CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL
Art & Photography Club

Advisor: Jennifer Clark
Meeting Dates: Thursdays, Room 237

This organization is open to any student interested in art. Students do not have to be enrolled in an art class to participate. The purpose of this club is to strengthen artistic talents and foster creativity.

The Art Club will be involved in creating different projects, such as mural painting. Students will have the opportunity to work in different types of mediums on individual creations. See Mrs. Clark’s website for dates.
Best Buddies

Advisors: Angela Braun and Erin Maer
Meeting Dates: Tuesdays, HS Quiet Cafeteria

What would the world look like if there was acceptance?

Join Best Buddies, and together, we can be part of this global volunteer movement and make a difference!!!!!!

Best Buddies creates opportunities for friendships between people with and without disabilities.

There’s room for everyone to help and give whatever time you can.

For more information, stop by room 232.
Chess Club

Advisor: Dave Reiff
Meeting Dates: Fridays, Quiet Cafeteria

The purpose and goal of the Chess Club is for students to come together in a social setting to learn and play the game of chess. All students are welcome to attend – from the seasoned player to the novice wishing to learn. In sharpening their chess skills, students are acquiring important intellectual skills including independent thinking, strategy, logic, problem solving, and flexibility.

The Chess Team is a subset of Chess Club members who wish to play chess more competitively. Players of all skill levels are invited to participate. The Chess Team competes against other Suffolk County high schools, with a major tournament at the conclusion of the season.
DECA

Advisor: Mr. Frank Hufnagel & Ms. Michelle Alvarez
Meeting Dates: Thursdays, 2:20, Room 249

DECA, an association of marketing students, has maintained a strong membership of well over one hundred students for the past ten years. Students compete in county, state, and international contests in career and entrepreneurial areas such as TV commercial production, advertising campaign, radio advertising, apparel and accessories, marketing mathematics, finance credit, travel and tourism, public speaking, sales demonstration, economics, accounting, sports marketing, and job interviews. Some contests require students to make oral presentations, while others are evaluated using written exams and role-plays. There are also contests that require pre-submitted reports. All contests have a presentation component in which they have the opportunity to present their knowledge to judges.

DECA offers students an opportunity to earn scholarships, be a part of the Hauppauge community, gain leadership skills, compete, travel, and have fun. Imagine going to a DECA Dance at Universal Studios open exclusively to DECA students or travel to Disney Land and compete at the International Competition.

All students taking a business course are encouraged to attend.
Drama Club
Advisor: Ruthie Pincus
Meeting Dates: Varies, Room 381

The Hauppauge Drama could be starring YOU!!
Are you interested in acting, singing, dancing, directing, stage managing, stage crew or any other aspect of theatre?
Whether you are interested in theatre on or off stage, the Drama club is for you!

We will be planning theatre trips to Broadway! We produce at least one program if not more each month. These include audition workshops, children’s theatre workshops, comedy workshops, cabaret nights, Safe Halloween performances and many more. Our most involved can become part of the International Thespian Society. Our Improv troupe performs at least once a year and you can get involved in so many different areas of production on the Fall Drama and the Spring Musical. Get involved in all areas of production from marketing and publicity to costumes and cast parties. We have our very own publication called “Acting Up” and we are always looking for writers and publishers.

This club meets several times a month and sometimes more often, depending upon whether a production is “in the works.”
Don’t miss out! Join the fun!!
ETHICS BOWL CLUB

Advisor: Deborah Surian
Meeting Dates: Tuesdays, 3:00 PM, Library

The Ethics Bowl Club is open to all high school students in grades 9-12 who are interested. All students will be able to take part in the examination and study of all 16 cases, if they wish to do so. Students wishing to compete will be required to study all 16 cases/dilemmas, published yearly by the Parr University of North Carolina Parr Center for Ethics.

Cases include ethical dilemmas such as:

- Is it ever morally justifiable to take a life?
- Should parents have the right to choose certain features of their unborn child?
- Is lying ever ethical/morally justifiable

Other questions/dilemmas concerning cheating, plagiarism, peer pressure, use and abuse of social media, privacy, relationship responsibilities, will be discussed. However, political and social issues — free speech, gun control, and bioethical issues, such as cloning, parental consent, and stem cell research, are also of great interest to teenagers, and are included.

Students will be able to practice productive dialogue, while listening and responding to the inquiries of others, on the spot. Depending on the number of students in the Club, students will divide up into teams of 3-5 students. Each team will have certain students that become “experts” of certain cases/dilemmas.

