

NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL
CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS
AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
2018 – 2019
Club Fair Edition

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. When an activity or club has regularly scheduled meetings, that time (and location) 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. If you have any questions or would like to start a new club, contact Mr. Rothman in the Main Office.

Adviser and student leader names are provided for e-mail communication and can be contacted through first.last@ncps-k12.org, unless noted otherwise.

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.

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.

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Debate Team

Thursdays at 6 PM in Room 232

John Renda & Hannah Suthons - Co-Captains

Mrs. Nancy Stevens – Adviser

Debate Team provides students with the opportunity to debate 3 different styles and against schools from across the country. We belong to the Connecticut Debate Association, participate in parliamentary tournaments Yale Invitational and Yale Osterweis, and others as decided each year. We debate extemporaneous and parliamentary styles. Each style has different skills and time commitment levels so there is a form of debate for everyone. Find out more at our website: <https://sites.google.com/a/ncps-k12.org/debate/> or find us on Facebook: NCHS Debate.

Math Team

Mondays at 2:15 PM in the Library

Daniel Lu & Adi Ogale – Co-Captains

Mr. Anthony Bloss – Adviser

Each Monday after school, the Math Team prepares for competitions (which take place on 6 Wednesdays from October through March at Wilton High School). About 20 students from grades 9-12 work together on various topics and hold practice competitions with each other. 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 the New England Mathematics League. The Math Team has qualified to participate in the Connecticut State Association of Mathematics Leagues the past several years.

Model United Nations Club

Mondays at 2:05 PM in Room 207

Kevin Brunner, Chase Pellegrini de paur, Kate Reeves & Erin Spiess – Co-Captains

Mrs. Marianne Cohen, Mrs. Allison Freeman, Ms. Emily Hernberg & 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 305

Sachi Krishna and Meghan Kloud - Student Leaders

Mrs. Reka Cebulski & Mr. Paul Reid - Advisers

The Science Team is for anyone with an interest in science, including the three main branches (physics, chemistry, biology), astronomy, earth science, and environmental science. The team brings in at least one guest speaker each year, such as doctors, researchers, and professors that are accomplished and well versed in their field. This year in particular, we are bringing in the Yale Science Diplomats. We take part in competitions, too, including the National Science Bowl. We meet weekly to talk about recent developments in the field, and prepare for competition. There will also be field trips to various different labs and companies. This year, plans are in the works to visit a professional research lab at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and IBM offices/headquarters. The team works to help improve science appreciation in our community, therefore, we are aiming to volunteer and mentor younger students too. If you are interested, email sachi.krishna@ncps-k12.org, request to join the NCHS Science Team Facebook group, follow us on twitter @Scienceteam2, and visit our

website (https://sites.google.com/s/1uUVm-qlz8smYXrOn1LzQrjdM9yos2I_O/edit?authuser=0). We hope you join us, and have a great year!

CULTURAL & PERSONAL AWARENESS

Caring Crew

Mondays at 2:15 - 3:30 PM in Room 100e

Mrs. Katey Paige – Adviser

The Caring Crew is a regularly scheduled after-school program for students with special needs and their caring crew. Crewmembers provide friendship, encouragement, and support to students while participating in a variety of sports cooking and recreational activities.

Chinese Club

Every other Wednesday from 2:05 - 2:30 PM in Room 117

Adi Ogale & Ishan Tyagi – Student Leader

Mrs. Linda Rosenthal - Adviser

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 will participate in seminars, where they will be expected to contribute on topics such as personalities, travel, food, etc. Students will also learn more about Chinese culture and history, and the differences between traditional and simplified characters. In addition, Chinese Club hopes to incorporate activities in the future like calligraphy.

Confidence Club

Every other Thursday at 2:15 PM in Room 202

Naomi Cimino – Student Leader

Ms. Emma Kate Freatman – Adviser

Students interested in joining Confidence Club should be willing to engage in respectful group discussion about topics such as body image, self-esteem, confidence, stress and other social/emotional issues that might arise during high school. The purpose of these discussions will be to foster awareness of issues our peers are facing in school so that we may be mindful, supportive and informed.

Cooking for a Cause

Monthly in the Foods Lab (listen for announcements)

Brielle Connelly, Jennifer Loomis & Grace Ruksznis – Student Leaders

Mrs. Donna Sapienza - Adviser

Cooking for a Cause is a club designed to help the children living at the homeless shelter, Inspirica, and create baked goods for them on a monthly basis. In the NCHS kitchen facility, Cooking for a Cause will bake numerous treats once a month and deliver them to Inspirica, which is located in Stamford, CT. The baked goods will consist of nut-free treats for the children to happily consume. All students of all grades are welcome to join!

Diversity Student Union

Every other Tuesday at 2:15 IN Room 206D

Jordan McDonald, Evania Soljour & Shelomi Soljour – Student Leaders

Ms. Caryn Vita - Adviser

This Black Student Union exists to unite minorities, allies, and to understand more about differences, backgrounds, and possibly find previously unknown similarities. Meetings will consist of open discussions about a different topic each week such as stereotypes, current/recent events, and on holidays, hopefully do something special. The goal is to introduce new or unspoken things about one another and bring them out in the open to display understandings of other cultures and lifestyles. Hopefully, this club will change that and we can all discover a little more about each other and ourselves.

