to the unique aspects of these countries, including cooking distinctive recipes and possibly visiting places nearby that offer a look into Nordic culture!

### Social Justice and Media Book Club

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM, on Zoom**

*Elena Dashi – Student Leader*

*Mrs. Michelle Luhtala – Adviser*

The Social Justice Book and Media Club aims to foster a community where all are welcome! We meet virtually on the first Tuesday of the month at 6PM in Zoom to identify, examine, and discuss books, movies, podcasts, articles, and other forms of media focusing on themes of social justice. Guest speakers, including authors and creators, are invited to participate in discussions.

### Spanish Club

**Monday at 2:30 PM via Zoom**

*Angelo Alfaro y Elena Dashi – Los Presidentas*

*Dr. Lisa Arbues – Advisor*

*To give students more opportunities to experience the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world, our members engage in cultural activities, provide peer tutoring, and participate in other activities including games, crafts, listening to Spanish music, making and eating hispanic foods, and watching movies in Spanish. Membership is open to anyone who seeks a deeper understanding of the Spanish language and culture. Students can join at any time throughout the school year.*

### **Stress Alleviation Club**

**Every other Wednesday at 2:05 PM in Library Room 107**

*Kevin Zuo, Griffin Bramwit, Gray Tamasco, Teddy Whittaker – Student Leaders*

*Danny Melzer – Advisor*

Feeling stressed out? Having trouble focusing because of your big test? The Stress Alleviation Club is your solution! Our club promotes the physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of our students through mindfulness activities such as meditation, yoga, card games, and more. Stop by room 107 in the library every other Wednesday at 2:05 to find a little more calm in your day-to-day life.

## INTERESTS & HOBBIES

### **Art Club**

**Every Tuesday at 2:10 in Studio Art Room 237**  
*Avery Morawa & Estella Trygg – Student Leaders*  
*Ms. Kimanne Core – Advisor*

Students are invited to exercise their creativity in producing student inspired original work. The time is also used for open studio for art students to use the facilities provided by the art department and for working on NCHS Gallery exhibitions. Students also choose topics for group art murals that relate to contemporary events and issues. The digital photo lab and the 2D and 3D art studios will be available for student use. The club will also be going on after school field trips to local galleries and artist's studios. Open to all students, who wish to explore A WIDE RANGE OF MEDIA: Photography, Fine Art and Craft. Students can join at any time during the school year. If you are interested in joining, email Ms. Core at [kimanne.core@ncps-k12.org](mailto:kimanne.core@ncps-k12.org).

### **Automotive Enthusiasts.**

*Gustav Neubohn – Student Leader*  
*Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor*

The Automotive Enthusiasts Club of New Canaan High School is a club dedicated to the appreciation and modification of street cars. We welcome car owners of any type and expertise. We meet on the first Monday of each month directly after school. The point of the club is to connect students and to help them share information. Are you trying to upgrade your intercooler and don't know where to start? Maybe one of your club mates does! At the end of the year, we also host a car meet, where members can bring their cars to an agreed upon meeting point and show off any modifications and craftsmanship put into their builds.

### **Baking Club**

**Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in the Foods Lab (Room 103)**  
*Caragh Dougherty & Katherine Scripps – Student Leaders*  
*Mrs. Donna Sapienza – Advisor*

Welcome to the Baking Club! This is a club where we share new recipes and talk about them. We will talk about how or what would advance the taste to make delicious goods even better! We will also talk about where these interesting recipes come from and how they were created. We will have an occasional bake sale to raise funding so we can continue to have supplies to create our sweet treats, with things we bake in Baking Club of course! This will be a good place to experiment with baking and even learn how to bake for yourself if you are interested enough. This will also be a fun way to learn tips and tricks to bake and teach others your own special ways of baking your specialties. Then you can impress your family and friends with sweet treats or just save them all for yourself!

### **Chess Club**

**Thursdays at 2:15 PM in the Library**  
*Ms. Megan Mabee – Advisor*

The purpose of Chess Club is to teach students different aspects of the game, from openings to mid game to endgame. We will be trying out puzzles, tactics, and will also occasionally play in tournaments within our own club. In addition to instruction, students will also play against each other in friendly matches. Students of any experience or level can feel free to join. Students interested in participating in chess club virtually this year can do so by joining club meetings through Zoom and engaging in virtual chess matches with chess club members. Contact Ms. Mabee for more information about participating virtually.