Students are NOT required to participate in the Ethics Bowl Competition.
French Club / Honor Society

Advisor: Madame Walsh
Meeting Dates: Wednesdays after school, Room 361

The French Club is open to any student interested in French culture or language. French club activities include field trips to French restaurants, traveling to Manhattan, visiting the United Nations, and seeing a Broadway play. We do fund raisers throughout the year and donate some of the proceeds to charities as well as students and families in need in Hauppauge. We visit local nursing homes and sing holiday carols in French to the residents as well as distribute holiday greeting cards to them. We also participate in Safe Halloween, Homecoming and International Night. International Night was designed to promote cultural understanding and acceptance. Honor Society Inductions are held in the spring. We have an Au Revoir party in June for the seniors. French club also does presentations in the 5th grade classrooms to introduce the students to French before choosing their language.

Membership in the French Honor Society recognizes those French club members who have demonstrated exemplary scholastic achievement in French. Membership is open to French students in levels three and above who have completed a minimum of six consecutive quarters of high school with an average of 92 in French (with no individual quarter grade in French under 85). In addition, an overall minimum average of 85 is required with no failing grades. An additional requirement is that no disciplinary actions (i.e. suspension) have been taken against the student. An induction ceremony is held in the spring.
Freshman Class

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Advisors: Rich Lionetti and Dawn Lynch
Meeting Dates: Tuesdays, Room 307

This organization is open to all incoming freshman students. We are involved in many school functions including color wars, Homecoming and Safe Halloween. We are also a club that strives to build friendships and strengthens school ties. This club is also a continuation for the entire four years of High school. We are also involved in fundraising activities to raise money for trips and Junior/Senior proms. All are welcome!

2022
Humans of Hauppauge
Gay Straight Alliance

Advisor: Joel Sidwell
Meeting Dates: Varies, Room 343

Come and join in the most inclusive, tolerant and diverse group in school. Do you believe in celebrating differences? Do you love the idea of promoting and celebrating just who you are and who your neighbor is?

GSA is a student led club which provides a safe, supportive environment for all. GSA is dedicated to being allies for the LGBTQ community and for all people alike. We meet monthly and host speakers on differing lifestyles, health issues; we raise funds with our Day of Silence t-shirt sale and participate in human rights month, Harvey Milk Day, Homecoming & other school functions.

So come and be part of GSA – it’s the place to be!!!
German Club
Advisor: Danielle Cardi
Meeting Dates: Wednesday, Room 356

The purpose of German Club is to promote the study of German language and culture, as well as serve as a service oriented club. With our continued involvement within the school and the community, German Club participates in several school events throughout the year, as well as field trip to the Metropolitan Opera House, Hiking trips, and German restaurants. Membership is open to everyone; you do not need to speak German to be a member. We meet every Wednesday in Room 356 after school.
History Club
Advisor: Ellen Robbins
Meeting Dates: Alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays, Room 367

This club is for all students in grades 9-12 that love History!!! We participate in school events such as Safe Halloween, Exploration Day & Immigration Day at the Middle School. In addition, we take exciting field trips to places like Ellis Island and the 9/11 memorial. We have movie afternoons, scavenger hunts and trivia contests during our regular meeting times. Membership in this club is mandatory for participation in the Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society-This club has had over 90 regular members every year !! We meet alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 367.
Ignition Club

Advisors: Greg Foster and Angela Braun
Meeting Dates: See Advisor

Ignition is an interactive leadership development program designed to make the transition from MS to HS a positive experience. The club connects freshman with one another as well as the entire school community by challenging them to break out of old cliques and build new relationships. It trains upperclassmen to act as mentors helping to establish relationships that will continue throughout the entire freshman year. Lastly, the club improves the culture of the school by encouraging students to get involved, increasing school spirit, inclusion and pride.

Ignition advisors and mentors plan, coordinate and participate in our Freshman Orientation for incoming ninth grade students. Mentors act as role models for incoming freshman, communicate with peers and advisors, and facilitate freshman group meetings throughout the school year.
Interact Club

Advisor: Lauren Donnelly and Laurie Buell
Meeting Dates: Tuesdays, Room 342

The Interact Club is a high school version of the International Club known as Rotary. Basically both clubs were started with the intentions of people getting together to help those people who are less fortunate.

Currently there are 7,200 interact Clubs that exist in 88 countries. Interact, whose acronym is derived from the words, international and action, seeks doers, young people who want to address and ameliorate community and societal problems, improve the quality of life, and make new friends in their community and throughout the world.

As a member of this club we urge you to get involved with the many projects that take place throughout the school year. For example, in October, we run Safe Halloween for the youth in our community, as well as hosting blood drives, and participating in a variety of charity fundraisers.

