



# Great Neck South High School

## 20-21 Clubs & Activities

*"Our Orange and Blue starts with an Extraordinary You"*

### **Academic Outreach** *Stacey Rapp*

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

### **Academic Team** *Jacob Friedman*

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

### **African American Culture Club**

*Nicole Kinsey/Heather Peretz/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** *Gloria Remusat*

This club gives students an opportunity to use their sign language skills to benefit the Deaf Community. Language and Culture go hand in hand and this Club is a perfect place for that. The club can provide the opportunity to meet Deaf people in the community and bring in guest presenters. Activities 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!

### **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 projects. School and community-based projects will be the focus. Drafting, rendering and CAD with Chief Architect will be performed.

### **AREA-C** *Abby Jo Brighton/Patrick Graham*

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

### **Art Club** *Megan Cashman/Katie Saltoun*

Members work on community and school-based art projects.

### **Asian Culture Society** *Nicole Spinelli*

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** *Holly Cipriano*

For students interested in delving into astronomy and environmental/earth sciences, causes of natural disasters and anything to do with the Earth and beyond! Come all to check out the school telescope and to solve real world problems dealing with the environment.

**Automotive Technology Club** *Nick Haramis*

Focuses 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.

**Aviation Club** *Chris Cioffi*

The Aviation Club will introduce students to the technology of aviation, the history of aviation and the commerce of aviation. Students will explore and share their own experiences. This club is open to any student who has a passion for aviation.

**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 students are able to meet their pen pals. Elementary students may also visit South High to meet with their pen pal and experience a taste of our arts, technology, music, and physical education offerings.

**Boys Athletic Association** *James Morrow*

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

**Ceramics Club** *Colleen Campbell*

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

**Chamber Choir** *Janine Robinson*

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

**Chamber Music** *Janine Robinson/Michael Schwartz*

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. Robinson.

**Chess Club** *Donna Nystrom/Amy White*

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**

*David Manuel/Kathleen Sparaccio*

Promotes the awareness and understanding of Christianity.

**Class Planning Committees**

Freshman: *Andrew Tuomey*

Sophomore: *James Morrow*

Junior: *David Moyal*

Senior: *Tara Rosenthal*

\*Senior Prom: *Linda McGurk*

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 is 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 join. See Mr. Virgilio in room 309A for more details.

**Debate Team** *Steven Tringali*

Students meet weekly to prepare 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 NYS Forensic League Tournament held in early Spring.

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

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

**Electronic Athletes Club** *Brian Shedrow*

This is a club for anybody who wants to play video games. We have games for the Wii U and laptops. All pros and newcomers welcome!

**ENL Club** *Lauren Fiore*

This club is open to all current and former ENL students. Club members will focus on two major ENL events such as an international activity, and a social gathering. Club members plan, organize, and run the events. In addition, club members provide translation services to new students, parents, and the community.

**Envirothon Club** *Andrew Tuomey*

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: *Michael Moran*

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 Club** *Vanessa Cum/Sepideh Roozdar*

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.

**Girls Varsity Association** *Tara Schiereck*

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 Village** *Michelle Sorise*

Have you recently been on a service trip and want to bring an initiative back to the school? Is there a local or global community you are driven to help? The goal of this club is to build awareness about and raise funds for global communities in need. We run many fundraisers including running the food concession at Cultural Heritage Night. In the past we have made donations to support orphanages and schools in Tanzania and Nicaragua, the Heifer International Project, and Natural Disaster Relief Funds.

**Gourmet's Club** *Holly Cipriano*

Come feast at the Gourmet's Club! All foodies unite! Chef demonstrations from local restaurants, contests, food, learning new culinary skills, discussing great meals and cooking ideas! All food interests are welcome, if you eat, like food, like to make food, like to watch food being prepared or just like to talk about a great meal or dessert, come on by!! Meetings twice per month.

**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.

**GSA** *Joan Greenberg*

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

**Hebrew Culture/Jewish Student Union** *Ellen Shabi*

Students learn and discuss Jewish culture and traditions.

**Hispanic Culture Club** *Ana Tavares*

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

**History Club** *Fran Tria*

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.

**International Club/Cultural Heritage Night***Brooke Zaiff*

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*

This club is by audition in September. Selected students rehearse one evening in room 309 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Students perform 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** *Patricia McLaughlin*

This community service club comes up with ways to service our school and community. Its projects include, but are not limited to, fundraising for organizations that support a good cause, food drives, serving meals at the Ronald McDonald house and organizing the fall and spring blood drives.

**Literature Club** *Dana Macrigiane*

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, and anything fandom!!

**Math Team** *Tom Weisswange*

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.

**Midnight Run** *Michelle Sorise*

Members of this club collect and organize clothing and other goods for the homeless in NYC, families of soldiers at Fort Drum, and other local communities in need. Students will have the opportunity to go into the city one weekend day a month to deliver supplies and food to those in need.

**Mindfulness Club** *Jennifer Hastings/Jennifer Zash*

Students will learn different aspects of mindfulness and its benefits; focusing on the present, not the past, accepting their thoughts and becoming comfortable with who they are, coping with stress and the many rigors of school and home life.

**Mock Trial** *Tim Madden*

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**

*Janine Robinson (Choral)*

*Mark Boschen/Michael Schwartz (Instrumental)*

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.

## **National Science Bowl** *James Truglio*

Participate in the annual Regional Science Bowl competition.

## **Peer Drug Educators** *Joan Greenberg*

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

## **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.

## **Photography Club** *Karen Cuchel*

This club offers an opportunity for students to experiment with photography and document activities around the school. 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 mural project.

## **Physics Club** *Nicole Spinelli*

This club was created to help prepare students for advanced problem solving, as well as to introduce students to basic principles of engineering. Members are encouraged to compete in the Physics Olympiad, Physics Bowl and Physics Brawl, for which they are provided with materials and resources to assist in preparation. Additionally, there is a make-it component to the club in which members vote on what they would like to build. This has previously culminated in the construction of functioning Bluetooth speakers.

## **Post-Production Club** *Robert Zahn (SMS)*

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

## **Rebel TV** *Michael Passuello*

South High's TV productions.

## **Rebels Connect** *Jessica Skemer*

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

## **Robotics** *Matthew Corrigan/John Motchkavitz*

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 available to team members at universities throughout the U.S.

**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, the club also tackles many issues such as: bullying, texting, violence, etc. Members organize guest speakers, demonstrations and partake in activities that spread their positive message. Members also use signs, ribbons, pencils and handouts to achieve their goals.

**Science Olympiad** *Nicole Spinelli/James Truglio*

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)**

*Lori Cresci/Jennifer Hastings*

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

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

Promotes the awareness of cancer and related issues.

**Student Government** *Jane Callaghan/Bridget Forie*

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** *Ryan Fox*

This 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!

**VISTA (Yearbook)** *Karen Cuchel/Jennifer Scheinberg*

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.