Eco Club

Margaret Holahan & Caroline Tuffy – Student Leader

Ms. Clare McLellan – Adviser

Did you know that in 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish? Or that more than 100,000 mammals and 1,000,000 seabirds die each year due to entanglements in plastics? The Eco Club is an earth-friendly club that meets once a week to discuss how to make NCHS and the community a more environmentally positive environment, while also making room for some fun activities. We plan to work together as a group, plan events, talk about how to raise money and have brief meetings with just enough time to have fun and bring awareness. Together, we can craft ideas on how to save energy and reduce waste within our school. Let's come together and help our Earth!

Friends Against Bullying (FAB)

First Tuesday of every month in Room 107

Erin Bean – Student Leader

Ms. Emily Bacon - Adviser

Friends Against Bullying Club (FAB) is devoted to raising awareness of bullying and taking a stand against it at New Canaan High School. Students in this club will organize activities to provide insight, promote awareness, and advocate prevention on bullying. This club meets monthly. If you are interested in joining, please contact.

Friends of the Earth

Wednesdays at 2:10 in Room 115

Helen Culpepper & Christie McGough – Student Leader

Ms. Cristina Corona - Adviser

Friends of the Earth is a club that works to raise awareness about how to keep our environment clean. Our club will meet once a week, and once a month we will pick up trash at places such as Waveny Park or Calf Pasture Beach. We will recycle bottles, bags, paper, newspapers, and anything else not being properly recycled. Join us if you are interested in cleaning up the Earth!

Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

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

James Dathan & Sydney Sheffield – Student Leaders

Ms. Jessica Browner - Adviser

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.

Human Rights Advocates

Sharanya Mukherjee & Skye Risom – Student Leaders

Ms. Jessica Cullen & Mr. Bob Darken - Advisers

The Human Rights Advocates Club is a club that meets in room 226 (Ms Cullen's room) every Tuesday, to discuss issues relating to human rights, not only in the United States, but across the entire world. The Human Rights Club raises awareness for domestic and international human rights issues through bake sales, presentations, and other activities; we try to promote an environment where we acknowledge human rights and violations. The biggest activity in which we take part is a conference at Iona College, called the Human Rights Institute for Student Leaders (sponsored Holocaust Human Rights Education Center) junior and senior members from attending schools make presentations about current events involving human rights crises. After the conference, we develop an action to bring back to our school and choose a charitable focus. To choose a charity, we each propose an organization we feel passionately about and vote to focus on two. We raise money through bake sales and promote the charity with every purchase.

International Club

First Tuesday of every month at 2:15 PM in the Foods Lab
Matthew Pelli, Raquel Romo & Summer Sloane – Student Leaders
Mrs. Donna Sapienza - Adviser

Are you interested in learning about the cultures from different countries? Then the International Club is perfect for you! Here at the International club, we will talk about the different countries and customs from all over the world; we offer much diversity. Each club meeting will highlight a particular country, food, music and culture.

Korean Club

Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 205
Alyssa Lee & Megan Tappe – Student Leaders
Ms. Jen Lee - Adviser

The Korean Club will be a place where students can explore the pop culture and language of Korea. Within the meetings, we will be learning Korean phrases and lyrics, K-pop dances, and also have discussions about K-pop in general. We will also try to provide different types of Korean foods and snacks. If you are a fan of K-pop or the Korean language, come join the Korean Club where you can meet people with the same passion as you. In the future, we will be going to different Korean events in New York where we can explore the culture more and get some cool merchandise (of course, this is optional).

Latin Club

Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 114
Anna Theresa Mehra & Theo Nelson – Student Leaders
Mrs., Cristina Corona & Mr. David Harvey – Advisers

The Latin Club will meet on a regular basis to extend our enjoyment of the study of Latin outside the classroom. We will have lots of fun partaking in all things Roman - culture, food, lifestyle, etc., while clad in our togas. We will have a Latin Club song, "The Har-Corona" (named in honor of Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Corona) sung and danced to the tune of "The Macarena" and we will vote on a club mascot - an edible mouse? And of course, we will prep for the National Latin Exam, and the activities involved in the Connecticut State Latin Day. We might also have an outing involving ancient Roman culture.

Le club français

Mondays at 2:10 in Room 113
Audrey Bloom & Vivian Ding – Student Leaders
Ms. Stephanie Kremer - Adviser

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

Live Girl Club of NCHS

Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 212
Anna Meli, Chloe Stanley & Nicole Vanderlee – Student Leaders
Mrs. Megan Magilnick – Adviser

Live Girl Club of NCHS hopes to inspire and empower girls to live out of the box, and achieve their dreams

Save The Seas Club

Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 308
Esha Dagli & Alexandra Harte - Student Leaders
Mr. Ken Riley – Advisor

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, in 2014 Americans threw out more than 33 million tons of plastic. With the Save Our Seas club, by reducing plastic usage we believe we can work to improve both marine life and the overall quality of the water in the world we live in. We also emphasize the importance of proper education on how to achieve a healthier environment. By raising local awareness about clean recycling and the damage plastic has to our society, the Save the Seas club makes a real impact on our community.