We hope you are interested in joining Interact where you can help make a difference in many people’s lives, as well as making many new friends. So come on down and introduce yourself and become a member.
Class of 2020
(Junior Class)

Advisors: Felicia Cono and Ellen Robbins
Meetings: Tuesday, Room 266

This organization is open to all members of the class of 2020. This group will be involved in many class functions and fundraisers while striving to cultivate new friendships and strengthen school ties. The class will be participating in Homecoming, Safe Halloween, ColorFest and many other school activities. This year’s objective will be to raise money for events for Senior year (Senior Prom, Senior Banquet, etc.) and to organize and plan the Junior Prom.

We welcome all Juniors to be a part of this group!
Mock Trial

Advisors: Adi Zimmerman
Meeting Dates: Wednesdays, Rooms 264

Club members will be introduced to basic trial techniques, simplified rules of evidence, the importance of effective communication and team work. From September through December, students will serve as lawyers and witnesses in both criminal and civil trials. Students will try out for Hauppauge’s competition team in December and join the countywide Mock Trial competition, with the winning team moving to the NYS finals. Teams of 6-12 students compete four times in a multiple-elimination round tournament. Schools are assigned a lawyer-coach from the Suffolk County Bar Association to work the team. The official case, written by the New York State Bar Association’s (NYSBA’s) Law, Youth and Citizenship committee, is released in December and the multiple elimination rounds run from February through March. The playoff rounds are in the end of March and April with the statewide competition in Albany in May.
Model UN Club

Advisors: Harry Shehigian
Meeting Dates: Every other Tuesday, Rooms 264

Model United Nations is an awesome club in which the members spend time preparing for local high school and college sponsored conferences. Students represent various and numerous committees. All the conferences are modeled after the real United Nations and this club provides invaluable experience in politics, public speaking debate, and of course it’s tons of fun!
Natural Helpers

Advisors: Shannon Griffin
Meeting Dates: Tuesday, Periods 4 & 5, Room 155
              Thursday, Period 6 & 7, Room 155

Natural Helpers is a program designed to support and educate students to help their peers. The theory behind Natural Helpers is that often kids will go to peers with a problem before seeking out adults. By identifying students who are resources to their friends and training them on topics such as communication skills, limit setting, and crises management, you are providing them with necessary tools and an understanding of how to better manage peer situations.

Additionally, all Natural Helpers are provided information on school and community resources that can be shared when and if needed. All Natural Helpers must be selected and invited to participate. They must successfully complete extensive three day training and attend follow up meetings throughout the school year.
Newspaper/Journalism I – The Soaring Eagle

Advisor: Dawn Lynch
Meeting Dates: Thursdays, Room 307

This club is based on the Journalism I course and is designed for students who wish to work on the staff of the school newspaper, The Soaring Eagle. Students are encouraged to choose article assignments or to create new columns based on their own interests as well as the interests of their peers. Examples of columns might include current events, entertainment, opinions, world news, community, school, and local events, sports, fashion, and more. Members of the club may either work independently or collaboratively as they move through the journalistic process of investigating, researching, interviewing, and writing articles for publication. Additionally, students will learn the basics of laying out and publishing a newspaper using Adobe InDesign. Though the club is open to and welcomes all members, it is recommended for students who enjoy writing and have an interest in pursuing journalism in the future.
National Honor Society

Advisor: Harry Shehigian and Dawn Lynch
Meeting Dates: The first and third Fridays of each month
Rear Auditorium

The National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization that recognizes and encourages academic achievement while developing characteristics essential to all citizens. As written in its constitution, the purpose of this organization is to "create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools."

Becoming a member of NHS is both an honor and a commitment since it is based on outstanding scholarship and service. Service is defined to be "any unpaid activity that provides service for another" in school and in the community. To become a candidate for admission into NHS, a student must have maintained an 87 unweighted and unrounded quarterly grade point average for six consecutive marking periods prior to the selection process. The selection process is conducted once annually in March.

As per the NHS constitution, freshmen are not eligible for admission. Those students who meet the academic criteria for admission receive an application to complete and return to the selections committee who, then review the application and determine if the students meet the criteria for admission. A formal induction ceremony is scheduled in the early spring. NHS members are required to maintain an 87 average (unweighted, unrounded) throughout their studies. They must attend 50% of all the meetings and events to remain a member of the Hauppauge chapter.

