

WARD MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Club and Activity Guide

2018~2019

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As these programs start meeting, announcements regarding time and location will be made at the high school and will be posted on the high school website.

All meeting days and locations are subject to change

Welcome to Ward Melville High School's Co-Curricular Guide. Participation in co-curricular activities enriches your high school experience. Some key benefits are improving social skills, building relationships, time management skills, developing self-esteem, exploring a plethora of interests, and being committed to our school and community. We encourage you to explore and find one or multiple activities that match your interests.

Academic Challenges Club – A competitive club where students participate in team trivia tournaments such as Regional Quiz Bowl and the Brookhaven Science Bowl. Students may participate in both teams or choose to participate in whichever they prefer. The Academic Challenge Club meets once a week for practice. There will be tryouts for the Science Bowl team in September but the Regional Quiz Bowl team is open to anyone with a love for trivia!
Friday, 2:00 pm – RM 511 – Mr. Stuart

Art Honor Society – Designed for students who would like to expand their artistic abilities, learn new skills and explore a variety of mediums. Participation in this club will also offer community service opportunities as part of your induction as a member of NAHS.
Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 113 – Mrs. Dietz

Astronomy Club – Meets once a week after school and once a month for "Astronomy Night." Our regular meetings will include, but are not limited to, Rocket Building, Astrophotography, Website design and preparation for the Astronomy Olympiad. "Astronomy Night" is an opportunity for the club members to invite friends and family to our night time sky observations. This will include locations such as Custer Observatory and Stony Brook University.
Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM TBD – Advisor TBD

Ceramics Club – Will give students the opportunity to try a variety of methods in clay. We will explore the pottery wheel and various hand built techniques. Students will be able to create unique clay pieces that are both decorative and functional.
Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 114 – Mr. Swierupski

Chess Club – Provides an opportunity for chess players of all skill levels to come together and share ideas on strategy, game theory, and tactics in a friendly atmosphere. Whether you are a first-time player interested in learning more about the game or a seasoned player looking for more of a challenge, the WMHS Chess club is a great place to meet fellow students who share your love and interest for the game.
Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 522 – Mr. Stuart

Cinnabar-Literary/Art Magazine – Do you like creative writing, art, or music? If you do, then come write with Cinnabar! Our club activities include poetry and music Coffee Houses, field trips to writing conferences and festivals, and our yearly Plays-In-A-Day fundraiser. In addition, we work all year to publish Ward Melville's award-winning literary/art magazine!
Wednesday, 2:00 pm – RM 124 – Ms. Crispino

Coding and Computer Science – Provides a fun and unique environment for students interested in learning about coding, technology, or any aspect of the digital world. Meetings include various activities such as group projects, competitive events, and meeting with professionals. We strive to make every meeting not only informative and engaging, but also entertaining.
Friday, 2:00 pm – RM 202 – Mr. Smit/Mr. Tam

Concert Crew/School Event Crew – The Ward Melville musical isn't just about the actors, the real magic happens behind the scenes. Ward Melville's stage crew brings the play to life by creating the set and determining the lighting designs. We don't end there though, we also continue lighting the concerts, inductions, and other various events that occur in the auditorium. Despite all the hard work that the club members put in, we are a fun filled club.
Thursday, 2:00 pm – Lab A – Mr. Rogers

* Pending Board of Education Approval

Debate Team – Members learn research methods, public speaking, and analytical skills for participation in various speech and debate formats (Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Extemporaneous, Congress...) at the local, state, and national levels. We bring together a community of students, teachers, and parents invested in sophisticated communication competitions.

Friday, 2:00 pm – RM 126 – Ms. Porter

D.E.C.A. – Distributive Education Clubs of America – A business and marketing club that creates a remarkable experience for students in the preparation of emerging leaders and entrepreneurs. It prepares students for college and careers in business. D.E.C.A. also connects the importance of lifelong learning with success through state and international competition in 38 occupational areas. D.E.C.A. helps develop leadership and teamwork skills.

Monday, 2:00 pm – RM 106 – Ms. Littman

Environmental Club – Is dedicated to promoting environmental awareness. We participate in activities such as bottle recycling, paper recycling, growing organic food for the Island Harvest, as well as, the local food pantries. We conduct local environmental clean-up days. Students will have an opportunity to fundraise for Earth Day, and all proceeds are donated to organizations such as Citizens Campaign for the Environment and the World Wildlife Fund.

Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 516 – Mrs. Hannifin

Fishing Club – The goal and purpose is to become more competent in all aspects relating to fishing. This includes the basic rod and reel selection, knot tying, lure and bait selection, lure building, teaser and buck tail tying, rod building and lots more how-to sessions. At our weekly meetings we discuss different species and then go into the habitat and structure they can be found in, techniques for targeting different species, times of year and locations. Another goal is to become more environmental and conservation minded in regards to not only fishing but with respect to our local waterways and habitats.

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 238 – Mr. Wilson

French Honor Society – Provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding students of French language through selection for membership. FHS focuses on activities around French language and literature, as well as, encouraging member participation in the annual Grand Concourse and French National Exam Contest. In addition, there is the opportunity for students to experience leadership in serving as officers, directing the initiation ceremony, and/or leading other chapter events.

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 129 – Mrs. Quiros

Global Tutorial Ambassadors – Our goal is to connect with students from diverse backgrounds through English tutoring. We work to help our growing English language learners feel more at home in Ward Melville. Want to make it really global? We also have the opportunity to teach you how to video tutor students from around the world who want to better their English! Join us for event planning, and homework help.

Monday, 2:00 pm – RM 424 – Ms. Stelfox

Greenhouse Club – Club meetings involve learning the basics of plant propagation and maintenance. We propagate flowering plants and vegetables throughout the school year. Major events include our plant and flower sales which occur before the holiday break and before Mothers Day in the spring.

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 104 – Mr. Dornicik

Habitat for Humanity – Habitat for Humanity is an international nonprofit organization that partners with future and current homeowners to build simple, decent, and affordable housing for low income families with the help of volunteers. As a member of this unique club, you'll have opportunities to fundraise for a worthwhile organization and then use those funds to physically serve your community through hard work.

Friday, 2:00 pm – RM 231 – Mrs. Casadei-Berwind

Hebrew Culture Club – Bringing the Hebrew culture to Ward Melville! We celebrate the holidays in a fun way: chocolate Seder for Passover, Dreidel Party for Hanukkah. You don't need to be Jewish to join!

Monday, 2:00 pm – RM 108 – Mrs. Goldberg

Honor Societies require minimum GPA/academic standards, as well as, additional service hours and/or activities to be inducted. Some clubs which participate in competitions may require tryouts. For further details please contact the club advisor.

History Club* - A fun and competitive club where students can conduct historical research, simulate the US Government, and grow a passion for history. This club presents opportunities to create research projects, write bills, and debate on events from the past and present. We will compete in both History Day fairs and Model Congress conferences.

Thursday 2:00 - RM 421 - Mrs. Bilek

HOSA - Future Health Professionals Club – A national career and technical student organization endorsed by the US Department of Education and is the largest student organization which prepares students to enter the healthcare field. The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all future health science technology education students.

Monday, 2:00 pm – RM 137 – Mrs. Kost

International Culture Club – Teaches students about different cultures while providing food, entertainment, and a variety of community service opportunities and field trips. We donate to the charity Direct Relief and listen to exciting talks. Each week a different aspect of a culture will be demonstrated and a food from that culture will most likely be served!

Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 525 – Mrs. Michel

Italian Honor Society – Our club fosters and encourages the study of the Italian language and culture. The Società Onoraria Italiana, The National Italian Honor Society for High School Students, is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Italian. The purpose of this program is to give recognition to achievements in Italian as well as to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Italian culture and civilization.

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 122 – Mrs. McNair

Kaleidoscope – Newspaper – This student run newspaper includes print editions as well as the online news service kscopenews.com. Club members include the editorial board, the business staff, and the kscope staff comprised of writers, photographers, and artists. Contributors can participate in writing, broadcasting, photography, layout and design. New staff members are always welcome!

Tue., 3:00 pm RM 126/Thur., 2:00 pm RM 115 – Ms. Cowan/Ms. Crispino

Key Club – Is all about community service. We host Trick or Treat Street in the fall and the Senior Citizens Prom in the spring. In between, we do various community based service activities, such as the train station cleanup. We also help run charity events in our school and in our community.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm –North Cafeteria – Mrs. Goldberg/Ms. Fenigstein

Math Team – Provides an environment where students can independently or collaboratively solve challenging and engaging problems. We participate in both county and statewide competitions every season. If you have any interest in math, problem solving in general, or improving your critical thinking skills, then come join us!

