

NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL  
**CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS**  
**AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
**2016 – 2017**

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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](mailto: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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## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ACADEMIC COMPETITION**

### **DEBATE TEAM**

***Thursdays at 5 PM in Room 105***

*Sam Axon, Lauren Capone, Eliza Farley & James Hirai - Quad-Captains*

*Ms. Kristine Goldhawk – 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***

*Mr. Anthony Bloss – Adviser*

Each Wednesday after school, the Math Team prepares for competitions. 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, New England Mathematics League and was invited to participate in the Connecticut State Association of Mathematics Leagues.

### **MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB**

***Mondays at 2:05 PM in Room 207***

*Jack Dahill, Laura Endres, Julia Means & D.J. Morse – Co-Captains*

*Mr. Paul Phillips, Ms. Emily Hernberg, Mrs. Marianne Cohen and Mrs. Allison Freeman – 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.

### **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

***Meeting time determined by members***

*Ms. Sonia Schott – Adviser ([sixschott@msn.com](mailto:sixschott@msn.com) or 203-972-7002)*

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members collaborate and use their creativity to select and solve an open-ended problem. Problems range from building a mechanical device or a vehicle, to presenting their own interpretation of a team created story or literary classics. The 8-minute student created solutions, complete with sets and costumes are presented at the CT state competition. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

## CULTURAL & PERSONAL AWARENESS

### **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

***Wednesdays at 2:10 in Room 206***

*Laura Endres & Amy Chu – Student Leaders*

*Mrs. Marianne Cohen - Adviser*

Amnesty International is a global organization that fights human rights abuse in over 140 countries. The NCHS chapter welcomes students with an interest in raising awareness for international issues on a personal and political level. Activities will include organizing fundraisers, letter writing campaigns, movie nights, and attending human rights conferences involving global communities. Amnesty International can only succeed with active student involvement; together we will work together to educate others and ourselves about important international issues and explore ways to make positive change in our ever-evolving world. Members of this club will learn how to effectively lobby officials and develop critical thinking, discussion, and organization skills that each person will carry with them to higher-level education and beyond.

### **AUTISM AWARENESS CLUB**

***Tuesday 2:10 - 2:30 PM in the Cafeteria***

*Olivia Buckley & Kaitlin Kearns – Student Leaders*

*Ms. Jessica Cullen - Adviser*

Our club focuses on educating adolescents about autism and its effect on others. In this club, we would create and run events to raise money for autism awareness, including bake sales, school actives, and 5ks. We don't just want to raise money; we want to raise awareness to the growing generation. By volunteering/tutoring special needs children, we will bridge the gap between them and society and show that we are one and the same. At the end of the year, we hope to teach elementary schools awareness with visits and activities.

### **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CLUB**

*Julia Means & Siobhan Naughton – Student Leaders*

*Mrs. Cristina Corona - Adviser*

The Breast Cancer Awareness Club (BCAC) is committed to fundraising for national and local Breast Cancer charities. With a focus on spreading awareness, the BCAC will donate to and participate in events that benefit treating and finding the cure for breast cancer. This club involves meetings that will plan and prepare for our fundraising events. Members will see the joy in being devoted to this cause in fun activities and fundraisers within the NCHS community.

### **CARING CREW**

***Mondays at 2:15-3:30 PM***

*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 & Grant Wang – Student Leaders*

*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.

## **COOKING FOR A CAUSE**

***Monthly in the Foods Lab (listen for announcements)***

*Morgan Connelly, Caroline Leeber & Charlotte Pratt – 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!

## **FRIENDS OF THE EARTH**

***Wednesdays at 2:10***

*Brian Sandor & Will Santora – 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)***

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**

*Sydney Britt – Student Leaders*

*Ms. Jessica Cullen & Mr. Bob Darken - Advisers*

The Human Rights Advocates (HRA) is a group whose mission to raising awareness and advocate for human rights on a community level. Students are encouraged to work individually or in small groups in order to create projects based off their own interests in relevant topics. From issues ranging from raising awareness of youth homelessness in Fairfield County to raising money for women's shelters in Stamford, HRA encourages members to take action in an interesting and collaborative environment both individually and through weekly meetings.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

***First Wednesday of every month at 2:15 PM in Room 110***

*Raquel Romo – Student Leader*

*Mrs. Xiomara Brea - 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. For example, one meeting we will focus on Germany and ask the members of the club to bring in food from Germany. During the meeting we will eat, listen to music from Germany and discover more about the Country. If you are from a foreign country, traveled to a foreign country or just interested in learning about a foreign country then this is the club for you! We are very flexible and understand if a student is unable to attend. We hope you are able to join us the first the International club and learn about the different countries!

