

# CLUBS/SERVICE FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES

Jericho High School offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities. Through these activities and clubs, students have the opportunity to develop friendships, expand skills and talents, pursue interests, and/or provide service to both school and community. Every student is encouraged to become involved in at least one of these activities during the school year. A calendar of club descriptions and club meeting times is furnished through Dr. Artiles' office and will be posted on the district website at <http://hs.jerichoschools.org>.

## **ART CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Elissa Cosenza*

This club is for students who love to design, animate and create art on the computer. Students use digital cameras; graphic drawing tablets; and software such as Photoshop, Dreamweaver, and other 3-D design tools to create one-of-a-kind artwork. Students' artwork created in this club may be printed in large poster format and become a part of our community service hallway beautification project. All students are welcome.

## **ART HONOR SOCIETY**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Bryan Ciminelli*

The purpose of this activity is to recognize and inspire those students who have demonstrated outstanding ability in art and to bring art education to the attention of school and community.

## **AUDIO-LIGHTING TECH TRAINING-DRAMA/MUSICAL**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Ronald Verderber*

Students will assist in designing and implementing the sound and lighting for the high school productions. Meetings will be as needed to produce the show.

## **AUDITORIUM AUDIO-VISUAL**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Steven Marsh*

In the Auditorium Audio-Visual Club, students, who have an interest in lighting and audio engineering, will obtain the basic skills necessary for operating our state-of-the-art audio and lighting equipment for the purpose of producing shows in the middle school/high school auditorium.

## **CHESS CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Paul Bode/Dr. Matthew DeMarinis*

The Chess Club has meetings every other Tuesday for competition and instruction. A tournament is held at the end of the year with trophies given to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers. The club will strive to participate in the Nassau County Chess League.

## **CHOREO**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Jenna Corbett/Ms. Casey Naab*

"Choreo" is a creative outlet for those students who demonstrate an interest in all aspects of modern dance. They perform in at least one major concert during the school year.

## **DEBATE CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Mary Drayer*

Members study and practice debate techniques. The team participates in competitions.

## **DRAMA PRODUCTION**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Bonnie Arnesen/Ms. Theone Rinaudo/Melissa Carnes/Mr. David Herbert*

Drama Production provides a total theatre experience for students. Play production includes acting technique, improvisation, makeup and costuming. Travel troupe entertains twice a year at local senior facilities. The technical mechanics of play production is enhanced through participation in actual set design, set construction, creating and managing set props, lighting design, stage management and working on our backstage crews. All students are encouraged to audition for the fall production and join the year-round production team.

## **ENGINEERING**

*Advisor(s): Mr. David Herbert*

The purpose of this club is to enhance engineering education for students through a shared forum with educators, families and community leaders. Students will expand their knowledge of science and technology by participating in club activities that take them outside of the normal classroom setting. Club members will work on community projects and events to help promote engineering and public awareness.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Reena Bhasin*

The Environmental Club works to improve our planet. We do hands-on service projects, as well as fundraising for various causes.

## **FASHION/TALENT SHOW**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Jill Kahan*

The Jericho Fashion/Talent Show is an annual charity event. In order to be a part of the fundraiser, each student must try out. Once chosen to partake, each participant is required to attend practices which are scheduled by the directors. At the end, the show is a combination of various walks, dances, and other musical acts. The money raised is then donated to the charity that has been chosen for that year.

## **F.B.L.A. (FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA)**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Nicole Izzo/Jessica Rogovitz*

This organization introduces world experiences to the students. As members, they get a better understanding of the business enterprise system. They are encouraged to participate in state and national competitions.

## **GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Allison D'Antonio*

This club provides a safe space for students to discuss their concerns about homophobia and discrimination. The club participates in Homecoming and plays an active role in Diversity Day. GSA clubs are found in many high schools on Long Island. The Jericho GSA participates in various activities around Long Island, in conjunction with other high school chapters of the GSA.

## **JERICO MINDFULNESS AMBASSADOR COUNCIL (J-MAC)**

*Advisor(s): Dr. Danielle Smith*

J-MAC is designed to train high school students to become “ambassadors of mindfulness” and promote healthier stress management skills within our school community. It will provide student ambassadors a greater understanding of the academic and emotional impact of being over-stressed; a safe, healthy forum to develop their own stress management action plan and mindful practices; and a new opportunity to create peer classroom presentations and mindful initiatives within our school community.

## **JERICHO THEATER PRODUCTION ORGANIZATION (JTPO) – DRAMA/MUSICAL**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Theone Rinaudo/Kimberly Risi**

Jericho Theater Production Organization provides a platform for high school students to get involved in performance, production and publicity of our yearly fall drama and spring musical. Tasks assigned to students include designing the playbill, handling costumes, managing audio and lighting of performances, designing the display case, designing and printing tickets, concession, ushering and managing the house on the night of the performances. Students must be members of the Thespian Honor Society to receive credit.