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 202 – Mr. Tam

Media Club – Students are writing, filming and editing films for themselves as well as for a final end of year senior video. Students will be working together becoming a film crew in order to accomplish these goals. There is no need to know a video camera and editing software, we will be working together brainstorming and writing down ideas to create the final films, you will learn as you go.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – RM 111 – Ms. Cappiello

Model UN – An international organization that gives students the exposure to the United Nations and all of its functions. Our club meetings simulate the process of debating on foreign policy issues and creating international legislation that is relevant to these issues. We also offer students the ability to attend the National High School Model United Nations and Stony Brook University Model United Nations Conferences.

Friday, 2:00 pm – RM 423 – Ms. Stelfox

Music Technology Club – A place where students can learn about and explore the field of Music Technology. Including music production, electronic music performance, DJ'ing, sound design, recording arts, and many other areas of expertise.

Monday, 2:00 pm – Music Theory Room – Mr. Chapman

Muslim Culture Club* - This club aims to educate students about Islam and promote the fundamentals of Muslim culture, practices, and trends. Provides a place where students can meet, engage in discussion, share ideas, develop leadership skills, and develop community service projects.

Wednesday - RM 134 - Mrs. Jimenez

National Honor Society – As per the national guidelines, "The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character." The Ward Melville Invictus chapter strives to fulfill the criteria as set forth by the organization by participating in service based activities which not only benefit the Three Village Community but also improve global morale.

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – North Cafeteria – Mrs. Russo

Patriot League – This patriotic club is dedicated to acknowledging, showing respect and appreciation towards our veterans. Through fund-raising, visits to veterans' homes, and special events that bring students and veterans together, we honor the men and woman who give up so much for the sole benefit of our country. Through the clubs' efforts, we have been able to send letters to troops overseas, supply holiday gift bags to Stony Brook Veterans Home, maintain the 911 Garden at Ward Melville, as well as many other endeavors. All are welcome!

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – RM 209 – Mrs. Florio/Mr. Baumann

Philosophy Club – If you're Interested in the bigger things in life, or the world doesn't quite make sense, come to philosophy club! We discuss and argue topics in philosophy ranging from epistemology and ethics, to metaphysics and aesthetics. We compete in Ethics Bowl competitions and host forums and discussions throughout the year. Don't miss out!

Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 128– Mrs. Solntzeff

Pride Club – A club that provides a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual students, their friends, student allies, and school faculty. It is a student–run club where students discuss various issues, and ways to increase awareness in their school community. All are welcome!

Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 244 – Mrs. Sementilli

Printmaking and Photography Club - The printmaking club will print utilizing different techniques such as silkscreen and relief printmaking. We create t-shirts, fine art, and explore a variety of printmaking techniques.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm—RM 113—Mrs. DiLorenzo

Prom – The Prom Committee is open to all high school students, beginning in October. Once a theme is selected, we work on designing the invitations, the facade, and each area that is decorated for the prom. The parents will work with us to create our vision, and work with them throughout the rest of the year to bring our ideas to life! Our underclassmen are instrumental in assisting setup on the day of the Prom, working behind the scenes, and they get front-row seats for the Red Carpet Arrival. Students can also log Community Service hours for their assistance in setup and breakdown.

Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 123 – Mrs. Hurley/Mrs. Marra

Red Cross Club* - This club is a school-based service group that helps the Red Cross fulfill its humanitarian mission. Working closely with the local Red Cross unit, club members will participate in Red Cross service projects that impact their community and the world. Students will discover many new opportunities for self-development and be encouraged to choose activities that will most effectively fulfill the community's greatest needs.

Date/Time TBD - RM TBD - Advisor TBD

Robotics – Ward Melville's Iron Patriots focuses on engineering a robot for the FIRST Robotics Competition in March. The team introduces STEM to a broad demographic and strengthens teamwork skills as the group comes together to build the robot. The team also focuses on community outreach where its members can gain community service hours. All skill levels are welcome, a splendid experience for those interested in engineering and programming.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – Lab A – Mr. Williams/Mr. Rogers

S.A.L.T. (Student Athlete Leadership Team) This club is geared towards student athletes who are looking to make a positive change through various community service projects. Projects range from bake sales to tournament fundraisers to sports clinics. We are always looking for new members, and creative ideas to help us improve our school community.