Sign Language Club

Fridays at 2:15 PM in Room 206D

Andrew Malling – Student Leader

Ms. Caryn Vita - Adviser

The Sign Language Club is a club that operates in a classroom setting, where members will have a pressure-free environment to learn and discuss American Sign Language and deaf culture in America. Beginning with the alphabet and basic signs, members can learn at a comfortable pace, not too fast or strenuous. It has a very loose structure and is not meant to be an extra class with due dates, homework, or any other assignments. As a whole, the club is built for fun and gives members a chance to broaden their worldviews while learning a new language at the same time.

Spanish Club

The second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of the month at 2:15 PM in Room 111

Mia Berg – La Presidenta

Dr. Lisa Arbues y Ms. Lauren Mattera – Advisers

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, making and eating Hispanic foods, watching movies in Spanish, and occasional trips to restaurants, exhibits, or other local events with a Hispanic flavor. There will also be a trip to Spain for those who qualify. Membership is open to any student who has taken a Spanish class.

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Aerospace Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:10 PM in Room 120

Max Plum, Pablo Villa & Max Lindeis – Student Leaders

Mr. Jim Zambarano - Adviser

The Aerospace educates students in the physics and properties of aircraft, as well as allow them to build and fly remote control aircraft. It would consist of building different kinds of foam board and balsa wood aircraft in different sizes throughout the year (possibly including drones, paragliders, or other air systems aside from just planes).

Art Club

Every Tuesday at 2:10-3:45 in Art Room/ Photo Lab Room 123

Ava Nichols – President, Skye Curren - Social Media Coordinator & Peter Harvey - Advertising Manager

Mrs. Jeanne McDonagh - Faculty Adviser

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. 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.

Art History Club

Tuesdays at 2:10 in Room 215

Audrey Bloom & Megan Rigione - Co-Captains

Mrs. Zeeshaan Arastu --Advisor

A forum for all who are interested in furthering their understandings of intrigue, conspiracy, and scandal within art! During Art History Club we will discuss the significance of certain artists, movements and the story behind the paintbrush. Throughout the year we will supplement our in-club discussions with field trips to museums like the MET Breuer, the Neue Galerie, and the New York Historical Society. We also hope to launch semester pamphlets about captivating art history stories and the New Canaan art scene! AHC is a place for students to

openly discuss their love of art. Students can join at any time during the school year. Come prepared to get your art on!

Bee Club

Mondays at 2:15 PM in Room 305

Steven Hoge & Andrew Malling – Student Leaders

Mrs. Reka Cebulski - Adviser

The Bee Club is a place for anyone who cares about the decline of the honeybee or would like to learn more about the issue. Throughout the year we will be participating in a range of activities from fundraising to putting bees in our own hives in the local area. Participants will be able to interact with the bees hands-on, performing tasks such as placing the bees in the hives, checking on their health, and collecting honey. For those who cannot or do not want to interact with the bees, there are other opportunities for these members to contribute to the club through fundraising, participating in club events, and spreading the word about the negative effects humans are having on the honeybee population. Save the Bees!

Blue Orcas Electric Band

Fridays at 2:15 PM at Saxe

Yubin Na – Student Leader

Ms. Janet Rosen – Adviser

This club is an electric acoustic band that meets every Friday after school at Saxe. We usually play pop songs that are recommended by our members. This club helps people to showcase musical talent on their instruments while improving their ability to play with other while playing songs you love. This Club is primarily for the enjoyment of its members. Also, this club is going to have small concerts based on our song choices.

The Book and Culture Club

Thursday evening once a month

Skye Curren & Esha Dagli - Student Leaders

Mrs. Zeeshaan Arastu- advisor

The Book and Culture Club is a student-run book club that focuses on books that show different cultures that students might otherwise be aware of. This club meets monthly to discuss the designated book. Student leaders will lead a discussion on different questions and themes of the book. The cultural aspect of the club will include supplemental texts, food, and art. The Book and Culture Club is a great opportunity for students who like to read, cook, or just to learn about people different or similar to themselves, and is a wonderful opportunity to meet and converse with other students of similar interests.

Business & Ventures Club

Tuesday at 2:10 PM in Room 231

Andrew Mihailoff & John Peiser – Student Leaders

Ms. Rachel Martinich – Adviser

The main purpose of this club is to spark interest in students to learn about, manage and create a business, while enhancing their communication skills. We are looking to schedule many activities for members to attend, including competing in either DECA or FBLA competitions. Along with these interscholastic competitions, we will hold an annual 'start-up competition,' in which members pitch an idea to the club board similar to *Shark Tank*. Finally, the club will host speakers from different parts of the diverse field of business and partner with the New Canaan business community.

Chess Club

Adi Ogale – Student Leader

Mr. Paul Reid – Adviser

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 my instruction, students will also play against each other in friendly matches. Students of any experience or level can feel free to join!