## **LATIN CLUB**

***Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 114***

*Mr. David Harvey – Adviser*

Latin isn't dead yet! Come and join the large and growing group hoping to practice the use of Latin in casual environments. There are still places that use Latin in the pursuit of scholarly enlightenment. Plus, we are annoyed that the Gaelic and Hispaniolic barbarians have their own clubs when we don't! We are also making music videos and short films in Latin (it is taken quite casually). We have primary meetings monthly (date announced) and smaller meetings weekly for people who really want to perfect fluency.

## **LES BÉLIERS (LE CLUB FRANÇAIS DE NCHS)**

**Monthly in Room 109**

*Mr. Mark Foster – Advisor*

The French Club sponsors one special Francophone event each month such as a game nights, films, Christmas baking, crepe making, and a Mardi Gras Celebration, to name a few. All meetings will be open to any French student or any student interested in learning more about the French-speaking world and culture. The French Club will also be conducting various fundraisers throughout the year.

## **SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB**

**Fridays at 2:15 PM in Room 206D**

*Noah Levine – 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 first and third Tuesdays of the month at 2:15 PM in Room 111**

*Bhaskar Abhiraman, Olivia Barden y Natalie Tomczak – Los Presidentes*

*Dr. Lisa Arbues – Adviser*

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**

### **ART CLUB**

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

*Caroline McCauley – Student Leader*

*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.

### **BEE CLUB**

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

*David Kelly & Joe Peiser – 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!

## **CAR CLUB**

***Tuesday and Thursday at 2:15 in Room 120***

*Mr. Jim Zambarano - Adviser*

Car Club is a place for everyone interested in automotive engineering, sports, tech, or entertainment. We are open to people with any level of knowledge and encourage everyone to ask questions and learn. We have meetings twice a week, on Tuesdays and on Thursdays. The Tuesday meetings cover general car news and we usually have discussions about what we enjoy about driving or what new cars interest us. We also show videos and explain how different techniques in performance driving work. On Thursdays, we discuss the actual mechanics of cars, from how engine displacement affects torque, to how different brake rotors affect heat displacement. Everyone in the club is looking to learn more about something they enjoy. We've hosted track-sponsored events, letting our club members drive track spec MX-5s on an actual racetrack, and often volunteer at the *Caffeine and Carburetors* events. We plan to get another track sponsorship for track days, and several of us are considering lessons in driving a manual transmission. We would love for anyone at any knowledge level to attend, and look forward to seeing everyone there.

## **CHESS CLUB**

***Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 105***

*Grant Wang – Student Leader*

*Ms. Olivia Patrizzi - Adviser*

## **CODE CLUB**

***Tuesdays at 2:15 in Room 120***

*Daniel Lu & Tucker Morley – Student Leaders*

*Ms. Rachel Martinich – Adviser*

At Code Club, students will learn and improve the most important aspects of the coding experience. There is no experience or equipment necessary! Students will go over important factors of coding starting with Web Development, Swift (iOS and Mac OS' coding language), and possibly ending the year off with JavaScript. Students will be challenged to write efficient and working code allowing them to develop critical thinking, collaboration, and organization in a fun environment. Coding is as easy as "print("Hello World!")", and is a lot of fun. If you have ever wanted to learn how to code, make your own website, or even your app/ game, Code Club is for you!