NHS is an active participant in Homecoming and Safe Halloween and has instituted a free tutorial service for all subjects, open to all students every Tuesday and Thursday in the rear auditorium. NHS has a variety of community activities such as the Jones Beach Breast Cancer Walk, preparing dinner at The Ronald MacDonald House, and serving dinner to Hauppauge's senior citizens.
Robotics Club

Advisor: Anthony Gibson and Mark McLeod
Meeting Dates: Various Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm
Club Website: Team358.org

This club is perfect for students who enjoy hands-on, real world application of knowledge. Students will be immersed in the exciting world of engineering, and business, from fundraising to designing a “Champion robot” that will compete in the “FIRST” (“For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology”) which is a national contest.

You will gain first-hand experience in all aspects of robotic design, from conceptualization to actualization in a relatively short but concentrated time period. If you enjoy remote control toys, you will love the chance to drive the robot at the regional and possibly the national competition. This is an incredible opportunity to interact with engineers and public relation professionals from local business. In addition, you will acquire key skills in project management, which can be applied to your schoolwork and ultimately, to your future careers.
Scratchboard/Literary/Young Writers and Artists Club

Advisor: Dawn Lynch
Meeting Dates: Wednesdays, Room 307

Scratchboard is a venue for young writers, photographers, and artists to express themselves artistically and creatively. Students meet in room 307 directly after school on Wednesdays and spend their time working either independently or collaboratively to create original writing or artwork.

The goal of the club is to produce work to be published in Scratchboard, the school’s literary and art magazine, though it is not mandatory for members to be published in order to maintain membership in the club. Scratchboard is an open club and welcomes new members at all meetings throughout the year. Additionally, all students, whether club members or not, are invited to submit work for review and possible publication. For more information, please see Ms. Lynch in room 307 or speak with your English teacher.
Science Olympiad

Advisor: Dennis Petercsak and Briana Becker
Meeting Dates: Thursday or Friday, Room 332/333

Science Olympiad is a club that challenges students to think, create, build, problem solve, and compete. Students prepare for the Regional Science Olympiad Competition through hard work and commitment. The competition is comprised of a series of events, and teams of students compete in each event for medals and a chance to advance to the State Competition. Events change yearly, but some past examples include: Helicopter, Entomology, Forensics, Mission Possible, and Write-It Do-it. There is a mix of testing events, building events, and hands-on lab events. So, there is something for everyone!
Senior Class
Advisors: Beth Badini and Allyson Beardslee
Meeting Dates: Thursdays, Room 211

The culmination of class participation with your peer group is representing your senior class with their efforts. For the past three years we have worked hard at promoting school events, bettering our school and community, and enhancing school spirit.

Planning and organizing for the year’s events is a task that requires the help and guidance of all of its members. We participate in Safe Halloween and as far as socializing and having fun, the Senior Banquet promises to be a great evening in November. Each year the Senior Class votes on "senior polls" and the results are announced at this great event.

Two of the biggest planned Senior Class events are the prom and senior picnic. Planning for both of these events begin in the early Fall.

Throughout the year a number of fundraising efforts are planned to help keep the cost of the events as low as possible. We try and make certain that we can also have fun, while collecting for our cause.

So, if you are a senior be sure to come down and help improve your class events, while positively contributing to the school. This is your last year, so let’s conclude your four year stay on a high note.
Social Awareness/SADD
Advisor: Colleen Ruffini
Meeting Dates: Alternating Wednesdays at 2:30, Room 151

Social Awareness seeks to raise student consciousness regarding social issues impacting our school, community, and the world.

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is a national organization whose main goal is to encourage students to make healthy, appropriate choices.

The club will meet on Wednesdays at 2:30 in Room 151.
Sophomore Class
Advisors: Sara Richard and Harry Shehigian
Meeting Dates: Alt. Thursdays, Room 250

This organization is open to all incoming sophomore students. This group will be involved in many class functions and fundraisers while striving to cultivate new friendships and strengthen school ties. This year's objective is to raise money for future activities including the Junior and Senior Proms.

We welcome all incoming sophomore students to be a part of this group, so get involved early and make a difference.

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Spanish Club

Advisor: Helen Aigen
Meeting Dates: Wednesdays, Room 358

Spanish Club is a club that meets every Wednesday after school. It provides students with many community service opportunities both in and out of school. It promotes tolerance and acceptance of people of different cultural backgrounds while developing a love of the Spanish language and culture.
Student Council

Advisor: Jocelyn Handley-Pendleton and Stacey Lasurdo
Meeting Dates: Mondays, Room 267

Student Council plays an active role in shaping the high school community. We are responsible for promoting the concept of student leadership, providing a forum for student participation in the operations of the high school, fostering school spirit, encouraging and guiding co-curricular clubs, assisting in the evaluation of the student activities program, serving as a sounding board for student or club problems, and representing the student body in student concerns with faculty, administration, the Board of Education, and community at large. In addition, we support service projects for the betterment of the student body and raise money to maintain and carry out Student Council activities. Finally, this organization is responsible for amendments to the High School’s Constitution as the need arises.
Technology Club

Advisor: Chris Dowd
Meeting Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Room 138

The Technology Club, aka “The Hauppauge Hurlers”, is open to all students who want to participate in a fun, hands on experience. Students will get instruction on operation and safety of various types of machinery relating to different aspects of technology. These skills are used to produce a variety of projects, both big and small.