### Creative Writing Club

**Mondays at 2:15 PM in Room 222**

*Matthew Doka – Student Leader*

*Mrs. Sue Steidl – Advisor*

The Creative Writing Club aims to foster a community of writers who can support and motivate each other! They will meet on Thursday's right after school in Ms. Steidl's room and each week students will have the opportunity to receive feedback from peers and share out their work. Students can bring their laptops or notebooks and share any short stories, poems, personal narratives, play scripts, or song lyrics that they have been working on. Depending on how many people want to share we will either read aloud or do a gallery walk. Then we will have a chance to collaborate on our writing, and assist each other with editing and revising. Additionally, each week a prompt or weekly challenge will be posted in the Facebook group to keep everyone writing.

### **Cultural Anthropology Club**

**Tuesdays at 2:05 in Room 104**

*Gabby Streinger - President*

*Dr. Jonathan Schwartz - Advisor*

Why can't you marry your dog? Why do we keep bathrooms in our homes instead of outside? Why must we laugh at the same volume as everyone else in social settings? If humans do it or think it, Anthropologists question it. Curious about why people do what they do, and the influence culture has on behavior? Are you interested in rich discussion and discourse investigating everything from cultures that exhume, dress and parade their dead to why we're inclined to pick the bathroom stall furthest from the door?

The Cultural Anthropology Club strives to facilitate engaging conversations about what makes life worth living within our own culture and across others, and what everyday practices- from the mundane to the extreme- reveal about people. If you're eager for an environment in which analyzing human behavior gets creative and exciting, come discuss! No prior knowledge of Anthropology nor experience in the social sciences required.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Wednesdays at 2:30 in the College & Career Center**

*Gregory Blatt – Student Leader*

*Mrs. Erica Schaedler – Advisor/Dungeon Master*

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a tabletop roleplaying game where a group of player characters go on adventures into fantasy worlds. Their dungeon master will guide them through their adventures giving details on the world around them, helping make the world feel alive, and running encounters with dangerous enemies. During our first meeting we will go over how to create characters, review our campaign, and go through the game rules, which we will go over as we play. After that we will get into the bulk of the game where we'll start roleplaying! [DND Sign Up Form](#)

### Economics Club

**Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in room 106**

*Andrew Symon, Noah Kozlowski, Toby Woods – Student Leaders*

*Mr. Mike Staffaroni – Advisor*

Economics Club is for students who are interested in learning more about the economy, business world, stock market, financial literacy, microfinance, cryptocurrency, and other related areas. Our stock market games include both club and regional competitions, we enjoy our connections to New Canaan elementary schools with our economic literacy program, our guest speakers explore a variety of topics with us, we discuss economic current events, and we are open to a variety of other related topics, activities, and competitions. It is an exciting time to learn about and understand the changes in the economies around us.



## **Environmental Club**

*Abbie Dymon & Grace Flatow – Co-Presidents*

*Mrs. April Kish – Advisor*

The environmental club's goal is to reduce our community's impact on climate change while spreading the word about possible solutions! We will go on trash cleanups, fundraise for California wildfires, write to politicians, and plant trees. Please let us know if you are interested! We would love to have you join us!

## **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)**

*Ellie Smith – Student Leader*

*Ms. Kelly Zilly – Advisor*

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life such as planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication. It is centered around Family and Consumer Science education which allows for work-based learning as well as business and industry experiences. Along with developing lifelong skills, the club also provides several other opportunities such as competing in events from fashion design, early childhood education, culinary arts, entrepreneurship, and nutrition.

For anyone interested in pursuing a career within the Family and Consumer Sciences, this is a perfect place to become familiar with the field and the aspects involved within it. The organization also provides many other opportunities such as participating in local service projects. Every year, there is also the possibility to attend National Conferences across the US and apply for one of many of their scholarships! More information can be found on their website, <https://fcclainc.org/>

## **Film Club**

***Tuesdays 2:15 in the Film Lab (Rooms 123/124)***

***All are invited to join after school. Stay alert for special movie screening announcements. Please contact Mrs. Sinski if you would like to join.***

*Joey Jacobson, Pat Russo, Vica Fromzel, Rory McCarthy– Student Leaders*

*Ms. Jennifer Sinski – Advisor*

The Film Club is an opportunity for any student interested in film, video production, music, and movies in general to participate in “unique film experiences” after school. Students will experience screenings, in-depth discussions and short film productions, both independent and collaborative. This could include documentaries, PSAs, music videos, narratives, animations, and much more. Later in the year, the film club works together to prepare for the annual NCHS “New Age Film Festival” in which schools from all across Fairfield County enter into a juried competition for their chance on the big screen.