## **COMME ÇA**

*Sofia Berg & Avery Salomon – Student Leaders*

*Ms. Emily Bacon - Adviser*

Welcome to **Comme Ca**! We are an online literary magazine that revolves around the constantly developing fashion and teen culture at NCHS. So, yes, it's all about you guys. We at Comme Ca encourage you to look through our old pages and welcome you to help out creating the future issues for this school year. While digging round our archives, you'll find poetry, DIY Craft ideas, photo shoots, music playlists, spotted trends, and more! Our ultimate goal is that our readers learn more about themselves and their peers who surround them for at least six hours each day. We will be releasing a new issue each month with its own theme that the team thinks best incorporates those 28-31 days each year ([https://issuu.com/comme\\_ca](https://issuu.com/comme_ca) → (the link we post our issues on)). This is a magazine for the flawed, the experimenting, the defeated, the victors, and the study-breakers and just about everyone in between. We hope you enjoy!

## **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 currents events chosen as that meetings 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](http://currenteventscafe.org)

## **ENGINEERING CLUB**

***Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 120***  
*Trevor De Ghenghi and Chris Harte – Student Leaders*  
*Mr. Jim Zambarano - Adviser*

Do you have an interest in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM)? Do you want to develop skills that will help you succeed in whatever career you pursue? Do you want a valuable extracurricular experience that is also tremendous fun? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, the New Canaan High School Engineering Club is for you.

The Engineering Club aims to provide students with an extracurricular experience that will prepare them for a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The club allows students to develop skills that are key to succeeding in the STEM industry, such as critical thinking, collaboration, and organization in a fun, relaxing environment. In the club's biweekly meetings, members will participate in design challenges, discuss the latest happenings in the STEM industry, and become familiar with the myriad of career options for students with an interest in STEM. Occasional guest speakers and field trips will expose students to the industry and allow them to get a feel for what it takes to succeed in a STEM career. Although this club is STEM-oriented, any student who wishes to develop skills that are critical to career success is encouraged to join. After all, the skills of scientists, engineer, or mathematician are highly valued in many career fields

## **EQUINOX POLITICAL DISCUSSION CLUB**

*Jackson Butler & Andrew Shizari – Moderators*  
*Mr. Michael Joshi - Advisor*

The Equinox Political Discussion Club will meet every two weeks. We will bring in articles or other forms of news pertaining to the election or politics in general, which can act as a springboard for conversation. The club presents an opportunity to discuss this very intriguing election and promote discussion and conversation among our peers at the high school. We will also do a school wide mock election prior to Election Day and try to host events on debate nights and other important dates.

## **ESPORTS & GAMING CLUB**

***Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 120***  
*Nick Khzouz – Student Leader*  
*Mr. Jim Zambarano - Advisors*

eSports stands for electronic-sports. In an eSports league, players compete in video and computer gaming competitions, many of which include college scholarships and other sponsorships. Last month, the League of Legends World Championship awarded \$1 million to the winning team. Our club will have two teams for each game that we play. Casual players are welcome to join us on meeting days, and can form their own teams to play and have fun exploring eSports; but casual game play will not be our main focus. Our competitive players will join teams, practice three times a week, and grow together throughout the year. We will have coaches help our teams review games to discuss strategies for future games and plan ahead. When these teams feel confident, the team captains will join tournaments. In this way, we will focus not only on having the best teams and support staff for our teams, but also creating a fun and supportive social environment for students to form connections with new people who share their interests.

## **FILM CLUB**

***Wednesdays at 2:15 in the Film Lab (Room 238)***  
*Gabi Limone, Isaac Marshall & Nicholas LaMorte – 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. Students will have the opportunity to plan, advertise, rehearse and even host or present on the night of the event, held at the end of May.

## **FRIENDS AGAINST BULLYING (FAB)**

*Kaylin Bean & Jenny Ceci – Student Leaders*  
*Ms. Katie Phee - 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.

## **GIRLS GOVERN GLOBAL MEDIA CLUB**

*Sydney Kend & Nicole Weiss – Student Leaders*  
*Ms. Jessica Cullen & Ms. Megan McCauley - Advisers*

Girls Govern Global Media is a unique club geared to express feminism through social media in a 21st century society. The organization itself, *Girls Global Media*, has made major strides in advocating for feminism, in fact, they presented and passed a Bill of Rights to the US government with regards to political issues that are targeting females across the United States. While this club probably won't go to such extremes, there will be monthly, quick projects given to advocate for feminism and political rights through social media. Such projects could include a short film about equal payment issues, in which it will be submitted to Girls Global Media and be used for advertisements to spread awareness about feminism. Additionally, there will be local conferences in cities such as Washington DC hosted by Girls Global Media to further present and discuss the issues a female faces presently. In short, we hope this club gives girls the confidence to advocate for their rights and to familiarize them with the positive impact social media can have on political and social influence.