Coding Club

Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 120

Nick Stiles – Student Leader
Ms. Rachel Martinich – Adviser

Coding is becoming more and more of a vital skill to learn in our technological society. The Coding Club exists to give students the ability to learn and develop their coding skills alongside their peers, without the pressure of a grade or specific assignments. This is an opportunity for students who are new to coding to take their first steps with the help of others, or for experienced coders to take their skills to new levels within a cooperative environment. Everyone is welcome in the coding club, whether or not they have coded before. We will kick off the year with weekly sessions during which participants can have the freedom to code what they want, and collaborate to make epic programs!

Coffee Club

Claire Brunner & Alyssa Lee – Student Leaders
Mrs. Marianne Cohen & Ms. Jen Lee – Advisers

In the Coffee Club, we will start from the basics to then lead to our goals of using coffee to start a small business and make connections with other clubs in NCHS. During most of the meetings, we will often discuss about different types of coffee around the world to then eventually make it. However when we finish developing a plan, there will be times where we just chill and drink coffee. Besides that, we want to try to incorporate other factors including coffee flavored pastries and other types of food. Overall, this club uses different skills that evolve around coffee!

Computer Science Club

Andrew Mihailoff, Hudson Neleman, George Radoslavov & Nick Stiles – Student Leaders
Ms. Rachel Martinich - Adviser

Computer Science is becoming more and more prevalent in this era where AI and coding are becoming greater focuses in society. Computer Science Club is an organization devoted to helping students achieve a greater understanding about computers, what role they play in the modern day world, and how students can become part of this future. Students who join this club will be given the opportunity to develop their coding skills working with other coders, share their computer science interests, and learn new skills which have real world applications. Along with student working together after school on individual and group projects, participants will have the opportunity to visit a technology company and see how computer science is employed in the real world. Additionally, we will be partnering with Girls Who Code Club and organize the 3rd Annual Hackathon.

Cricket Club

Meeting Time and Location To Be Determined

Aazim Sohail – Student Leader
Mr. Jim Zambarano - Adviser

Cricket. For many, no introduction is needed. The beating heart of passionate fans in almost every corner of the world. Haven't heard of it? Its American cousin being baseball, it also consists of fielding, batting, and bowling (pitching). This club is for all, veterans and beginners, since we are starting off with some street cricket, no need for gear, and using a tennis ball so no need to fear. Look forward to sharing this amazing sport with you,

Cryptocurrency Club

Wednesday at 2:15 PM in Room 106

Will Comyns, Ryan Ievine & Emily Murphy - Student Leader
Mr. Michael Staffaroni - Adviser

There is a whole lot more to cryptocurrency than Bitcoin! The cryptocurrency club is an open forum based club which is centered around researching and discussing current trends, regulations, and effects of cryptocurrency on the global economy. Cryptocurrency is not simply virtual money, but rather a groundbreaking tool for international socio-economic and political change. Anyone who wants to learn about the next concept that will be bigger than the internet itself is welcome to join. Topics will include: Blockchain, Difference between tokens and coins, ICOs, Current government regulations, Cryptokitties, Smart contracts, How exchanges work, Different types of coin wallets (paper vs physical vs mobile vs web vs desktop vs hardware), et al.

Current Events Café

Every other Tuesday at 2:15 PM in Room 206

Griffin Fill – Student Leader

Mrs. Marianne Cohen – Adviser

The Current Events Cafe was founded for the purpose of allowing like-minded students, who are interested in politics, international relations and world affairs to come together and discuss current events. By doing so, we hope to improve the NCHS student body's awareness and understanding of the world around them. The Club meets twice a month. We will send out an email 10 days prior to the meeting, which will list a few potential discussion topics that the Captains have selected. The club members will then vote, via email, to decide the topic. Members will be expected to do basic research on the topic and should always keep themselves updated on world news in general. During meetings, the club will discuss the short, medium, and long-term effects of the current events chosen as that meeting's discussion topic. We also hope to bring in an outside speaker once every quarter. These speakers provide context for debate and represent all shades of the political spectrum. Visit our website at currenteventscafe.org

Economics Club

James Gilman, Aryan Pal, Shea Smith & Andrew Symon – Student Leaders

Mr. Mike Staffaroni - Adviser

Economics Club is a club devoted to increasing students' general understanding of the economy and world around them. Our main focus is on increasing economic literacy and challenging students to think critically of the global market on a large and small scale. Students joining can expect to have the opportunity to participate in the Stock Market Challenge, Euro Challenge, the Harvard Pre-Collegiate Economics Challenge and many other interesting economics based field trips, events, and competitions. Students will also be given the opportunity to show their financial literacy and understanding by preparing a presentation for elementary students on their topic of choice in order to spread financial literacy around our community at a young age.

E-sports Club

Tuesdays and Thursday at 2:15 PM in Room 120

Mr. Jim Zambarano - Adviser

The E-sports Club is a Club where people can get together to play games competitively and work on their teamwork and communication skills. We will play games like *League of Legends*, *Hearthstone*, *Overwatch*, *Super Smash Bros*, *Player Unknown's BattleGrounds*, etc. We may meet around once a week to discuss things about upcoming games. The meetings will be held between 2-3:30 PM and can end early.