## **Fish Club**

***Mondays at 2:10 PM in the Marine Room (Room 311)***

*Youl Na – Student Leader*

*Ms. Janel Willmott - Advisor*

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The Fish Club provides fun volunteering opportunities for you to design and set up the fish tanks at the local schools or community centers. We will learn and explore many different kinds of freshwater fish and how to set up healthy and stable fish tanks. You also have the exclusive opportunity to explore very rare fish in the United States. Get into the fun of aquaculture (breeding, raising, and harvesting fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants), which is more fun than raising a dog or cat!

## **Fishing Club**

*Tommy Goetz & Will Pepe – Student Leader*

*Mr. Bill Doyle – Advisor*

Fishing Club will be a club that meets once a week after school to discuss and educate the student body about fishing techniques, gear, and locations. Our goal is to educate the NCHS student body about the fun of being outdoors and fishing.

## **Future Medical Professionals Club**

***Tuesdays at 2:15 PM via Zoom***

*Ava Fonss & Avery Morawa – Student Leaders*

*Ms. Linda DiGiambattista – Advisor*

The Future Medical Professionals club is a new club directed toward students who are interested in pursuing careers in the medical field! We will learn about various specialties and medical school, bring in guest speakers, play fun *Kahoots*, discuss prominent issues in healthcare, and so much more! In future years, we hope to participate in volunteer work at local hospitals as well as go on trips to observe various career options. The goal of the Future Medical Professionals club is to gather a group of like-minded students who share an aspiration to work in medicine. Anyone who shares this interest is welcome to join the Future Medical Professionals club!

## **Hack Club**

*Arnav Chaudhary – Student Leader*

*Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor*

Learning to code is like gaining a superpower — turning you from a consumer of technology into a creator. Hack Club is a place where anyone can come to learn coding. We will cover everything, from web development to games to AI and everything in between. No prior coding experience is required! If you are interested, please sign up using [this](#) form. If you have any questions, please contact me at [arnav.chaudhary@ncps-k12.org](mailto:arnav.chaudhary@ncps-k12.org).

## **Linguistics Society**

***Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 113 or via Zoom***

*Danielle Asare & Kirs Titova – Student Leaders*

*Mrs. Stephanie Kremer – Adviser*

Have you ever thought about how language is formed, why we pronounce words the way we do, or why certain letters have different pronunciations in different languages? Maybe you've caught yourself contemplating the purpose behind vowels and consonants or even the role of language in society! Sound intriguing? Then this club is for you! In the Linguistics Society, we hold discussions on the work of linguists who attempt to answer questions like these, while keeping ourselves entertained with linguist humor and poetry from language bots! We participate annually in the North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition (NACLO), a contest consisting of linguistic puzzles that give high school students a sneak-peek into computational linguistics, or language processing, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Anyone interested in language technologies or in generally exploring language further is invited to join us!

## **New Canaan Athletic Foundation Club**

*Lauren Mellas & Alexander Walther – Student Leaders*

*Mr. Bobby Rushton – Advisor*

The New Canaan Athletic Foundation is offering an opportunity to join a team that will help inspire, inform and communicate the NCAF vision to the NC community. We are looking for students that are interested in writing, marketing, community service, public-relations, photography, graphic design, hype videos & drone footage that will provide a unique perspective into high-school athletics. We want to enhance the experience of all student-athletes by thinking of innovative ways to promote all athletes. This opportunity will provide you an opportunity to begin building a professional portfolio of your creativity and work while being a brand ambassador

## **NCHS Book Club**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6PM, on Zoom**

*Ryan Whitman – Student leader*

*Ms. Michelle Luhtala – Advisor*

New Canaan High School **Book Club** meets monthly to discuss a pre-selected book from the library collection.