Under our alter ego moniker, “The Hauppauge Hurlers”, we compete each year at a pumpkin hurling competition. Our latest device is over twenty feet tall and throws pumpkins over 500 feet!
Technology/STEM Club

Advisor: Brian Milleisen
Meeting Dates: TBA, Room 241 til 4:00 pm

The technology/STEM club is designed to encourage students to use the CAD program and the 3 D printer to create new ideas and bring those ideas to life. The CAD program allows us to conjure 3 D objects by manipulating solid objects in space in the program. After we have drawn our idea we can use the 3 D printer to print out a 3 D replica. Last year the club designed a RC car. Sky is the limit with the potential of this club! All ideas and prototypes are encouraged.

The Club will meet on Wednesdays after school till 4:00 in Room 241.
Tri-M Music Honor Society

Advisor: Catherine Goldenbaum
Meeting Dates: Alternating Wednesdays, Room 380

What is the Tri-M Music Honor Society?
Tri-M, once named the "Modern Music Masters," is the international honor society for music students in junior and senior high schools. It is a program of the Music Educators National Conference, an association of over 60,000 music education professionals nationwide who realize the importance of recognizing and motivating musical achievement in their students.

What does Tri-M do?
Our Tri-M chapter serves its members, the school, and the community in various ways. Some of these include: attending concerts and other music-related activities in NYC, sponsoring concerts by outside organizations in our school, providing ushers for music concerts, honoring people in the community for their contributions to the school music program, tutoring students, and participating in community service performances to name a few.

What does Tri-M have for me?
Our Tri-M chapter provides performance opportunities for members, and friends. Students perform at meetings, our Induction Ceremony, and at two Musicales per year. Tri-M also sponsors the annual Acoustic Café which is open to performers by audition. In addition to traveling and performing in the immediate area, Tri-M sponsors at least one trip into the city to attend a Broadway show and an open rehearsal of the NY Philharmonic. We are always looking for ways in which to become more involved in the HS and the Hauppauge communities.

What do I do to become a member?
Because Tri-M is an honor society, membership does have a few requirements. You must have performed a Level V solo at NYSSMA and receive an A+, or have performed a level VI solo receiving a minimum of A-. All returning members must maintain a minimum score of A- for a Level VI solo. In addition, you are required to maintain at least a "B" in your academic subjects and an "A" in your music courses. Upon completing an application for membership, candidates for Tri-M perform a solo, in an ensemble at a recital or prepare an oral or written report. They also take part in a formal induction ceremony, during which time you become a first-year member of the organization. Applications for membership are available in May of each year.
Varsity Club

Advisors: Diana Soltan and Rich Lionetti
Meeting Dates: Fridays at 2:20, Room 155A

The Varsity Club is a service-oriented club open to all student athletes, from all grades, all sports, both male and female. The club is involved in a number of activities that help promote the school, provide service to those in need, and support the community and its citizens. We have participated in many different fund raising endeavors, donations to charities, as well as giving of our time to people.

In addition to providing to the school, the Varsity Club contributes to camp and college scholarships, local and national charities, and providing better equipment for our sport teams.
Video/Media Club

Advisor: David Schaeffler
Meeting Dates: Varied, Room 348

The video/film club gives all students an opportunity to utilize our high schools video production facilities for academic, extracurricular or personal projects. If you plan to work on a video production this year then this is the time to do it. We are now teamed up with Fusfoo, a website that brings together high schools across the country. Come see how you can contribute! Students in the Broadcasting class produce stories for Eagle Watch, our school’s news program. Broadcasting students must be available after school to cover school events for our show.
Advisor: Beth Lovergine
Meeting Dates: To work on the yearbook, students must register for Journalism II and fill out an application. Days vary, Room 312

Students in this class will be working on the layout of the yearbook. Journalism II is perfect for anyone with an eye for graphic design and photography, or those who want to learn more about this field. Participants must be willing to stay after school to take photos of clubs and school events. There are various editorial positions available to dedicated and hard-working students.