



**RHINEBECK  
HIGH SCHOOL**



**EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES CATALOG  
2017-2018**



## **ART CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Kathy Giles

**Mission:** The Art Club is a welcoming and open-ended, creative environment for high school students to come and express themselves

**Mtg Time/Location:** Tuesdays, 2:35 - 3:30pm in Room 131

**Typical Activities:** Community-oriented projects: past projects include school murals and life-size tape sculptures, decorations and backdrops for the Senior Citizen Prom and Sinterklaas panels. Fund-raising projects: include making and selling jewelry, magnets and clay-made objects; hosting guest speakers to present workshops; advocating for the arts.

## **AV CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Ed Lackaye

**Mission:** Each month the AV Club produces variety of content proposed by and written by students. Students also have the opportunity to act in any created content. Students can learn how to film and edit 4K footage using the Adobe Premiere Pro program as our editing software.

**Mtg Time/Location:** AV Club meets every Friday afternoon in the AV Room

## **CHOIR CLUB/SWING CHOIR**

Advisor: Mrs. Grace Lalicki

**Mission:** To provide a structured extracurricular program for students to create music in a smaller ensemble format. The musical selections and instrumentation are student generated. Students are encouraged to learn new instruments including guitar, bass, drum set and piano as well as vocals.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Tuesdays 2:40 - 3:30pm Choir Room

**Typical Activities:** In the past we have worked with a rock band-style grouping and worked on mostly indie music. The group also known as Tuesday Afternoon performs at our choral concerts.

## **CREATIVE WRITING CLUB**

Advisor: Mrs. Sarah Wheeler

**Mission:** Our club offers creative space and support for writers of all grades and skill level. Whether we consider writing a fun hobby, a potential professional pursuit, or a lifelong practice, we wish to explore and celebrate writing with others. As writers, we will experiment with new styles and genres; as readers, we will look for inspiration from other authors' works. Our members can take active roles in planning club events and experiences.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Creative Writing Club will meet in Room 105 after school on Mondays. Occasional "dinner meetings" will be held at 4:30-6:30 pm to accommodate our members' tight and varied schedules.

**Typical Activities:** Writing to prompts, writing in a variety of forms, writing from a range of perspectives and voices, sharing writing we have read and liked, imitating the work of our favorite authors, finding new readers for our writing, whether through publication or collaboration with other student groups, incorporating other media (i.e. visual arts, music) into our work, listening to each other's work and applauding with fierce enthusiasm.

### **DEBATE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Ed Lackaye

**Mission:** To develop a variety of debate techniques for use in Bard's annual Debate Tournament. To understand how to properly construct a competent and effective argument.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Tuesdays in Room 102

**Typical Activities:** Participate in mock debates with each other and with local high schools, work with a member of the Bard Debate Team to develop debate techniques, and attend the annual Bard Debate Tournament to compete against other local high schools.

### **DIVERSITY CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Karen Signor

**Mission:** Diversity Club provides a safe space for all students. Its mission is to raise awareness of important issues and promote tolerance.

**Mtg Time/Location:** TBD in Room 134B

**Typical Activities:** Campaigns, movie night, day of silence, no name calling week, monthly PA messages

### **DRAMA CLUB**

Advisor: Mrs. Cynthia Baer

**Mission:** The Rhinebeck High School Drama Club is the largest single activity in the Rhinebeck Central School District, typically involving around 75 students, grades 9 -12, in its annual Spring Musical production.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Beginning in Mid-October a 6-week Acting Workshop will be held on Thursday nights from 6pm -8pm. Theater games, improvisation bits and dancing will be introduced. A portion of each night will be dedicated to working on a final presentation. Everyone is welcome.

Auditions begin in the late fall with principal roles assigned in December before the winter holiday vacation. Rehearsals commence in early January. Rehearsals are typically Monday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. As

expected not everyone needs to be at every rehearsal until we get closer to the show. There are a few full-day rehearsals on Saturday. Stage Crew usually meets on Sundays from 1pm to 5pm.

**Typical Activities:** Each year the Drama Club produces a full scale modern American musical. One important note about the Drama Club is that everyone who is interested can be involved. If a student wants to perform, we find a spot for him or her on the stage; musicians have the opportunity to play in the pit band. Stage Crew is another opportunity for involvement.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Amy Christie

**Mission:** Increase environmental issue awareness, fundraise for environmental agencies, garden care, and plan guest speakers for school community.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Every other Thursday in Room 126

**Typical Activities:** Fundraiser for the Elephant Orphanage of Kenya, garden care, Environmental Tip of the Week, Power Down Fridays, Earth Day Activities, and Movie Nights.