## **NCHS Buddies Club**

*Alla Duane, Kristina Gashi, Tommy Kurz & Claire Mahoney – Student Leaders*

*Mrs. Eileen Donellan & Ms. Suzanne Heckt – Advisors*

This is a club for NCHS students with and without special needs to get together to hang out and learn from one another. Members are devoted to helping young people with physical, intellectual, or social challenges create and maintain friendships. Club members may meet for lunch, attend school functions, go out after school, participate in activities of shared interests, etc. The group has monthly meetings during the evenings. If you are interested, please email the student leaders or reach out to Mrs. Donellan in the School Counseling Office (email at [Eileen.Donellan@ncps-k12.org](mailto:Eileen.Donellan@ncps-k12.org)).

## **Political Discussion Club**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM through Zoom**

*Milan Afshar, Jackson Easley & Sam Funk – Student Leaders*

*Mr. Michael McAteer – Advisor*

The Political Discussion Club will be an open-minded environment in which members can share their opinions on current political issues as they continue to become more prevalent. Meetings will encompass breaking down research and information to provide everyone with a well-rounded, evidence-based background in politics. It will also allow for members to debate their current stance using this knowledge. Everyone's opinion is valid and will be accepted. Being open to sharing and listening to new ideas and differing opinions is key to a healthy understanding. If you are looking to refine your debate skills or gain a holistic background in politics (one to put on your resume) then this is the place to be. We will meet on Wednesday's from 7PM via Zoom.

## **Record Club**

**Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 224**

*Mia Gallo – Student Leader*

*Mr. Aaron 'Axl' Gallo – Advisor*

It is too often that people who love music remain ignorant to the thousands of great artists and albums that go unnoticed. Music is a passion that many people in the school share. Every week, a new album will be presented. Club members would listen to the album and show up to the next meeting to engage in a deep and thoughtful about their opinions on the album. The conversations would go beyond "I liked/didn't like it" and go more in depth into the music and album as a whole: How it made us feel, how it compares to the artist's other work, what we liked, what we disliked, the pacing of it, etc. We would listen and discuss albums from all different genres/artists, old and new, and anyone can participate. The goal in the end is to expose listeners to different kinds of music.

## **Renewable Energy Club**

*Luke Huang, Eric Huang, Daryl Lavin & Amy Meng – Student Leaders*

*Ms. April Kish – Advisor*

Do you want more of our electricity to be generated through renewable sources? At the Renewable Energy Club, we are dedicated to promoting renewable energy by finding ways to educate and encourage New Canaan residents to adopt solar energy. During our monthly meetings, we will also discuss technologies, renewable energy companies, and their business models. Renewable energy is one of the most important problems of our age, and promoting solar energy is one of the ways to have a significant impact on our community. If you're interested, contact any of the student leaders.

## **Rubix Club**

***Mondays at 2:10 PM in the Library***

*Adam Sabo – Student Leader*

*Ms. Megan Mabee – Advisor*

A place for new puzzlers and old cuber alike. This club meets afterschool every Monday from 2:10 to 2:30 in the library. You can come to learn new tricks or have competitions with friends. There are also other events like the 2x2 cube, the pyraminx and the megaminx.

## **Space Club**

***Fridays at 2:15 PM in Room 218***

*Brandon Barket – Student Leader*

*Mr. Chris Tournas - Advisor*

The Space Club provides students interested in space and aeronautics the opportunity to learn about key principles of aerospace and rocket propulsion systems as well as giving students the opportunity to learn about and discuss latest research and new technology in regard to the growing space industry. If interested, please contact [brandon.barket@ncps-k12.org](mailto:brandon.barket@ncps-k12.org) for more information.

## **Spectator Literary Magazine**

***Monday Evenings (at various members' homes)***

*Clara Bloom & Aleena Nasruddin – Editors*

*Ms. Maggie Hamill – Advisor*

*Spectator* is the high school's literary magazine of published student writing and artwork. This student-run organization meets weekly on Monday evenings at club members' homes throughout New Canaan to discuss submitted work. In the spring the group organizes accepted work and creates the magazine layout using *In Design*. A local publishing firm prints and binds the product for us to sell to the student body and community members. *Spectator* is a great opportunity for students who like writing, especially poetry and short stories, and is a wonderful opportunity to meet and converse with other students of similar interests.

