



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

2016 /2017

Academic Outreach *Stacey Rapp*

The goal of Academic Outreach is to expose interested students to the world of teaching by participating in and encouraging activities that promote learning. In collaboration with South Middle School, high school students are given the opportunity to tutor middle school students in all subject areas. Through the club students may also assist at elementary student centers and may have the opportunity to assist in classrooms. The club holds fundraisers throughout the year and sponsors Teacher Appreciation Day.

Academic Team *Deborah Cassetta*

Students compete in numerous general academic and history quiz bowl competitions and tournaments.

African-American Culture Club

Nicole Kinsey/Michelle Sorise

Fosters an understanding and appreciation of African-American culture. Highlight activities include participation in Cultural Heritage Night, MLK Assembly and various activities to celebrate Black History month. ALL are welcome to join!

American Sign Language *Kathy McAleer*

The American Sign Language Club is an opportunity for students to use their sign language skills to benefit the Deaf Community. Language and Culture go hand in hand and the ASL Club is a perfect place for that. The club can provide the opportunity to meet Deaf people in the local community and bring in guest presenters. Activities may include fundraising, volunteering at Deaf Community events, attending workshops and competitions, seeing interpreted performances, and possibly hosting a Deaf Culture Event.

LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE TALKING AND JOIN US!

Animal Rescue and Environmental Awareness Club

Patrick Graham/Abby Jo Brighton

This club raises the awareness of environmental issues and participates in efforts that assist local animal shelters and community recycling programs.

Anime *Joseph Ko*

For students who enjoy the anime genre. Club members decide on the programs to watch during meetings. Members also participate in art contests and other anime-related activities.

Architecture Club *Michael Passuello*

Architecture Club is for students interested in designing and building group oriented construction projects as well as individual. School and community based projects will be the focus. Drafting, rendering and CAD with Chief Architect will be performed.

Art Club *Katie Saltoun*

Members work on community and school-based art projects.

Asian Culture Society *Joseph Ko*

"Open to all students interested in learning, teaching, and sharing facets of Asian culture. Activities are varied: picnics, participation in South High's annual Cultural Heritage Night, fundraisers, and promoting greater inter-cultural exchanges and community-building with the entire student population."

Asian Games Club *Wei Li Yang*

The club will provide many varieties of Asian games, such as Chinese chess, checkers, & Mahjong, etc. for members to learn, play or compete in the club

Astronomy Club *Andrew Tuomey*

Members will learn about all aspects of astronomy and utilize the school's observatory.

AWARE (All Ways are Really Exceptional)

Allison Gottfried

For students interested in becoming a pen pal to an elementary student.

AWARE is a club that works with students who are a part of the integrated population along with students with disabilities.

The club sets up a visit to the cooperating elementary school so that the students are able to meet their pen pals from that school. The elementary students have also visited South High to meet again with their pen pal and experience a taste of our technology, arts, music and/or physical education department offerings.

Automotive Technology Club *Jon Ruvio*

The Automotive Technology Club will be largely focusing on the hands on application of the automotive field, where students will get an opportunity outside of the "know your car" curriculum to learn more about vehicles and modern transportation systems. Students will also get to explore other aspects of the technology department, such as; material processing, electronics, and robotics. The car club holds the Great Neck South Car Show at the end of the school year.

Boys Athletic Association*Dennis Mooney/James Morrow*

Supports all Boys Athletic Teams, through events and fundraisers. Encourages school pride. Assists Boys' sports teams through fundraising and running special events and clinics.

Ceramics Club *Collen Campbell*

Members work on hand built and wheel projects in clay. All levels are welcome.

Chamber Choir *Pam Levy*

A small select choir that is for the student who has experience singing in choir and can sightread. This group performs challenging repertoire, and is featured at the Winter and Spring Concerts. Being a member of Concert Choir is a prerequisite.

Chamber Music *Michael Schwartz/Pam Levy*

Chamber Music is for music students interested in performing in small music groups. Students are placed into groups according to their musical ability and instrument. All chamber groups perform in our chamber music concert and additional performances. Interested students should sign up in room 309 or 306 and see Mr. Schwartz or Dr. Levy.