## **GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB**

***Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 120***  
*Kavya Dagli & Hazel Montano – Student Leader*  
*Ms. Rachel Martinich & Mr. Jim Zambarano - 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.

## **HAMMOCKING BOOK CLUB**

***Mondays at 2:15 PM in Room 216***  
*Libby Tedford – Student Leader*  
*Mr. Sean Killelea - Adviser*

The Hammocking Book Club is a stress free environment for kids to come to read a good book. It combines the new hammocking trend with a book club. There are weekly meetings on Mondays after school for a book talk, and to plan the next hammocking outing. Aside from reading, the club raises money to buy bestseller books to donate to the Inspirica homeless shelter in an effort to spread our love for books.

## **MODEL CONGRESS CLUB**

***Wednesdays at 2:15 PM in Room 102***  
*Samantha Axon - 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. As a newly formed club it is the expectation that members will attend one local scrimmage in the fall and one offsite conference.

## **NCHS BUDDIES CLUB**

*Chase Pellegrini de Paur, Molly Cioffi, Charlie Woodman & Samantha Smith --- 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 afterschool and some 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)) or Ms. Gorski (email at [Marianne.Gorski@ncps-k12.org](mailto:Marianne.Gorski@ncps-k12.org)).

## **OUTDOORS CLUB**

*Graham Jameson – Student Leader  
Mr. Christian Dockum - Adviser*

Members of the Outing Club will develop practical outdoor skills while learning to appreciate the nature that surrounds them. The goal of the NCHS Outing Club is to stimulate interest in outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, backpacking, fly fishing, mountain biking, and skiing. The Outing Club also aims to provide chances for those who are interested in the outdoors to take part in activities they otherwise wouldn't be able to do. The Outing Club is a great way to introduce outdoor adventures to the students of New Canaan High School.

## **PADDLE TENNIS CLUB**

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 – 4:00 PM at Waveny paddle courts  
Lauren Capone & Abby Crowley – Captains  
Boie Bogardus (bobogardus@optonline.net) – Coach/Adviser*

The Paddle Tennis Club will meet twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursday, after school at the town courts at Waveny. Instruction will be provided for at least one of the practices and the other will be parent supervised. Matches with other schools will be arranged and the opportunity to play at local tournaments will be offered to those interested. The season will run from early November to late February. A paddle racket and sneakers are needed to participate and balls will be provided. A club fee (amount to be determined) will be assessed based on number of players and number of days the pro teaches.

## **RECORD CLUB**

*Thursdays at 2:15 PM in Room 224  
Connor McDevitt – Student Leader  
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)**

*Wednesdays at 6PM in the NCHS Library  
Riley O'Neill & Anjali Parmar – Student Leaders  
Michelle Luhtala & Jackie Whiting - 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)  
Emma Dahill and Julia Means – 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.

## **S.T.E.A.M. CLUB**

***Wednesdays 2:15 PM in the Library***

*Riley O'Neill & Spencer Reeves – Student Leaders*

*Michelle Luhtala & Jackie Whiting - Advisers*

What happened when the Saxe S.T.E.M. Club met the high school art program? It blew off some S.T.E.A.M. (Hahaha?!). 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.

## **THE S.T.E.M. EXPLORATION CLUB**

*Abhinav Pal & Peter Windas – Student Leaders*

We will meet on a monthly basis to organize STEM-related projects for club members. Whether it be a computer programming-based objective or architectural or any other type of engineering, through demonstrations and examples, we will teach the other students underlying skills for them to then use in given problem-solving games.

## **STOCK CLUB**

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

*Alex Urbahn & Cole Kammerer – Student Leaders*

*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***

*Trevor DeGhenghi & Chris Harte – 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 years we have been focused on the VEX Robotics competition.