## **JERICHO UNITED CLUB**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Charu Vardhan**

This club helps students understand the many different cultures, races, ethnicities and sexual orientations in today's society. The club promotes tolerance, awareness and understanding; and helps to eradicate misconceptions and prejudices. Some events are Homecoming, Diversity Day and International Night.

## **JHS BLUE KEY KIDS CLUB**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Reena Bhasin**

This club fundraises specifically for the Sunrise Day Camp in Wheatley Heights. Sunrise Day Camp, for children ages 3-16, is the only dedicated day camp in the nation for children with cancer. It is a camp designed to meet the emotional, social, recreational and physical needs of these children, while allowing them to enjoy the comforts and safety of their own homes at night. The club has three key fundraising events including the Sunrise Walk at the Sunrise Day Camp.

## **JHS CODING CLUB**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Jennifer Diskin**

This is the perfect club for aspiring coders to become more involved in Computer Science and advocate Computer Science education in our community. Students will be able to participate in competitions.

## **JUNIOR SCOPE**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Theresa Flockhart**

School & Community Outreach Program & Events is sponsored by the Children's Medical Fund of New York. We work directly with Schneider Children's Hospital, as well as other foundations that raise money for childhood diseases such as epilepsy, seizure disorders and juvenile diabetes. Members of the club will have opportunities to visit children in the hospital, as well as participate in the many fundraisers that are done throughout the year to raise money for the hospital. In addition, members will also volunteer their time participating in the fundraisers done by some of the other foundations.

## **KIDS HELPING PETS CLUB**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Deborah Wactlar/Ms. Natalie Drebsky**

This club was formed to bring about awareness of the needs of shelter animals, as well as to provide support for no-kill facilities such as Little Shelter and Mixed Breeds in Need. The students educate others as to how to care for animals. They hold bake sales, visit shelters, hold pet food drives, and participate in fundraisers like the Little Shelter Walk-a-Thon.

## **LITERARY MAGAZINE, PEGASUS**

**Advisor(s): Dr. Michael Hartnett**

*Pegasus* is a literary and art publication featuring poems, essays, stories and artwork submitted by the students. The magazine is organized by the club's members.

## **MATHLETES**

**Advisor(s): Mr. Paul Bode/Dr. Matthew DeMarinis**

This club is for students who wish to develop problem-solving skills by competing with mathematicians from other school districts. The team participates in both the NYS Math League and the Nassau County Math League.

## **MOCK TRIAL**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Maria Soltan**

The Mock Trial Club competes in an annual statewide tournament which allows high school students to engage in competitive mock trials in a courtroom setting presided over by a Nassau County judge. Club members work throughout the year to prepare mock trial materials such as opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and witness testimony. Prior knowledge of the law and courtroom procedures is helpful, but not necessary. Students from all grade levels are welcome.

## **MODEL CONGRESS A & B**

**Advisor(s): Mr. Barry Coval/Mr. James Whelan**

Students write and debate bills in school and also during attendance at Model Congress meetings at neighboring schools on selected weekends. Students often have the opportunity to participate at Princeton; University of Pennsylvania; and Harvard's Model Congress in Washington, Pennsylvania and Boston.

## **MODEL U. N.**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Diana Crescitelli/Ms. Meghan DiGangi**

The goal of the Political Science Club is to increase student awareness of local, state and national political elections; and to assist in political campaigns. During the election season, students will volunteer to work on campaigns from performing administrative work at campaign headquarters, going door-to-door to hand out leaflets, and accompanying candidates at political functions. Throughout the year, the club will invite speakers of all political parties to address the club and the entire Jericho High School student body. Community service hours will be awarded to members of the club who assist on political campaigns.

## **MUSICAL THEATER PRODUCTION**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Theone Rinaudo/Ms. Bonnie Arnesen/Ms. Andrea Gonnella/  
Ms. Evangeline Bellon/Mr. David Herbert**

Experience the thrill of being involved in a full-scale musical theater production. Students will have the opportunity to audition in the fall for our annual March show. A total theatrical experience will be provided for students who are cast, allowing them to develop singing, dancing and acting techniques. Instrumentalists are encouraged to inquire about participating in the pit orchestra.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**Advisor(s): Katherine Wehmann/Leanne Stroh**

During the school year, the National Honor Society is involved in numerous community service activities. These include the following: Children's Book Drive, Food Drive for Thanksgiving, 3:3 Basketball Charity Tournament, Relay for Life and Peer Tutoring. In addition, individual members volunteer at AHRC, Channel 21, Habitat for Humanity and Island Harvest to name a few.

## **NEWSPAPER - JerEcho**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Suzanne Valenza**

JerEcho club members participate in the production, promotion, and design of Jericho High School's award-winning online newspaper. Club members help to write content, publicize our site and social media accounts, and raise awareness of this important school resource. Visit us at [www.jerecho.org](http://www.jerecho.org).

