

# 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.

## **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.

## **DEBATE CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Mary Drayer*

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

## **E-SPORTS CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Gregory Berry*

Esports is a form of sport competition using video games. Esports often take the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players, individually or as teams for prizes. Throughout the school year we will work collaboratively in a safe competitive gaming environment at school remotely, and virtually, learn skills that serve as building blocks for careers in computer science and programming, mathematics, and sciences, participate in competitive matches, grow student's STEM interests, developing valuable life skills, using educational technology to collaborate within a team of peers, develop social skills and create positive relationships between students of varying backgrounds.

## **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.

## **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.

## **JERICHO 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 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. 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.

### **L.E.A.D. (Learning Empathy & Acknowledging Diversity)**

**Advisor(s): Ms. Danielle Smith/Mr. Raymond Velez**

The focus of LEAD (Learning Empathy & Acknowledging Diversity) is to form a coalition with other schools with diverse populations in order to bring awareness, encourage empathy, and build understanding of the varied challenges students across Long Island face. Students will meet with peers in partner schools to build connections, as well as explore challenges and opportunities to become LEADers in their respective communities.

### **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/Ms. Meredith Hynes**

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.

## **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.

## **RESEARCH AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

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

The Research and Heritage Committee awareness of the Heritage Months by conducting research that is shared on the High School Social Studies Boards. In addition, students are provided with a platform to work on research projects for numerous competitions such as National History Day.

## **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

*Advisor(s): 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.

## **STUDENT AMBASSADOR CLUB**

*Advisor(s): Ms. Mary Jo Moriarty*

The Jericho Student Ambassador Club will be leaders and support the new entrants, and help them navigate school activities and policies. The Student Ambassadors will promote inclusiveness and open communication for new students, and assist in transitioning students to their new school setting. Activities include monthly meetings to keep new students informed, peer mentoring, and activities to build connectedness to the school community. We match up mentors and mentees to make the new students' transition to Jericho High School as easy and comfortable as possible and serve as a club with familiar faces so no one has to feel they enter the school district as a stranger.

## **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/Elizabeth Owens*

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 Schmitt*

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**  
**Italian Honor Society**  
**Latin Honor Society**  
**Spanish Honor Society/Sepalotodo**

*Advisor: Ms. Caroline Kennedy*  
*Advisor: Mr. Anthony Vittorino*  
*Advisor: Ms. Georgeta Gropineanu*  
*Advisor: Ms. Amanda Barnett*

### **YEARBOOK – ART**

*Advisor(s): Mr. Bryan Ciminelli*

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.