Fall Tennis Club

Thursdays from 2:30 – 4:00 PM through November (weather permitting)

Caroline Mayock & Chloe Sigg – Student Leaders

Mrs. Cristina Corona – Adviser

Designed to encourage tennis players of all levels to come out and have fun, this club provides the opportunity for interested students to have fun hitting with their friends, playing team games and getting 'matched' with others at their level. Our goal is to make tennis fun and encourage everyone to enjoy this life sport. Extra racquets will be provided if students do not have their own. Participants should also bring their own water bottles.

Film Club

Mondays at 2:15 in the Film Lab (Room 238)

Peter Harvey, Diego-Lezcano Rivera, Sky Davidson, Campbell Slazyk – Student Leaders

Ms. Jennifer Sinski - Adviser

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.

Fishing Club

Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 217

*Jack Goetz – Student Leader
Mr. Bill Doyle – Adviser*

Fishing Club will be a club that meets once a week after school in the advisers classroom 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.

Get Out(doors)!

*Isabella Hamilton, Betsy Marsh & Celia Sokolowski – Student Leaders
Mr. David Harvey & Ms. Kat Munson - Advisers*

Get Out(doors)! Is all about seeking adventure in the world around us. We participate in activities such as hiking and learning all sorts of skills for the outdoors. In this club, you help build your ability to interact with others, test your limits and make new friends.

Girls Who Code

*Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 120
Stephanie Murphy – Student Leader
Ms. Rachel Martinich - Advisers*

The NCHS Girls Who Code Club is one of many across the nation aiming to close the gender gap in Computer Science. GWC welcomes girls with ALL levels of coding experience. You'll work with a team to design and develop a product to make a positive difference in your community. Through this project, you'll also learn about core concepts in computer science and build your teamwork and leadership skills.

Model Congress Club

*Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 102
Samantha Axon & Kate Reeves - Student Leader
Mrs. Amy Rothschild - Adviser*

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.

Mountain Biking Club

*Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 107
Jack Finnigan, Theo Kammerer & Bennett Ong – Student Leaders
Ms. Olivia Patrizzi – Adviser*

The Mountain Biking Club is where students gather weekly to learn and talk about the sport. We will also organize group rides. Not only will this be a great way to keep active but it will also spark a new interest for many people and create a new outlet for gathering and having fun and exercise.

NCHS Buddies Club

*Chase Pellegrini de Paur, Patrick Devitt, Philippa Williams, Alexandra Kurz, Emma Youngman --- Student Leaders
Mrs. Eileen Donellan & Ms. Marianne Gorski - Faculty Advisers*

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) or Ms. Gorski (email at Marianne.Gorski@ncps-k12.org).

Record Club

Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 224

Jeronimo Reyes & Peter Mason – Student Leaders

Mr. Aaron 'Axl' Gallo - Adviser

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.

Somewhat Virtual Book Club (#SWVBC)

First Wednesday of the month in the NCHS Library

Julia Capri – Student Leader

Michelle Luhtala & Monica Sheehan - Advisers

Somewhat Virtual Book Club is the NCHS Library book discussion group. New Canaan High School's club members meet face-to-face at the high school library on the first Wednesday of the month at 6PM to discuss a pre-selected book. Pizza is served. Regular monthly attendance is not required. Students can join the discussions that fit their interests and/or schedule. During club meetings, the NCHS club connects virtually through YouTube Live with schools in other states to exchange ideas about the month's book selection. Occasionally, the book's author joins the virtual discussion. Authors Libba Bray, Cristin Terrill, Leslye Walton, and Lauren Myracle have joined our #SWVBC book discussions. Once per year, our club meets at a local bookstore to make selections for the high school library.

Spectator Literary Magazine

Monday Evenings (at various members' homes)

Kate Reeves, Olivia Flaherty-Lovy, Anna Meli, Ava Nichols, and Michelle Siegel – Editors

Ms. Maggie Hamill – Adviser

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.

Spikeball Club

Charles Brossy & Joey Bucci - Student Leaders:

Ms. Laura Struzzi - Adviser

The Spikeball Club is a place for students to get a break from their outside life or to improve more on their Spikeball skills. Spikeball is an up and coming sport that includes either a fun day on the field or the beach. Spikeball is considered a future Olympic sport and there are some sports leagues that centered around Spikeball. It can either be friendly fun or get super competitive. The Spikeball Club is meant for students to gain new friends and to try a new activity. This club is meant for all levels of the sport, either beginning or advanced skill level is able to join this club. We will teach rules for beginners and new skills of the sport as people progress over time.

Sports Debate Club

Mondays at 2:15 PM in Rm 230

Patrick Colwell, William Fannon, and Timothy Manzella – Student Leaders

Mrs. Shannon Treglio - Adviser

Sports Debate Club is a fun, judgment free club that explores the topic of sports argument. During our meeting we will present 3 debate topics. The students who attend the meetings will vote for which one they want to

debate. After developing two or more opinions on the topic, we will split into two sides that will then start debating. We will follow the standard debate format, and will allow one side to speak at a time. Towards the end of the meeting we will take suggestions from students on what we want to debate next week. Sports Debate club is open to all student and faculty who wish to come. We will allow all types of sports to be suggested, however, it is up to the students on what they want to debate.