### **FRENCH CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Ernest Welch

**Mission:** To promote French cultures around the world. To learn more about French history, culture, society, etc.... We converse in French while eating croissants and listening to Grégoire and other French-speaking artists. We'd like to see French promoted everywhere! Vive le français!

**Mtg Time/Location:** Once a week in Room 107

**Typical Activities:** Crêpe stand, a "fête française" for the school, movie screenings, French cuisine, email/Facebook pen pals, painting a mural, field trips, and raise money for charities in poorer francophone countries, such as Haiti or Chad.

### **GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE**

Advisor: Ms. Courtney Green

**Mission:** The Rhinebeck Gay/Straight Alliance is a club in which everyone is heard and accepted. It's a place where you can be yourself without pressure to impress or the feeling that you may be judged. It's a safe environment made by students and run by students. Our purpose is to support and encourage the LGBTQ community within our school and keep Rhinebeck aware of issues that are important.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Once a week - TBD (Likely Tuesdays) in Room 102

**Typical Activities:** Activities to raise awareness of the LGBTQ community and to increase inclusiveness among all students like Day of Silence and New Paltz Pride.

## **GENDER EQUALITY CLUB**

Advisor: Mrs. Stephanie Baird

**Mission:** A club whose purpose is to shed light on the lack of, and necessity for, gender equality throughout the world. A place for students to promote discussion, engage in meaningful debate, empower each other, and reach out to organizations and people advocating for gender equality locally and globally.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Every other Thursday: 2:45 – 3:30 in Room 144

**Typical Activities:** Discussion of current events and ideas regarding gender equality, and organizing fundraising events to benefit national and international organizations who represent women and the LGBTQ community.

## **HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND**

Advisor: Ms. Laura Natalie

**Mission:** The jazz band will perform a wide range of music, centering on jazz, blues, and Latin styles, at multiple performances through the year. During rehearsals, we have the opportunity to explore new types of music as well as improvisation. All band students are welcome in the jazz band, as well as bass, guitar, and piano players.

**Mtg Time/Location:** TBD in Rhinebeck Band Room

**Typical Activities:** Rehearse jazz band repertoire in a fun, inclusive environment.

## **MODEL UN CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Gideon Moor

**Mission:** The RHS Model United Nations (UN) Club's mission is to increase awareness, understanding, tolerance, and acceptance of the world's peoples, cultures, beliefs, values and attitudes, raise student awareness of global issues and disputes, and promote student understanding of the diplomatic mechanisms available for international cooperation.

**Mtg Time/Location:** 1 per week (usually on Mondays 2:40-3:20pm) Room 104

**Typical Activities:** Club members will:

- take the roles of "ambassadors" from around the world and participate in simulated United Nations conferences
- research the diplomatic priorities of different countries and write position papers simulating policies and UN resolutions that would advance those goals
- orally present country positions and debate potential resolutions to international disputes
- develop an understanding of parliamentary procedures
- discuss contemporary international affairs and examine same from a variety of national and group perspectives.
- practice analytical reasoning, problem solving, and negotiation.

**Website:** Model UN Club Website

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor: Ms. Bobbie Bie

**Mission:** The National Honor Society recognizes juniors and seniors who have achieved excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Eligible students can apply in the fall of their junior or senior year.

**Mtg Time/Location:** FIRST Tuesday of the month 7:10 - 7:45 AM Room 146

**Typical Activities:** Service projects for the benefit of the community.

### **PEER MENTORING CLUB**

Advisor: Mrs. Meg Rodier

**Mission:** The Peer Mentor Club is comprised of 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who are faculty nominated as they are in good academic standing and serve the school community as positive role models. Peer mentors are trained during the summer in communication skills, problem-solving skills, rapport building, and how to manage their roles and responsibilities as mentors.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Ongoing and varied

**Typical Activities:** Helping new students adjust to the high school; provide afterschool homework help at BMS; work with students who need tutoring and mentoring in the middle and high schools.

### **RHINEBECK REALITY NEWSPAPER**

Advisor: Mr. Ernest Welch

**Mission:** To publish four issues of the Rhinebeck Reality newspaper per school year in order to inform, educate and entertain. We provide quality written articles that inform the student body about national, world, and local events.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Room 107 and Room 152 (for computers). We meet once before each issue to plan, then go to email for articles and photo submissions etc. We meet several times on successive days to layout and publish the issue.