## **Stock Club**

***Tuesdays at 2:05 PM in Room 218***

*Robert Hellmann & Colin Tiscornia – Student Leaders*

*Mr. Chris Tournas - Advisor*

Learn about the basics of investing by researching the best stocks within each sector of the market. Present your favorite stocks, cryptocurrencies, bonds, and more to the rest of the club. You will also have a chance to compete with the other members of the club as all of you will be given \$100,000 on a market simulator site! Winners will get potential cash prizes!

## **Theatre Club**

*Christopher Myers - Advisor*

The NCHS Theatre Club needs you to help create our next big production. Whether you are an actor, stage manager, technician, designer, crew member, director, or just looking for your tribe, we have a place for you. Currently, the theatre produces 3 musicals, one play, and DramaFest. DramaFest is an evening of one-act plays that is completely student driven (student playwrights, directors, designer, actors). Meetings for our club, also sometimes known as rehearsals and work sessions happen all the time! In the first year of our official club, you'll have the chance to participate in our shows, fundraisers, create our handbook, vote in our first officers, and more! Email for more information, follow us on Instagram @nchstheatre or check out our website [www.newcanaanhighschooltheatre.com](http://www.newcanaanhighschooltheatre.com) See you on the boards!

### Top Chefs

Allie Rutigliano & Olivia Zaorski – Student Leaders  
Ms. Kelly Zilly - Advisor

The Top Chefs club is a fun club where students can improve their cooking skills, make new recipes, hang out with friends, and more! We will meet once or twice a month and vote on what we want to make each meeting. It can range from baked goods to dinner recipes to small healthy snacks. Students can get more comfortable in the kitchen so that if they ever need to make food for themselves, friends, or family, they're prepared. And every couple meetings we can bake something for the residents at the Waveny Care and share our baked goods! Email us to sign up: [olivia.zaorski@ncps-k12.org](mailto:olivia.zaorski@ncps-k12.org), [alessandra.rutiglian@ncps-k12.org](mailto:alessandra.rutiglian@ncps-k12.org)

### **TV Broadcasting Club**

***Every Other Thursday at 2:15 in Room 119***

*Advanced TV Broadcasting Class - Student Leaders*

*Mr. Roman Cebulski - NCTV Advisor & TV Broadcasting Teacher*

Ever watch your favorite shows and wonder how they're created? Have you always wanted to announce a sports game live? Or create your own podcast? Or do you just like technology and video equipment? If so, come join NCTV every other Thursday after school as they rehearse Friday's live show, The Morning Announcements, in the TV studio. Not only will you meet fun, new people, you'll get to use the state-of-the-art TV equipment while helping NCTV produce their award-winning news broadcast. On top of that, you can also help stream live events to NCTV's YouTube channel with the potential to get paid.

### **Unified Sports**

*Ms. Kim Palmer & Mrs. Priscilla Schulz - Advisors*

Unified Sports is an inclusive sports program that unites individuals with special needs with their typical peers as teammates for training, competition, and fun. You do not have to be an athlete, or even good at sports to participate. We typically play soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter but with the recent pandemic we have modified our program until it is safe again. We are currently in a competition to rack up as many miles as we can by walking together on Tuesdays from 2:10-2:50. Once possible, we will revisit team sports. If you want to have fun, meet new people, and have a positive impact with our special needs community this club is for you!!! If you are interested in participating in the fall, winter, or both, please see either Mrs. Schulz or Ms. Palmer.

## **SERVICE**

### Aim To Read

*Amira Massoud – Student Leader*

*Ms. Jacquelyn Aldrich – Advisor*

Aim to Read will meet weekly and is meant for anyone who enjoys speaking, reading, and writing in other languages outside of their world language class. The goal of this club is to help kids in the New Canaan Public School district who aren't fluent in English and need homework help. These club meetings will help the kids establish strong relationships that they may struggle to find elsewhere. Overall, Aim to Read ensures that everyone gets an equal opportunity at having an amazing education while providing a friend to the kids.

### Beads That Feed

*Reagan Mushkin, Jackie Siegel and Laurel Zaffino – Student Leaders*

*Ms. Kat Munson - Advisor*

In Beads That Feed, students will use their skills to make all sorts of jewelry to sell and raise money for education in places outside New Canaan. The actual jewelry-making process is fun but giving back to people who may not have as strong an education as New Canaan is highly rewarding.