S.T.E.A.M. Team

Wednesdays 2:15 PM in the Library

Casey McCall & Theo Nelson – Student Leaders

Ms. Michelle Luhtala & Ms. Monica Sheehan - Advisers

The student-led S.T.E.A.M. club combines robotics, circuitry and coding with art. Members are challenged to invent and innovate, to pursue their passions, and to share their learning. You've heard of TechXpert? You've heard of Maker Majors? You've thought about taking an art class, but couldn't fit it into your schedule? This is the club for you! Come check us out in the NCHS Library Makerspace on Wednesdays after school.

Stock Club

Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 218

Andrew LoRusso – President; Angel Negron, Will Rechtermann – Vice-Presidents; Ben Levin - Treasurer

Mr. Chris Tournas - Adviser

Stock Club is an after-school opportunity for students to get a glimpse at what the world of investing has to offer. Rather than posing a risk with real life investments and literal currency, members will be entered into the *Stock Market Game* to get a chance at testing their abilities. Each group will consist of a few students (depending on the number of club members), and will be given \$100,000 of virtual money to make investments in the virtual market. Gathering on a weekly basis, the club will gather to discuss recent news and possible stock futures. If the number of members permits, the club will be divided into separate sectors to focus on different areas of the market (clean energy, insurance, etc.) In addition to this component, we will be introducing a new facet that was not present in the previous stock club. With the help of Mr. Tournas, we are considering adding the mathematical component to what it means to invest. With the help of possible volunteers with first-hand investing experience on Wall Street, we hope to educate club members as well as create a competitive environment.

Technology Student Association

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 120

Ben Levin & Casey McCall – Student Leaders

Mr. Jim Zambarano – Adviser

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 year we have been focused on the VEX Robotics competition.

TV Broadcasting Club

Thursdays at 2:15-3:30 in Room 119

Advanced TV Broadcasting class - Student Leaders

Mr. Roman Cebulski - NCTV Adviser and TV Broadcasting teacher

If you like to watch TV and wonder how it's created, then this is the club for you. Join NCTV every Thursday after school as they rehearse for the Morning Announcements in the TV studio. Learn to use the different TV equipment and help put the weekly broadcast together. You can also help NCTV record live events and see your video on Cablevision channel 78.

Ukelele Club

Thursdays at 2:15 PM in the Band Room

Annie Gravereaux – Student Leader

Mr. Scott Cranston - Adviser

The ukulele club is open to those who already know how to play as well as new players and students interested in learning the instrument. New players will be taught the basic chords and go from there, while others will develop their previous skills. It is meant to be a collaborative and interactive club in which players can feel comfortable and just have fun on the ukulele. We will meet once a week after school, and play songs chosen by members as the year goes on.

Ultimate Frisbee

Alessandro Sulpizi & Daniel Lu – Student Leaders

Mr. Mike Staffaroni - Adviser

Ultimate Frisbee combines the non-stop movement and athletic endurance of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football. Players try to get the Frisbee to the other team's end zone by throwing the Frisbee to each other while dodging defenders. Every week, we will meet to sharpen our Frisbee skills and scrimmage against each other. There is no equipment or skill required to join. If you're looking for a supportive environment where you can have fun and stay active, the Ultimate Frisbee Club is the perfect place for you!

Unified Sports

Tuesdays at 2:10 PM in the Auxiliary Gym

Ms. Kim Palmer & Mrs. Priscilla Schulz - Advisers

Unified Sports is a club that you might not have heard about. It is actually a team that combines special needs athletes with their typical peer partners. You don't have to be an athlete, or even good at sports to participate. If you want to have fun while playing soccer in the fall, and basketball in the winter...then this is club for you! We meet on Tuesdays in the auxiliary gym, from 2:10-2:50. If you are interested, but can't come every week, that's ok, come when you can. We have one soccer tournament in November, at Staples H.S., and then two basketball tournaments, one in February, and one in March. If you are interested in participating in the fall, winter or both, please see Mrs. Schulz or Ms. Hammond.

VEX Robotics Club

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

Ben Levin & Casey McCall - Co-Captains

Mr. Jim Zambarano - Adviser

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.

Yoga Club

Alexandra Carlson & Heather Doherty – Student Leaders

Ms. Ellen Fitzpatrick – Adviser/Yogi

The Yoga Club is a fun way to relax and de-stress from school, sports and any other nerve-wracking activities. When people join the club, they have the opportunity to go to yoga and different meditation classes together. All of these would be taking place outside of school, and we would be meeting twice a month. We would most likely be taking these classes at Soma Yoga in town, where they have free meditation on Mondays and very inexpensive classes during the rest of the week. Possibly, we can also get discounts for a large group of people, like our club. There is also a possibility to go to Waveny Care Center and lead a yoga class there for the residents, since one of the leaders of this club is a volunteer there and would be able to set it up. The majority of the classes cost little to nothing, making it appeal to a wide variety of students. There are also no materials that are needed besides a yoga mat, which we have extra of. The purpose of having Yoga Club is for students to have a place to unwind after their day while also having fun with friends. The Yoga Club began last year, and we are excited to continue it this year. We hope to have more activities and some fun yoga classes that will push everyone's comfort zones while still allowing them to feel at ease.