## **TED-Ed CLUB**

***Tuesdays at 2:15 PM in the Media Center***

*Eva Pace – Student Leader*

*Ms. Jackie Whiting – Adviser*

Recently, the company behind the infamous "TED Talks" has introduced TED-Ed Clubs that support students in presenting their ideas in the form of short TED-like talks. This club will teach crucial skills such as public speaking and presentations to the students and it is such a versatile club that can focus on anyone's passion. In our club meetings, we will be watching TED talks made available to us on YouTube, attending conferences, and learning how to make our own! Later, the TED's we make can be emailed to the TED company and they can choose to recognize our talks and put them on their website.

## **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.

## **ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB**

*Alessandro Sulpizi & Daniel Lu – Student Leaders*

*Dr. Mark Foster - 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. Nicole Hammond & 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***

*Josh Siegel & Kiefer Dresser - 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.

## **THE WATER KEEPERS CLUB OF NEW CANAAN**

***Every other Wednesday at 2:15 PM in Room 315***

*Cece Challe & Cassidy Little – Student Leader*

*Ms. Clare McLellan – Adviser*

The Water Keepers Club of New Canaan will provide an enriching opportunity for students to better understand and assist in protecting the Long Island Sound and other major waterways. This will be done through various activities that are both informative and helpful to the tri-state area. This can range from educating students on how important the waterways are, or taking a more hands-on approach with water pump outs in the Long Island Sound. Educational activities will include, putting up flyers around school or marking storm drains to let citizens know that trash and pesticides do in fact end up in the Long Island Sound. The water pump outs will occur twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring and will work in conjunction with the Long Island Soundkeeper Organization to effectively clean up the waterways. Before the pump outs, there will be fundraising projects to help fund the cleanup program, which will be discussed and planned at club meetings. The club is open to all NCHS students. If you are interested in joining, please contact Cece Challe ([caroline.challe@ncps-k12.org](mailto:caroline.challe@ncps-k12.org)).

## **WATER POLO CLUB**

*Quinn Curren & Dave Kelly – Student Leader*  
*Mr. David Fine - Adviser*

## **WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE WEDNESDAYS**

*Tessa Piontkowski - Student Leader*  
*Mr. Ari Rothman - Adviser*

As the extension of the Wilburn Fellowship Finalist Project-Women in the Workforce Wednesday, this club provides the opportunity to organize a series of luncheons on Wednesdays (once every semester or more frequently depending on the decision of the members) during lunch periods in the Wagner Room. Members will be able to plan and/or interview women in the workforce from various industries. Attendees will gain insight into the speaker's success, obstacles she faced in the process, academic decisions she made, and how her career path and experiences may have differed from that of men. The club provides increased awareness of gender differences in the workforce and develops an interest in meeting more women in various fields serving as a resource in academic and career pursuits. Funding for these luncheons will initially come from the Wilburn Fellowship stipend, though the club may have to organize fundraisers in the future.

## **YOGA AND MEDITATION CLUB**

*Camryn Schlim & Lexie Soro – Student Leaders*  
*Dr. Lisa Arbues - Adviser*

The Yoga and Meditation Club, also known as the “Mindful Yogis Club,” offers high school students an opportunity to de-stress, relax, and boost their creativity with yogic and meditative practices. The club is open to anyone interested in these practices- no experience necessary! Our club meetings consist of after school sessions with local yoga instructors, online instructional videos/audios, and some off-site events where we can practice yoga and meditation in special settings. We strive to increase our self-awareness, focus, positive energy, and relaxation through yoga and meditation. These exercises serve as a great way to help manage the many stresses of high school and everyday life!

## **SERVICE**

### **AVIELLE FOUNDATION – NCHS CHAPTER**

*Alice Gelhaus & Cameron Rhind – Student Leaders*  
*Mr. Richard Webb – Adviser*

Avielle Rose Richman was one of twenty-six children and educators tragically killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT on December 14th, 2012. Avielle's parents, Jennifer and Jeremy, are infinitely heart broken, and like so many of you, want to bring about changes to stop a tragedy such as this from happening to any community — ever again. The Avielle Foundation has been created to honor their loving daughter — along with all the others who have fallen victim to senseless violence — by truly understanding what leads someone to engage in such harmful behavior. We're working closely with world leaders in two vital areas: brain health research and community building.