## **PEER TUTORING**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Mary Ann Christiansen/Ms. Jennifer Diskin*

Students assist their peers with homework before and after school and during free periods.

## **PROJECT CARE**

*Advisor(s): Mary Bensen*

Students visit Oyster Bay Manor Assisted Living Facility one afternoon weekly to socialize with elderly residents by assisting with craft projects, memory-enhancing games and conversation. This experience provides students with service hours that can be applied towards National Honor Society requirements. Besides the minimum 15 hours spent at the site, students also meet monthly with the club advisor to plan activities, raise money for craft materials, and share thoughts and concerns about their experiences. All meetings are held after school.

## **QUIZ BOWL**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Diana Crescitelli/Ms. Meghan DiGangi*

Members of this club will participate in various academic tournaments and competitions. This club will concentrate on traditional academic team-based competitions such as those organized by the National Academic Quiz Tournaments, the Academic Challenge, the Long Island Challenge, the Knowledge Masters Open and the Long Island Regionals.

## **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Ellen Hempel/Ms. Ashley Valentino/Mr. David Dalen*

The Science Olympiad Club will prepare students for the Science Olympiad competition, which is one of the premier science competitions in the nation. Science Olympiad engages students in a number of science challenges involving all STEM disciplines. This club combines academic work with technology in a hands-on learning experience, whereby students will be engaged in standards-based scientific challenges, gain exposure to science career options, and foster a deep-seeded love for science as an inquiry-based, cooperative endeavor. The Science Olympiad Club will create an inspirational and memorable high school experience for students who have an appreciation of science and a love for competition.

## **SOUPER HEROES**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Janine Rodriguez*

Souper Heroes Club is to assist the less fortunate by partnering with the soup kitchen at the United Methodist Church in Farmingdale, NY. Club members rotate once a month and visit the soup kitchen to prepare a meal for those guests in need. In addition, members will organize a school-effort clothing/coat drive during the winter months to be donated to them for the needy. This club bridges compassion and community service!

## **STITCHING FOR CARE**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Lillian Armstrong/Ms. Patricia Gulitti*

The goal of this community service club is to teach students the art of knitting/crocheting while involving them in creating projects to donate to various charities. The charities range from "Project Linus" that provides newborns in need with handmade blankets to "Knit for the Cure" which is sponsored by Susan G. Komen for the cure of breast cancer.

## **THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Ronald Verderber*

Students become eligible to be inducted into the Honor Society after completing 100 hours of excellent service in the areas of acting, production and technical theatre. The Thespian Honor Society has been in existence since 1929. It is one of the oldest honor societies today and has over one million members worldwide. The society works to support Broadway Cares and participates in numerous community activities.

## **TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Aimee Lillienstein*

Students are selected for membership in the society on the basis of musicianship, scholarship, character, cooperation, leadership and service to their school and community. The high standards challenge students to greater effort and achievement and encourage them in the pursuit of excellence.

## **VARSITY CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Kevin Brodsky/Ms. Denise Romano*

This club is dedicated to supporting athletics and fostering cooperation between athletes and the community. The club raises funds for the Scholarship Fund and is involved in the Annual Special Olympics and the Wheelchair Basketball Event in January.

## **VOLUNTEENS**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Laura Levine*

VolunTeens meets on a weekly basis to offer students leadership opportunities and the chance to engage in service-learning experiences. Our projects may be school-based, or it may reach into the community. Our members include 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, who come together to socialize and share their ideas and experiences while working collaboratively towards common goals.

## **WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES**

*Advisors Listed Below By Language*

Qualified students are inducted into these societies. These organizations encourage members to learn more about languages, culture and customs.

**Chinese Honor Society**

*Advisor: Ms. April Song*

**French Honor Society**

*Advisor: Ms. Caroline Kennedy*

**Italian Honor Society**

*Advisor: Mr. Anthony Vittorino*

**Latin Honor Society**

*Advisor: Ms. Georgeta Gropineanu*

**Spanish Honor Society/Sepalotodo**

*Advisor: Ms. Marcella Berkovsky*

## **YEARBOOK – ART**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Denise Ryder*

The yearbook, *Imperator*, highlights the events of the school year. Special emphasis is placed on the graduating class. The student staff is responsible for its design, layout and assembly.

## **YEARBOOK – VIDEO**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Suzanne Valenza*

The Video Yearbook club members plan, produce, and edit Jericho High School's annual video yearbook.

Students generate ideas for creative segments and for how to record and edit school events. No production experience is necessary for membership.

## **YOUTH DECIDE**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Raymond Velez*

Youth Decide is a distinctive service club, with the goal of discouraging substance abuse and preventing drug-related tragedies from occurring within our community. Youth Decide promotes the ongoing education and training of individuals to attain drug-free schools. Youth Decide strives to train and educate students, parents, teachers and pupil personnel staff for the purpose of developing a comprehensive drug control strategy within our community.