Young Democrats of New Canaan
First Meeting Tuesday March 5th and then

very other week at 2:15 in Room 101

James Dathan - Student Leader

Ms. Jessica Browner - Advisor

The Young Democrats is a club for politically active students, who want to make a change in their community. Each meeting we will discuss a wide array of political topics and all members should feel free to bring in their own topics to discuss. We will also host guest speakers to discuss politics on a greater level.

SERVICE

A Strand For You

Bridget Salmini & Julia Salvatore – Student Leaders

Mrs. Veronica Astacio - Adviser

This club will meet once a week to make jewelry- necklaces, bracelets, anklets- and deliver these “strands” to a local children’s hospital at the end of each month. Each club member would be paired up with a child and will make that same person their jewelry over the course of each month. The two of us would go to the hospital to deliver the jewelry, and we were hoping that some club members could have this opportunity as well- it would be very special for everyone to build a relationship with the child they’re personally impacting. We think that this club will make so many children happy and will make a difference in their lives; that is very important.

Carver Cares

Kiera Russo - Student Leader

Ms. Emily Bacon & Ms. Olivia Petrizzi - Advisers

Welcome to Carver Cares, an organization at New Canaan High School that provides moral support and fundraising opportunities to aid the Carver Center in Norwalk (<https://www.carvernorwalk.org/>). The Carver Center is the largest private provider of after school and summer programs in Norwalk. Their Youth Development Program is conducted after school for more than 800 students from Norwalk’s school community. This club is devoted to bringing joy and comfort to the students who travel to this facility after school. We meet twice a month, one time at NCHS directly afterschool in Room 101. During this meeting, we will go over the date/time and activities we are doing at a later visitation to the Carver Center. The second time we will be meeting during the month will be our actual visit to the Carver Center. This visit should not last more than 2 hours and it will be a great opportunity to bond with the students there. This is a great way to give back to the community and support one another! After all, “No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another” – Charles Dickens

CharityLink

Tuesdays at 2:10 PM in Room 223

Chase Pellegrini de Paur – President; Charlotte St. Raymond and Katherine Shaughnessy – Vice-Presidents

Mrs. Kristen Brown & Ms. Arri Weeks – Adviser

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 out the community and have fun at the same time.

Faces of Homelessness

Elizabeth Tedford & Candelaria Reyes – Student Leaders

Mrs. Donna Sapienza – Adviser

The Faces of Homelessness Club has a goal of connecting New Canaan students with less fortunate students. We want to offer unique service opportunities for our members. Last year we took a trip to the Inspire Shelter in Stamford, CT. We worked in their afterschool program, helping kids with homework and we led a craft. We then played games with them until their parents picked them up. Throughout the year, we held bake sales to raise money for the Inspire Shelter. We want to either make a large donation or pay for the supplies they need. Many kids in New Canaan can easily become caught up with their school work and social life. Our club gives NCHS students the chance to donate some of their time to helping others.

NCHS Harlem Lacrosse Club

Harry Appelt & Bennett Ong – Student Leaders

Mr. Sean Killelea - Adviser

The NCHS Harlem Lacrosse Club (HLC) is a community service opportunity designed to engage New Canaan high school students in the Harlem Lacrosse mission of mentoring and teaching the middle school students of Harlem Lacrosse the skills and character traits that will lead to their success as students, athletes, and citizens. If you are a strong leader with an eye towards service, the Harlem Lacrosse Club offers the opportunity to engage in mentoring, cultural activities and service opportunities that help the students of Harlem Lacrosse to reach their full potential.

Kids Helping Kids

Allison Beck & Jessica Dolby – Student Leaders

Mrs. Xiomara Brea – Adviser

The club's mission is to help younger kids who participate in the YMCA's afterschool program. Club members will be asked to commit an hour after school for one day per week, helping the kids with their homework, play games with them, etc. Club meetings, when scheduled, will be dedicated to planning activities for the kids.

Mentors and More

Mondays at 2:10 PM at Saxe Middle School (Room 205)

Monday - Thursday at 2:10 PM at South Elementary School

Mimi Allehaut & Caroline French (South); Charlotte Hamilton & Katie Tan (Saxe) ~Student Leaders

Mrs. Kelly Tamborrino– Faculty 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.

Music Means More

Kristen Raffaele, Alyssa Khoo & Davie Cochran – Student Leaders

Ms. Lauren Mattera – Adviser

Students who join this group would have the opportunity to perform at various facilities such as Waveny Care Center, Stamford Hospital, etc. The club is open to all, whether they be singers, or people who play a certain instrument. The club would hold fundraisers to donate to the facilities mentioned prior, as well as some others.

New Canaan Service League of Boys (SLOBs)

Reid Dahill & Jackson Oehmler – Co-Presidents

Mr. Ari Rothman – Adviser

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.