### Building Bridges Club

**Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 305**

*Kiera Mastey & Delaney Smith - Student Leaders  
Mrs. Reka Cebulski - Advisor.*

The Building Bridges Club provides fun, helpful STEM Experiments for K-4th graders in Stamford. This club helps high schoolers to build mentorships and provide a role model to young people facing adversity. If members cannot attend the meetings because of prior commitments, they can help build lesson plans and experiments. Reach out to Delaney [smith@ncps-k12.org](mailto:smith@ncps-k12.org) for more information!

### CharityLink

**Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 223 or via Zoom**

*Kate Fedeli, Anna Gryzmski, Claire Meli & Maeson Wagner - Co-Presidents  
Ms. Kristen Brown and Ms. Arri Weeks - Advisors*

CharityLink is a community service and fundraising club that works hard to improve both local and global communities. CharityLink raises funds and provides volunteer services to advance the goals of a variety of charitable organizations, such as Save the Children, Doctors Without Borders, Silver Hill Hospital, and the American Cancer Society. The most popular fundraisers include the annual Coffee House, a chance for student performers to volunteer their talents on stage, and our annual teacher costume fundraiser. In addition to raising funds for good causes, CharityLink members also take direct action to help the community themselves. Service events have included Clean Your Mile, Darien Book Aid, and service at local soup kitchens. CharityLink is a great club for passionate students eager to help the community and have fun at the same time.

### Food and Friends

*Jack McPhillips – Student Leader  
Ms. Ellen Fitzpatrick – Advisor*

Food and Friends offers a great opportunity for students to interact with other students they wouldn't normally spend time with. The Club encourages teens to step out of their comfort zones and join fellow peers at lunch who are sitting alone or invite those peers to sit with them. The main purpose of Food and Friends is to ensure everyone at school has someone to sit/talk within the cafeteria during lunch. The Club meets once per month after school, and anyone who wants to spread positivity, make a difference, and meet new people are strongly encouraged to join. If interested in joining, please email [jack.mcphillips@ncps-k12.org](mailto:jack.mcphillips@ncps-k12.org).

### Mentors and More

*Lauren Doherty & Izzy Kaufman ~ Student Leaders  
Ms. Lindsay Reihl – Advisor*

Are you interested in working with others? Are you organized or do you have a particular academic strength? Are you looking to give back to the community? Mentors and More Club is for you. Members act as tutors/mentors for elementary and middle school aged students. Students offer tutoring in all subjects, offer support to teachers and provide a positive role model to the student with whom they work. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, share your skills and give something back to the community.

### **New Canaan Green League**

**Every other Wednesday at 5:30 PM**

*Avery Cotton, Dave Hanson & Polly Parsons – Presidents  
Ms. Clare McLellan - Advisor*

If you're eager to learn about the environment, participate in hands-on activities and serve the community, the NCGL is the club for you! We aspire to connect students with the NC community and spread awareness about ways we can help our environment. By partnering with local beneficiary organizations, we will seek out service

opportunities and provide educational classroom experiences. The NCGL will also partner with other clubs within NCHS.

Our partnership with the New Canaan Land Trust, a local conservation organization, provides us the opportunity to engage in impactful maintenance projects, learn from guest speakers, experience Land Trust tours at hidden outdoor gems around town (including the Firefly Sanctuary) and help with rehabilitated wildlife releases!

### **NCHS Tips**

*Matthew Kim, Susan Kim & Catherine Burges – Student Leaders*  
*Mr. Ari Rothman - Advisor*

NCHS Tips provides students with a new way to help out others in the school. With weekly or biweekly releases club members will be able to share some of their unique strategies and lessons learned about the high school experience. Our goal is to try to pool the collective knowledge of the school into a medium that is a quick and helpful read. Keeping mind that high schoolers are, in general, busy people, there will be a focus on keeping the sections light and manageable for all students. During planning meetings everyone will have a chance to voice what they want to write about in the coming weeks. To find out more about the club visit [nchstips.com](http://nchstips.com).