**Typical Activities:** Independent research, writing, interviewing, and photographing subjects of interest to produce articles for the paper; use Microsoft Publisher for newspaper layout and design.

## **SCIENCE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Jason Stevenson

**Mission:** The RHS Science Club's Mission is to provide a setting outside of the classroom to further explore science through research and experimentation, with fewer set expectations and time restraints.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Once per week (usually on Monday) - 2:35-3:15pm Room 136

**Typical Activities:** Club updates, fundraisers, science activity suggestions, engage in student-selected science activities, talk about what we've learned and how activities could be improved; involvement in the Rhinebeck Discovery Festival.

## **SPANISH CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Matthew Fisher (Sr. Pescador)

**Mission:** The RHS Spanish Club's mission is to raise money for those in need in the Hispanic Community while maintaining a fun and safe environment for all students. Additionally, the Spanish Club exists to help students achieve success in their Spanish classes.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Once per week (usually Wed, or Thurs) - 3-4 weeks per month, 2:20 - 3:00pm (depending on activities) Room 108 - Fisher's classroom

**Typical Activities:** Fund-raiser event planning (ideas), Candy Grams, FIFA -soccer video game tournament, soccer tournament, 5 de mayo Fiesta!, eating walking tacos and culturally diverse food!, listening to Spanish music / watching music videos, Group studying/peer tutoring/general extra help with Spanish classwork.

## **STEEL DRUM BAND**

Advisor: Ms. Laura Natalie

**Mission:** The steel drum band will learn about the steel drums while playing a range of music, from traditional steel drum literature to pop music. We will have the opportunity to perform throughout the year. All students who are interested in learning to play the steel drums are welcome.

**Mtg Time/Location:** TBD Rhinebeck Auditorium

**Typical Activities:** Rehearse steel drum band repertoire in a fun, inclusive environment.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Advisor: Mr. Gideon Moor

**Mission:** Provide a democratic forum in which students can address those school related issues that affect their lives. Maintain a continuous communication channel from students to faculty members and administrators as well as among the students within the school. Offer a year-long program of social functions and community involvement projects for students.

**Mtg Time/Location:** Every Tuesday in room 131 2:40-3:20 pm (days/time may change to reflect the schedule of the members)

**Typical Activities:** All of RHS's student body is welcome to join the student council as a student representative. In addition, students may run for an office. Offices include that of the grade-level offices as well as the council offices. Elections are usually run in early fall. Students who run for class office will be responsible to govern activities that are related to their grade level, and are voting members of the student council. SC members oversee the entire student government and the agendas they run. Examples of activities the SC has carried out: Buying TV's for Lunch room, having microwave in lunch room, Pep Rallies, fundraising (concessions), school dance.

## **CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

Advisors:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Hahn
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Ruzzi
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Green
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Ifill

**Mtg Time/Location:** Varies by Class; please check with Class Advisor.

**Mission:** At each grade level all students are encouraged to be active with their class in planning activities and fundraising. This group is headed by the class officers and is a branch of Student Council.

Class officers are elected either in late spring or early fall and assume their positions for one year, until the next election. A President runs together with a Vice President, and the Secretary and Treasurer run independently. We do not have "co-officers". Students running for office must write and deliver a speech to their classmates regarding their running platform. They can run a campaign with posters, stickers etc. prior to the election.



Officers, together with their faculty advisor, facilitate all class activities and fundraisers. The officers must be responsible, available to attend meetings, and abide by the RHS Constitution (which is attached to this packet). The Class President is responsible for attending Student Council meetings as well as class meetings. Download Rhinebeck HS Student Council Constitution

## **YEARBOOK**

Advisor: Ms. Susan St. Clair

**Mission:** To create a high-quality full-color yearbook that reflects Rhinebeck High School's 2017-2018 school year. This includes but is not limited to coverage of: prom, graduation, art displays, extra-curricular activities, sports, clubs, pep rally, high school musical, and school-wide events.

**Mtg Time/Location:** 2:35pm as scheduled in Room 210(BMS Computer Lab) Meeting times vary based on deadlines. All staff members will work to complete assigned pages. Some of this work can be done remotely using the online design software.

**Typical Activities:** Yearbook design and layout, extensive photography opportunities, proofreading, editing, conducting yearbook sales, reaching out to local businesses for advertising sales.