### **BEADS THAT FEED**

*Shannon Bucci & Maddie Smith - Student Leaders*  
*Ms. Jessica Cullen - Adviser*

In *Beads That Feed* students will use their skills to make all sorts of jewelry to sell downtown or at the High School, which will raise money for education in places near New Canaan such as Bridgeport and Stamford. Not only is the actual jewelry making process fun, but giving back to people who may not have as strong an education as New Canaan's is highly rewarding and beneficial to see so close to our homes.

### **BUILDON**

*Grace Stearns & Alana Tonghini - Student Leaders*  
*Mrs. Amy Rothschild – Adviser*

Since its founding in September of 2012, our chapter has raised over \$55,000 to fund the completion of two two-room school houses, and an adult literacy program in the Kasungu and Neno Districts of Malawi as well as a school in a rural village in Nicaragua. This year, we're hoping to continue the trend by raising another \$30,000 to go towards a

school in Africa. Members of this club will participate in local community service activities by pairing with organizations such as NeighborLink, Person-to-Person, the New Canaan Nature Center, Waveny Care Center, soup kitchens, and more, but we host regular fundraisers such as bake sales, holiday card sales, high school dances, and photography exhibits throughout the year. Furthermore, instead of sending off a check at the end of the year, we will try to travel to the school construction site on a ten-day trek during the summer to work one-on-one with the people we have been devoted to helping. This hands-on experience is one of the most enlightening aspects of our education to date and it reaffirms the importance of what we do.

## **CHARITYLINK**

***Tuesdays at 2:10 PM in Room 223***

*Emma St. Raymond, Joelle Anselmo, Chase Pellegrini, Anne Greer & Danielle Klapper - Student Leaders*  
*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.

## **CHINA CARE CLUB**

*Rachel Keshin & Julia Means – Student Leaders*  
*Mrs. Linda Rosenthal - Adviser*

China Care Club is a satellite club linked directly to the China Care Center in Beijing, a home that supports at-risk orphans with curable but life-threatening birth deformities. With China Care clubs existing from Harvard to UC Berkeley, we voice a widespread effort to raise not only money for corrective surgeries, but also awareness for the cause. As a group, we will choose children to fundraise surgeries for throughout the year. The power of working with other clubs in the area allows for a greater scope of awareness and charitable service. Eligible members have an opportunity to volunteer for two weeks at the home in the summer.

## **CUPCAKES FOR CHANGE**

***Thursday 2:15 in Room 104 Second Thursday every month***

*Yao Yao Mize - Student Leader*  
*Mrs. Courtney Greco - Advisor*

Cupcakes for Change is a Club for anyone interested in making a difference in third world countries that struggle with access to clean water or access to books for children in school. Throughout the year we will be doing activities from funding raising to actually baking the cupcakes to sell in support of these countries struggling with clean water and literacy issues. We will determine the best venues for selling our bake goods, and determining what organization would be the best to partner with to ensure all funds go directly to the specific project we select. In the past we have partnered with We (Free the Children) and [Water.Org](http://Water.Org) to send monies to India and China. If you have an interest in making a difference in the world and have great marketing ideas, this is the place for you. We need people who care about the environment, literacy and most of all, helping those who don't have our opportunities. If you like to connect with the community, have artistic skills for making posters etc, or like to bake, we would love to have you join. We will explore the different communities that need our support and select one we think we can impact. If you need to contact me, my email is [jia.mize@ncps-k12.org](mailto:jia.mize@ncps-k12.org).

## **FACES OF HOMELESSNESS**

*Kimberly Dyrvek & Ashley Tedford – Student Leaders*  
*Mrs. Donna Sapienza - Adviser*

This is a program run through Hands on Hartford, which focuses on aiding and decreasing the homeless population in Connecticut. The goal of the club will be to do service projects with the organization, such as goods drives and working in their soup kitchen, as well as working to raise awareness of this issue.