Chess Club *Laura Kesselman*

Think you are a chess genius? Join the chess club/team to play against other chess players in our school and in Nassau County. Don't know how to play yet? We'll teach you!

Christian Seekers Club *TBA*

Promotes the awareness and understanding of Christianity.

Class Planning Committees**Freshman:** *Andrew Tuomey***Sophomore:** *Dennis Mooney/James Morrow***Junior:** *David Moyal***Senior:** *Tara Rosenthal*

These committees coordinate members of the respective classes for events like Rebel Olympics, junior and senior events, fundraising, the prom, and other special events.

Community Action Committee*Jo-AnnEyre Cruz*

We are a community service organization that is always looking for new ideas. Our aim is to help out many different organizations around our community. Highlights include a Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens, cooking and baking for the Ronald McDonald house, making goodie bags for the Cohen's Children's Hospital and several fundraising projects.

Computer Programming Club *Andrea Zinn*

With focus on practicality and functionality, the programming club strives to create at least two mobile apps by the end of the school semester. We will also be participating in the monthly Computing Olympiad. Regardless of your field of expertise, whether it be coding or drawing, you are still welcome in the programming club. After all, coding is not the sole element in app creation!

Contemporary Music Club *Anthony Virgilio*

This club acts as a community for young musicians and performs modern music for audiences throughout the school year. Our most notable event is the annual Battle of the Bands concert. All Vocalists and Instrumentalists that wish to perform Pop, Rock, Dance, Hip Hop, or Funk music in a live band should look into this club. See Mr. Virgilio in room 309A for more details.

Debate Team/Forensic *Dan Isaac*

The Debate team meets weekly to prepare students for competition in Long Island Forensic League debate tournaments. Students research debate topics, compose position papers, and engage in mock debates, all while learning basic techniques and principles of rhetoric and argumentation. Students' ultimate goal is qualification for, and participation in, the New York State Forensic League Tournament held in early Spring.

DECA Club/School Store *Rick Vine/Sheryl Demetres*

Business and marketing club that deals with all aspects of marketing investments and finance. Annual highlights include participating in the National DECA Convention.

Electronics Athletics Club *Brian Shedrow*

This is a club for anybody who wants to play video games. We have games for the Wii U and laptops. There is also limited free wifi from a hotspot. All pros and newcomers welcome!

Envirothon Club *Andrew Tuomey*

The Envirothon club focuses on preparing for the Envirothon competition. This environmental competition delves not only into the sciences of our soils, waters, trees, animals, and ecosystem, but also looks into how we can protect, preserve, and restore our environment and its resources. Having a sustainable environment is the future of this earth and being educated on how to protect our globe is the first step to a cleaner, safer, and less toxic future.

Exit 33 (Literary Magazine)**Art:** *Katie Saltoun/Lisa Stancati***Literature:** *Rick Ehrlich*

The school's literary magazine is run entirely by students. Exit 33 needs writers, artists, editors and other students interested in producing this year's magazine.

Fashion Show *Kelly Murphy/Kristen Campanelli*

For students interested in dance, fashion, and raising money for charity/the senior class. Students will produce and perform the school's annual fashion show.

GSA *Joan Greenberg*

A club which brings together all members of the South community to broaden awareness of issues for gay youth. The alliance fosters understanding and seeks to create a "safe space" for gay and straight members of the South community to address any issues and heighten school acceptance and decrease homophobia.

Girls Varsity Club *Carol Nesdill*

Service organization that helps promote and honor all of our female athletes. Annual charitable contributions and awards banquet proudly exemplify how this club promotes individual and school pride at GNSHS.

Global Angels *Nicole Spinelli*

Global Angels focuses on raising awareness of issues affecting children both locally and globally. Club members are actively involved in fundraising and charitable acts, such as cooking dinner for the Ronald McDonald House and delivering holiday gifts to children in the hospital. If you want to put your passion into action: volunteering and fundraising for those children in need, this is your chance to step up and be an angel!