### **[New Canaan High School Service League of Boys \(SLOBs\)](#)**

*Charlie Corcoran & Charlie Mehos – Co-Presidents*  
*Mr. Ari Rothman – Advisor*

New Canaan Service League of Boys (New Canaan SLOBs) is an organization working to foster the parent-son relationship in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and education. It is an organization of parents and sons who join together in service and educational endeavors to foster community responsibility as well as strengthen the parent-son relationship.

### **Stick to Change**

*Ellie O'Hare – Student Leader*  
*Mr. Ari Rothman – Advisor*

Join the new "Stick to Change" club to combine your love of art and activism in order to promote social change and support charities for designated causes! By creating and designing a new sticker each month for a new cause, the Stick to Change club helps raise money for charities while synchronously promoting awareness for the cause by showcasing the sticker's design around town! Use your creativity to better the world, and Stick to Change!

### **UNICEF Club**

***Every other Tuesday at 2:15 PM in Room 204/205***  
*Malec Nahas & Zane Warren – Student Leaders*  
*Ms. Lindsay Reihl - Advisor*

UNICEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to reaching out to disadvantaged children in the world's toughest places to help them meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to help them reach their full potential. The UNICEF club will meet once every 2 weeks to discuss where and how to support UNICEF in their mission to better the lives of millions of kids.

### **[WE Club](#)**

***Fridays at 2:15 PM in Room 223***  
*Ankita Kuttichirayil & Ava Taylor – Student Leaders*  
*Mr. Evan Remley – Advisor*

This club correlates with a program called WE. This program is goal oriented and follows a four step process in which first, club members explore topics related to a real-world challenge or opportunity. Second, members develop a plan to implement their service-learning project including one local and one global action. Thirdly, members implement their action plan and finally, members present the results of their service-learning initiatives.



## LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Police Club**

*Officer Geoff Lambert – Advisor*

Students are invited to experience the training Police Officers go through to achieve their certification. Students will learn about law enforcement issues and aspects of police work including accident investigation, radar, search and seizure, tasers, local enforcement issues and also have an opportunity for hands-on training. Tours will be offered at the Police Department and at area judicial court buildings. Students will also have an opportunity to volunteer with our Officers in the community.

### [Student Advocates](#)

***Every other Tuesday at 2:15 PM; exact dates and location TBD***

*Ms. Rachel Hartong, Mrs. Erica Schaedler – Advisors*

The mission of Student Advocates is to create a more positive school culture by working with peers in a variety of ways in order to support emotional and social growth and break down social barriers. Our goal is to increase school unity and pride, build individual student confidence and help create a respectful school environment in which all students feel connected and supported. Student Advocates have been an integral part of several projects within the school that have aimed to benefit school culture and encourage mutual respect, including Names Can Hurt, PACT, Freaky Friday, Gratitude Cards, Palentines, the All-School Picnic and various eighth grade transition activities. If you are interested in joining Student Advocates, please sign up using this link: [Student Advocates Sign Up Form](#)

### **Student Coalition**

***Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 202***

*Mrs. Priscilla Schulz – Advisor*

*President – Delaney Smith*

*Treasurer – Caroline Vincent*

*Vice President – Julie Song*

*Secretary – Anna Grzymiski*

This is the student governing body of the school with 39 elected members covering three leadership areas: Executive, Political, and Social. The officer takes responsibility for recruiting class delegates and committee members, each that needs to be organized and accountable while, at the same time, suggesting new ideas or improving past events. Advisers and officers for each class are:

#### **Class of 2022**

*Class President - Bella Dial*

*Political Board President - Abby Gaudreau*

*Social Board President - Rory Toland*

*Advisors – Mr. Anthony Bloss & Mr. Sean Killelea*

#### **Class of 2023**

*Class President - Addie Cannon*

*Political Board President - Ellie Parkhill*

*Social Board President - Julia Dunn*

*Advisors – Mrs. Rachel DiGioia & Ms. Ellen Fitzpatrick*

#### **Class of 2024**

*Class President - Drew Bench*

*Political Board President - Kole Bavoso*

*Social Board President - Aine Stevens*

*Advisors – Ms. Jessica Cullen & Mr. Nick Willett*

#### **Class of 2025**

*Class President - Susanna Rittenberry*

*Political Board President - Eric Huang*

*Social Board President - Siddhi Singhanian*

*Advisors – Mrs. Veronica Astacio & Mr. Bill Doyle*



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