## **FILLING IN THE BLANKS**

***Wednesdays at 2:10 PM in Room 223***

*Grace Brown, Courtney Coutts, Maggie DeFrancesco & Andrew Knight – Student Leaders  
Ms. Arri Weeks – Adviser*

Created by two New Canaan women, Filling in the Blanks is an organization dedicated to providing meals to children who receive free or reduced lunch and do not have access to food on the weekends. Filling in the Blanks raises money to help these kids fill in the blanks with food for the weekend. In addition to collecting donations from stores such as Stop & Shop, Shoprite, and Panera Bread, the club raises money through bake sales, food drives, and other fundraising activities.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*Amelia Boyd & Julianna Leung - Student Leaders  
Mrs. Linda Brooks - Advisor*

In this club, we partner up with Habitat for Humanity, an organization located in Bridgeport that helps to provide for low-income families by building houses and collecting donations. We will be holding weekly meetings to plan for ways to fundraise, volunteer projects, and upcoming events for Habitat for Humanity. It's a great way to make a difference in our community while getting to meet new people.

## **LIGHT AND LIFE CLUB**

*Erin McGoldrick & Riley Mottolese – Student Leaders  
Ms. Caryn Vita - Adviser*

The goal of our club, Light and Life, is to benefit and better the lives of the orphans of Hogares Luz y Vida orphanage in Bogotá, Colombia. The orphanage was founded and is directed by Sister Valeriana García-Martín, it cares for 145 physically and mentally handicapped children and educates or provides day care services for 850 children from the community. It services disabled orphans of all ages, the youngest are infants and the oldest are in their early twenties. Throughout the year we will be doing drives in school for things such as toys, clothes, shoes, and other necessities for these children. In addition to these drives, we will also be raising money to send down to the orphanage. We plan to raise this money through bake sales at the school, and are open to exploring new and additional methods of fundraising. This money is essential for the orphanage as it is in a very poor area and all of the children are disabled, many of them need very expensive and personalized care.

## **MENTORS AND MORE**

***Mondays at 2:10 PM at Saxe Middle School***  
***Monday - Thursday at 2:10 PM at South Elementary School***  
*Clarisse Allehaut & Cat Levine (Saxe)~Student Leaders  
Amy Tan & Katie Zaborowska (South)~ 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.

## **NEW CANAAN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (NCVAC)**

***Meeting times variable***  
*Ms. Kelly Daniel – Membership ([bkdaniel@optonline.net](mailto:bkdaniel@optonline.net)) 203-554-6907*

NCVAC is a volunteer organization that provides pre-hospital emergency care to the town of New Canaan. Becoming an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) is a highly rewarding and exciting experience that offers hands on experience in patient care in an emergency setting. You can take the EMT course at 15, become CT State certified at 16 and apply to join NCVAC at 16. Volunteers are required to ride 60 hours a month and HS students can be accommodated during night shifts. Candidates interested should first schedule an informational meeting with the NCVAC membership committee for information on the Corps and what will be expected of you. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions to determine whether NCVAC will be a good fit for you and your schedule.

## **NEW CANAAN SERVICE LEAGUE OF BOYS (SLOBs)**

*Chris Greene & Alex Lambrinos – Co-Presidents  
Mrs. Betsy Green & Mrs. Marissa – Parent Advisers*

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.

## **OPT TO ADOPT CLUB**

*Parker Loonie – Student Leader*

The Opt to Adopt Club is a club where students will further their learning on the issues that face animal welfare on a local and national level. We strive to educate each other, our families and friends to increase awareness on a local level. Our goal for this year is to coordinate an adoption event with a local shelter, so that we can further local public awareness. Furthermore, we will learn of other ways to aid these shelters, either through monetary means or volunteer work. If we can achieve this, we will be able to help diminish this issue.

## **PACKED WITH LOVE**

*Caroline Budd, Paige Freyre, Holly Santero & Mariana Ferreira – Student Leaders  
Ms. Regan Marin - Adviser*

The club will focus on reaching out to those in need in the area. The club is based on delivering packages of necessities and small gifts to certain groups of people. Everyone in the group will help raise money through bake sales. The money raised will be used to buy materials to put in the care packages. Meetings will consist of putting the boxes together for whichever organization we focus on for that meeting. The care packages will then be delivered to our clients. We will be contacting all different organizations in the area including Person-to-Person, shelters, etc.