Operation Smile

Every other Monday at 2:10 in Room 107

Charlotte Casey, Emily Knight & Chloe McNichol, - Student Leaders

Ms. Olivia Patrizzi - Adviser

Operation Smile is a nationwide organization that raises money to provide free surgeries for children around the world with cleft lip or cleft palate. For many families with children that have this condition, safe surgery to correct it is not available or affordable. Our goal is to raise money in our community, through fundraisers like bake sales, walk-a-thons, and much more, while also learning about cultural differences and the world around us. All the money raised will be directly donated through the foundation. We will have club meetings twice a month. Being a member of Operation Smile is rewarding and changes the lives of kids around the world by giving them a better chance. :)

Packs for Promise

Josie Matyszewski and Sarah Spadaccini - Student Leaders

Mrs. Kelly Tamborrino - Advisor

Packs for Promise collects school supplies, such as backpacks, notebooks, and pencils with the intention of donating them to underprivileged children. We fill backpacks with bundles of supplies, and once they are sufficiently packed, local deliveries are made. Additionally, fundraisers and bake sales are used to collect money to buy more supplies in addition to the donations.

Paws for a Cause

Caroline McLaughlin & Jacqueline Steele – Student Leaders

Ms. Rachel Martinich – Adviser

Paws For A Cause is a club set out to help raise money for different animal shelters and organizations. We plan to raise money through various bake sales and other events all in order to help support different animals that are helpless and need our support. In addition, our club is going to hopefully go and volunteer at different animal shelters.

Pura Vide for Kids

Luke Crivley & Jordan Paterson – Student Leaders

Mrs. Sharon Knechtle & Mr. Robert Knechtle (pv4children@gmail.com) – Advisers

Pura Vida is a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for high school students to raise awareness and financial resources for children in need. As a club we work together to raise money for the annual food-packing event that is held at our high school in the spring. In order to raise funds, previous events have included Flag Football and Dodge ball tournament, Holiday Mailbox Decorating Brigade, bake sales and various others. We also are looking to get students more involved and motivated to help others. Another thing we hope to start up again this year is tutoring young kids at Neon or the Carver Center once or twice a week.

Shoebox Dreams

Wednesday or Thursday (listen for announcements) at 2:10 PM in Room 208

Emily Dowdle, Ava Edmonds, Eileen Flynn & Theresa Marciano – Student Leaders

Mrs. Marianne Cohen – Adviser

Shoebox Dreams raises money for much-needed school supplies for Public School 76 on The Bronx. We make two trips during the year, bringing a wrapped shoebox full of small gifts and school supplies to at least one classroom. We also raise money to purchase reading books for the classroom with titles specifically chosen by the teacher for each individual student (based on reading level and lexile).

Trends Helping Friends

Allison Beck & Annie Zaffino – Student Leaders

Ms. Jennifer Lee – Adviser

This is a club that will do fund-raising for causes, such as Hurricane Irma Relief, by selling current trending items and holding bake sales. Ideas will be discussed and plans made at our weekly meetings.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Police Club

Andrew Kalten – Student Leader

Officer Geoff Lambert – Adviser

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 week at 2:15 PM; exact dates and location TBD

Ms. Rachel Alpert, Mrs. Cindy Rivera – Advisers

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.

Student Coalition

Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 202

Mrs. Priscilla Schulz – Faculty Adviser

President – Chase Pellegrini dePaur

Vice President – Sadie Seelert

Treasurer – Taylor DeVito

Secretary – Kiera Russo

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:

Freshman Class 2022

Mr. Anthony Bloss, Mr. Sean Killelea – Advisers

Class President – Devin perella

Political Board – Noah Kozlowski

Social Board – Kiera Mastey

Sophomore Class 2021

Mrs. Veronica Astacio, Mr. Bill Doyle – Advisers

Class President – Alexandra Kurz

Political Board – Madison Greenauer

Social Board – Annika Holmberg

Junior Class 2020

Mr. Paul Gallo, Mrs. Anna Moody – Advisers

Class President – Theo Kammerer

Political Board – Thomas Suthons

Social Board – Naomi Cimino

Senior Class 2019

Ms. Jessica Cullen, Mr. Nick Willett – Advisers
Class President – Luke Crowley
Political Board President – Josie Matyszekski
Social Board President – Joelle Anselmo

Youth Adult Partnership Board

First Thursday of the Month at 2:15 PM in the College & Career Center

Ms. Jackie D'Louhy & Officer Geoff Lambert – Advisers

Composed of youth and adults who come together with a common goal of making our New Canaan community a better place. The YAPB promotes and assists with Prevention efforts at NCHS for Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness month and Mental Health and Substance Abuse efforts community wide. Our activities are successful due to the hard work and cooperation of NC youth and adults! We discuss what is happening in the community and what can be done to create more social and community service options, by improving youth participation in community issues and through funding. We work with the 40 Assets framework to build strong relationships with youth and adults in the community, act as leaders to promote youth initiatives and HAVE FUN by using our creative ideas to come up with projects and activities. One of our most important roles is to both create and highlight positive youth action with the community so youth are seen as assets rather than issues or problems.

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