Monday, 2:00 pm – RM 135 – Mrs. Sioss

Science Olympiad – A team in which students compete in “events” pertaining to various STEM disciplines, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Over 7,300 middle school and high school teams from 50 U.S. states compete each year. There are multiple levels of competition: invitational, regional, state, and national. The Ward Melville team has historically excelled at the invitational and regional competitions. The Ward Melville Science Olympiad is supported by the Three Village STEM Foundation.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – Lab C – Ms. Serigano/Mr. Suesser

Secular Student Alliance – An environment for all students who wish to speak freely. To promote an open community for Atheists, Agnostics, Humanists, Skeptics, Naturalists and Secularists. Are you interested in helping out the school community through charitable work and public service, come join us. All students welcome!

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – RM 234 – Mrs. Kowalenko/Mrs. Lamonica

S.H.A.R.P. (Students Helping and Reaching Peers) Our main goal is to foster an environment where all students are accepted. We organize a welcome breakfast for new students and staff members each year, provide school tours, mentor and serve as peer buddies to high school and elementary students, and raise money to support local children's charities. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is ZUMBA for Autism where we support Nassau Suffolk Autism Society of America (NSASA), a local organization making a difference in the lives of people with autism and their families.

Monday, 2:00 pm – RM 413 – Mrs. Cusumano

Stand Together Buddies Club* - An opportunity to introduce students to the idea of teamwork through recreational activities and projects. Students can serve the community through community outreach projects and make new friends by being part of a team.

Tuesday, 2:00 pm - RM 216 - Mrs. Levine/Mrs. McCaffrey

Spanish Honor Society – The National Spanish Honor Society has been involved in many volunteer/community outreach programs over the years. We learn about the Spanish language and multicultural experiences. In order to qualify for induction students must display character, leadership, integrity, service and commitment to others. Students promote the purposes of the Society not only in Spanish classes in the school, but also in the community whenever possible. Induction of new members with regular participation and success in Spanish will occur in the Spring.

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 130 – Mrs. McCoy/Mrs. Martin

Student Government – Is all about leadership, school spirit, and community service. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to share your opinions regarding school activities, help plan big school-wide events like Homecoming and Battle of the Classes, and develop your leadership skills, while also serving as a role model for your peers. If you are looking for a club that makes an impact in and out of the high school, then look no further, Student Government is for you!

Thursday, 2:00 pm – Cafeteria – Mrs. Edgar/Ms. Kane/Mrs. Kraemer

Students United in Faith – Provides a place where students can meet and socialize with other students, engage in faith discussions, share their faith, develop and apply their leadership skills, and develop community service projects. All faiths are welcome.

Thursday, 2:00 pm – RM 134 – Mrs. Jimenez

Teen Social Club – A place where students can interact and feel accepted. We plan events throughout the year that enhance and enrich socialization. Students, through shared decision making plan, organize and provide activities that are fun. The students develop leadership, planning, active listening and social engagement skills. It is a place where all student belong and feel accepted and safe.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – RM 127 – Mrs. Gregory

Tri-M Music Honor Society – A nationwide honor society that focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy. Students in the Ward Melville chapter of Tri-M have a shared love for music and desire to better the school and community with music. We are proud to sponsor and participate in many events including concerts, talent shows, NYSSMA, music lessons to our own elementary school students, etc.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – Orchestra Room – Mr. Gelfer/Mr. Meier

Ward Melville Players – Come join the Ward Melville Players! We plan our 6 productions, which include: the Improv Show, Charlie Brown Christmas, The Murder Mystery, The Drama/Comedy, The One-Act Festival and The Evening of Comedy! Experience the magic of theatre by building sets, designing lighting, creating costumes, and props and/or working with producers! You'll make friends for life, and become a part of our company!

Tuesday, 2:00 pm – LGI – Mrs. Favre/Ms. Metro

Women's Forum – A peer mentoring program specifically aimed at helping girls make some critical decisions at significant developmental periods in their life. Topics for group discussion include self-esteem, individuality, communication, comfort zones, dating, goal setting, and character. Club members have been able to participate in leadership conferences and they have also met with the Women in Science and Engineering students from Stony Brook (WISE).

Monday, 2:00 pm – Student Counseling Center–Mrs. Gregory

Yearbook – If you're interested in photography, graphic design, journalism or art, Yearbook is a club that gives you the chance to learn and develop these abilities, while creating an award-winning yearbook. Students will learn how to write and edit copy, layout and design spreads, use DSLR cameras, and be introduced to InDesign, Illustrator, and Photoshop. Yearbook provides students with opportunities to become leaders in the school while working with a close-knit team to create a book of memories.

Monday/Tuesday, 2:00 pm – RM 111–Ms. Baum/Mrs. Solntzeff

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