## **THE PAMOJA PROJECT**

*Emma Smith – Student Leader  
Ms. Emily Hernberg - Adviser*

The Pamoja Project is devoted to raising awareness about academically deprived communities throughout Africa; granting participants the opportunity to join in on community service projects, fun activities, and gain insight on a local Tanzanian village. Originating from the Swahili phrase, *Na tuka pamoja*, meaning, *we are together*, our club strives to act together to promote small change. The Pamoja Project challenges students to understand life on a completely different scale in an engaging, interactive, and laid-back way.

## **PURA VIDA FOR KIDS**

*Jennifer Ceci, Bailey Reehl & Molly Rochlin – Student Leaders  
Mr. Ian Knechtle (pv4children@gmail.com) – Adviser*

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.

## **SHE'S THE FIRST**

*Drew Davis & Cali Brannan – Student Leader  
Ms. Megan McCauley – Adviser*

She's the First is an organization that was established to raise money for girls to be able to graduate from secondary schools in countries that have low-incomes. So far this organization has helped over 380 girls, in 10 different countries, be the "first" girl in their family to graduate. This NCHS chapter helps young girls in the United States become student leaders and organize creative fundraisers such as tie-dyed cupcake bake sales or the Run the World Campaign. Not only does it help girls in developing countries, but also it helps all students involved by giving them an opportunity to play an active role in an international problem. She's the First partners with other organizations who believe in the same philosophy. Together they provide these girls the tools needed to ensure their success both during and after their school years.

## **UNICEF**

*Julia Means, Hannah Gelnow & Chris Greene - Co-Presidents  
Mr. Michael Joshi - Adviser*

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has spent over 60 years working to improve the lives of children and their families. Working with and for children through adolescence and into adulthood requires a global presence whose goal is to produce results and monitor their effects. The goal of New Canaan's chapter of UNICEF is to raise awareness and funds for this incredible organization and to foster an understanding for the importance of helping children nationally as well as internationally.

## **USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT DONATION CLUB (USED)**

*Meeting time determined by members - Approximately once a month  
Grant Mellinger & Gray Farley - Student Leaders  
Bill Brown - Advisor*

The Used Sports Equipment Donation Club was formed in order to collect and distribute used sports equipment to children in need. These children, without access to equipment, would not have the opportunity to play extracurricular sports, which is important for health, academics, and well-being. The club includes student representatives for most sports at New Canaan High School. Each representative will be responsible for researching, contacting, and delivering to their chosen organization for their individual sport. Lets recycle and help those in need. Students of all grades and sports welcome to join.

## **WAVENY CARE CENTER CLUB**

*Eliza Haney & Sophia Welsh – Student Leaders  
Ms. Deb Parron - Adviser*

In the Waveny Care Center Club we strive to facilitate bonds with senior citizens at the Waveny Care Center and high school students. The residents there have a lot of knowledge and experience that the younger generation will benefit from knowing as we forge ahead in our lives. The club would participate in all activities the Care Center would have to offer as well as raising money for the facility as well.

## **LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **POLICE CLUB**

*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 Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the High School  
Ms. Rachel Alpert, Mrs. Cindy Rivera – Advisers*

The mission of SA 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 and various eighth grade transition activities.

## **STUDENT COALITION**

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

*Mrs. Priscilla Schulz – Faculty Adviser*

*President – Jack Dahill*

*Treasurer – Emma Dahill*

*Vice President – Kimmie Dyrvik*

*Secretary – Anne Greer*

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 2020**

*Ms. Mary Frostick, Mr. Paul Gallo – Advisers*

*Class President – Fallon Arnone*

*Political Board – Thomas Suthons*

*Social Board – Charlie Gardner*

### **Sophomore Class 2019**

*Ms. Jessica Cullen, Mr. Nick Willett – Advisers*

*Class President – Chase Pellegrini*

*Political Board – Taylor DeVito*

*Social Board – Joelle Anselmo*

### **Junior Class 2018**

*Mr. Anthony Bloss, Mr. Sean Killelea – Advisers*

*Class President – Regan O'Malley*

*Political Board President – Brandon Hruska*

*Social Board President – Emma Smith*

### **Senior Class 2017**

*Mrs. Veronica Astacio, Mr. Bill Doyle – Advisers*

*Class President – Michael St. George*

*Political Board – Edward Holappa*

*Social Board – Sebastian Mauleon*

## **YOUTH ADULT PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

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

*Mrs. Mary Pomerantz & 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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