<http://gnsglobalangels.weebly.com>.

Global Village *Michelle Sorise*

The goal of this club is to build awareness about and raise funds for global communities in need. Each year Global Village hosts a Charity Raffle. Funds raised go to a variety of causes. In the past we have made donations to support orphanages/ schools in Tanzania and Nicaragua, the Heifer International Project, and Natural Disaster Relief Funds.

Government Club *Tim Madden*

This club is for students interested in learning about all aspects of politics. The annual highlights include participation in Model Congresses and helping organize guest speakers.

Harry Potter Club *Holly Cipriano*

For those who love Harry Potter and more!! Come to a meeting of the fandoms! Dr. Who, Sherlock, Supernatural, Walking Dead and more!! Anything Comic Con-Join us for feasts, movie/show viewing, debates, trips and anything fandom!!

Hebrew Culture/Jewish Student Union *Ellen Shabi*

Students learn and discuss Jewish culture and traditions.

Hispanic Culture Club *Ana Tavares*

The Hispanic Culture Club represents the Hispanic student body of Great Neck South High. The club celebrates its members' cultural diversity through performances at school-wide events. Aside from educating its members and the school at large on Hispanic culture in the United States, the club offers meeting opportunities to foster learning success and leadership development in school. There are also trips to college fairs and college campus visits in conjunction with the Guidance Department.

HOSA *Steve Tringali*

HOSA is an organized health career awareness program for students interested in the health care industry and the involvement of health career activities. Members will participate in state and national competitions.

International Club/Cultural Heritage Night Planning

Committee: *Nicole Kinsey/Geraldine Finazzo*

This group is responsible for all aspects of running Cultural Heritage Night which is an opportunity for South High's various cultural groups to share music, dance, and other aspects of their cultures. Committee members will learn valuable organizational and leadership skills while participating in this exciting event.

Jazz Band *Michael Schwartz*

The Jazz Band Club is by audition in September. Selected students rehearse one evening in room 309 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. The Jazz Band performs at the Winter Concert, Spring Concert, MLK Assembly and outside performances. Interested students should see Mr. Schwartz in room 309. Students that play a band instrument must be a member of the symphonic band or wind ensemble in order to participate in the jazz band.

Key Club *Nicole Martinek*

This community service club develops new ideas and works on established ones. Its projects include the Great Neck Community School Fall Festival and May Fair, serving meals at Ronald McDonald House, fundraisers and blood drives.

Math Team *Tom Weisswange/Andrea Zinn*

This club is for students who enjoy the challenge of interesting math problems. Members participate in 24 competitions a year – some are head-to-head at other schools, many are here at GNSHS, and the level of difficulty varies from moderate to difficult. Top scorers can qualify for a state tournament and a national tournament. GNSHS has a very strong reputation in this field.

Mock Trial *Joseph Ko*

Students learn the roles of attorneys and witnesses as well as the legal process of civil and criminal trials. The culminating event every spring is participation in the New York State Mock Trial tournaments when students from GNS compete in trials against opposing teams from other local high schools at the Nassau County Supreme Court."

Music Choral: *Pam Levy*

Instrumental: *Michael Schwartz*

Choral highlights include sight singing workshop, NYSSMA preparation, South Singers, Soul Sisters, Barbershop A Cappella, Jazz choir and Musical Theatre Troupe. Instrumental highlights include NYSSMA preparation, opera orchestra, musical orchestra, jazz band, jazz combo and marching band.

Music Community Outreach (MCO)

Michael Schwartz

Open to all students. MCO provides music to our school and community. If you run an activity or event that would benefit from music, please let us know. We perform for senior centers and health related causes.

The National History Day Club *Judy McClellan/Fran Tria*

The National History Day Club serves to improve awareness of history through competition to a large student body and expand the number of participants/representatives at the yearly events. The Club is open to all students interested in history, research and competition using public presentation/speaking skills.

National Science Bowl *James Truglio*

Participate in annual Regional Science Bowl competition.

Peer Health Educators *Jane Callaghan*

This group organizes and presents peer education programs in both the middle school and high school. These programs address important health issues of value to adolescents.

Peer Drug Educator *Joan Greenberg*

Members pledge to be drug and alcohol free. Club emphasizes sharing information with other students about making healthy decisions.

Philosophy Club *Johanne Lynch*

"I am the wisest man alive, for I know one thing, and that is that I know nothing." *Socrates*

"Who am I?" "What am I doing here?" "Do I have a free will, or is everything predetermined?"

"What is goodness?" "Does evil exist?" "What is a good life?"

Humans have been asking themselves these questions since they became aware of themselves and their environment. These are the questions philosophers discuss, and for which they attempt to find answers. If these questions interest you, then you have a bit of the philosopher in you. Join the philosophy club, and explore these questions with fellow lovers of wisdom.

Photography Club *Karen Cuchel*

This club explores alternative processes and printing techniques, master photographers' works and our own images. Students are encouraged to pursue individual projects and/or participate in a group photo mural. See photo mural outside Deans' office and west gym for previous year's Photography Club mural project.

Post-Production Club *Robert Zahn (SMS)*

For students interested in working in several related fields: broadcast journalism, video production, movie making and others.

Rebels Connect *Jessica Skemer*

Rebels Connect is a place where you can establish and maintain connections amongst all peers and across all grade levels. The club focuses on raising awareness and providing opportunities to learn about Autism through annual community walks, fundraising and guest speakers. Members will also have the chance to coordinate with local organizations as well.

Rebel TV *Michael Passuello*

South High's TV productions.

Robotics *John Motchkavitz/Matthew Corrigan*

Students work throughout the year on building advanced robotic machines using CAD and other technology procedures. The team also competes annually in the US First Robotics Competition. Many scholarship opportunities are also available to team members at universities throughout the United States.

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

Allison Gottfried

For students interested in spreading knowledge about the dangers of making destructive decisions. This club works

on increasing awareness of the consequences of making poor decisions. Rooted in the effort to stop drunk driving, this club now tackles many issues that may include subjects such as: bullying, texting, violence etc... Members have organized guest speakers, demonstrations and partake in activities that spread their positive message. Members also use signs, ribbons, pencils and handouts to help achieve their goals.

Science Olympiad *James Truglio/Abby Jo Brighton*

Participate in Science Olympiad competition.

Set Design *John Motchkavitz*

Members work on the scenery and sets for the school musical and plays. Activities include painting, carpentry, stage lighting and construction.

Southerner (School Newspaper)

Editorial & Business: *Michael Moran/Jennifer Hastings*

The school's student-run newspaper needs writers, editors, photographers, business managers and layout designers.

SPECS (Students Putting an End to Cancer) *Carly Bank*

Promotes the awareness of cancer and related issues.

Student Government *Jane Callaghan/Karen Cantor*

Students must be elected in the annual elections. Representatives play an integral part in planning many school activities. Members interact with faculty and administration to accomplish numerous goals.

Support Our Troops *Michael Passuello*

Participate in charitable contributions and drives in honoring veteran members of our armed forces.

Table Tennis *Tara Rosenthal*

The Table Tennis club allows students to pursue table tennis on both a recreational and competitive level and holds periodic charity tournaments to support local causes.

Theatre South *Tommy Marr*

For students interested in theatre on stage and off. Annual highlights include a fall musical, winter play, spring one acts, improv troupe, coffee houses, social events and trips into the city. No experience necessary - just an interest in theatre!

The Midnight Run *Michelle Sorise*

Members will collect clothing and other goods as well as prepare food for the homeless population living in New York City. Students will go into the city and distribute these supplies one weekend day a month.

VISTA (Yearbook)

Literary: *Jennifer Scheinberg/Patty McLaughlin*

Business: *Judy McClellan*

This club produces the school's annual yearbook. It relies on creative team players who want to develop the pages and sections of the book. New ideas are vital and the reward of the finished product is special. Underclassmen are welcome.

Web Master *Jennifer Scheinberg*

Members work on the school website and develop new sites for teachers, classes and clubs.