

POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL

CLUBS



2023 - 2024

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Academic Team

Mission: The Academic Team is a group of students that enjoy trivia and facts! We meet weekly to practice for competitions with other local high schools. Trivia subjects include English, History, Math, Science, Geography, Music, Art, etc. The main event each year is a multi day competition in Feb/March with other Sussex County high schools. Pope John has won the Sussex County competition for the past two seasons!

Grades: 9th - 12th
Meetings: Fridays at 7:15am - 7:45, meetings weekly
Location: 251
Requirements: An interest in trivia and an enthusiasm for competition.

Advisors: Mrs. Kathleen Piwko & Christopher Kappelmeier

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Ambassador Club

Mission: Student ambassadors serve as representatives of Pope John High School during various on campus events and recruitment programs. Student ambassadors help with the "Lion for a Day" shadow program, assist with on campus events, and are invited to support recruitment related tasks and programs.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Will be announced
Location: Room 151

Advisors: Mr. George Mihalik & Mrs. Anne Kaiser

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American Spirit Singers

Mission: The American Spirit Performers are a patriotic singing group dedicated to conveying love for our nation and capturing its spirit in their deeds and songs. Anyone may recommend a student for membership based on the following criteria: outstanding character, academic achievement, service to America, and vocal ability.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: TBD
Location: Old Gym - Stage
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Jacquelyn Burt

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Book Club

Mission: To ignite an interest in reading and to encourage students to share their love of reading with one another.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Announced through Google Classroom
Location: 107
Requirements: The desire to read.

Advisor: Mrs. Joyce Cluess

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Business Club/Investment Club

Mission: To create a forum for students interested in business as a major and career path. The club will provide information on the many different business majors and host special speakers that can provide industry experience and insights to help students better understand those majors & fields.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Announced via Google Classroom/Wednesday (B days) during advisory
Location: Room 224
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Grace Halevy & Mr. Brian Carlson

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Chess Team

Mission: To compete with other schools in chess matches. Our players compete in state chess tournaments as well as national tournaments, culminating in the High School National Tournament. This is in addition to weekly practice and matches with other high school teams.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Every Monday after school (2:45-4:00)
Location: Biondo Research Center
Requirements: The desire to play chess competitively and a commitment to practice in order to improve.

Advisor: Mr. Joseph Giovannone

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Debate Club

Mission: To give students a social, fun, and challenging way of developing their oratory skills. The participants will learn to analyze arguments and evidence from various perspectives. Students will learn to evaluate information critically, identify logical fallacies, and construct well reasoned arguments.

Grades: 9th - 12th
Meetings: Will be announced on Google Classroom
Location: TBA
Requirements: Attend 80% of meetings to go to the competitions.

Advisor: Mr. Michael Grace

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Fencing Club

Mission: The goal of the Pope John Fencing Club is to develop men and women to become competitive fencers at the middle school and high school level who can someday compete in team fencing tournaments for Pope John. We welcome beginners and advanced fencers alike to come and train in a friendly, supportive, yet competitive environment. Our program offers instruction on all three weapons- sabre, epee, and foil, although fencers specialize and compete with one weapon.

Grades 8th - 12th
Meetings: TBD
Location: NFA - Sparta PAL - 38 Station Road, Sparta, NJ
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mr. Mark Trudnos

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Film Club

Mission: This club will provide its members an opportunity to view and discuss great movies from cult classics to quirky contemporaries. Members will develop a better appreciation for film and cinema.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Announced through Google Classroom/Advisory B days
Location: Room 114
Requirements: None

Advisor: Bruce Shuert

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French Club

Mission: This club will provide its members with the opportunity to speak French, learn about French culture, eat French food, and receive help with French schoolwork.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Announced through Google Classroom
Location: Room 226
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Giulia Gavin

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FTC Robotics

Mission: Sport of the mind: Competitive robotics teams for high school students. Beginning our 17th year, Pope John's two FTC teams compete at the state and international levels where students strategize best game play options, design with CAD, build from the ground up, design and manage an electrical system, program using JAVA, document processes and drive a robot that fits in an 18" cube. The robots compete against other teams from across NJ during the regular season; the game changes each season, which runs September through April. Students participate in community and professional outreach, keep an engineering portfolio and give judged presentations on their robot, outreach and team. A varsity letter in robotics is awarded for top team members each year.

Grades: 9th - 12th
Meetings: Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:30 and Saturdays from 9:30 - 12; may vary based on competition schedule
Location: Rectory Basement
Requirements: No prior robotics experience necessary

Advisor: Mrs. Katherine Rizzo

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German Honor Society

Mission: Delta Epsilon Phi National Honor Society for High School Students of German recognizes students who have demonstrated a proficiency and propensity for the German language and culture. With this distinction comes responsibility. Students are required to offer their support by tutoring their peers as necessary and support the work of the German Club.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Meetings: TBD
Location: Room 214

Requirements: Students who are enrolled in the third level of study, having completed each year with a final grade of 90 or above are eligible for consideration. Additionally, students must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and receive administrative approval for admission.

Advisor: Mrs. Elizabeth Buniak

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Green Team

Mission: To promote a sustainable home, school, and community through activities and projects.

Meetings: Monday AM and after school as announced

Location: Room 408

Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Judith Loff

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Habitat for Humanity

Mission: Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials from the support of local businesses, churches, individual donors and fundraising events, Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses in partnership with families in need.

Want to make a huge difference in the life of a family and in the community by joining us? There are many ways you can support Habitat for Humanity.

Meetings: Announced through Google Classroom and vary depending on service projects

Location: Room 103

Requirements: Students under 16

- ~Volunteer at the ReStore located in each county
- ~Make lunches for the volunteers at each build
- ~Assist in collection drives
- ~Create posters for fundraising events
- ~Participate in fundraising events

Students over 16

- ~Construction volunteers must be at least 16 years of age to be present on an active build site.

Youth volunteers ages 16 or 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. One adult chaperone is required for every 5 youth volunteers.

- ~Assist in collection drives
- ~Create posters for fundraising events
- ~Participate in fundraising events

Advisors: Ms. Susan Haggerty

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Help Us Rise (HUR)

Mission: To help and empower low-income women and single mothers pursue education and financial independence in partnership with and in supporting local non-profit organizations.

Meetings: Wednesdays (once per month)

Location: Room 204

Requirements: None

Advisor: Ms. Jacquelyn Burt

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Holy Rosary Club

Mission: Inspired by the life of our Heavenly Queen mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, we seek to love God with all our heart, mind and soul. We promise to honor her selfless devotion to all humanity by praying the Rosary and spreading the Gospel message of her love through our discipleship of works of charity for the sick, the poor and the forgotten in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Rosary Club is dedicated to the memory of Father Patrick Bonner, OSB.

Grades: 8th - 12th

Meetings: 1st Advisory

Location: 201

Requirements: A sincere desire to be kind, charitable and loving to all.

Advisor: Ms. Katherine Stehr

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Italian Club

Mission: To develop an understanding and appreciation for Italian culture, with a special emphasis on the Italian-American experience. Club members are encouraged to explore their Italian heritage. Cultural activities may include cooking, corresponding with pen pals and exploring Italian music and art. Past field trips have included Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, The Tenement Museum, and lunch in Little

Italy.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Announced through Google Classroom
Location: Room 226
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Giulia Gavin

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Key Club

Mission: An international student-led organization with opportunities to perform character, and develop leadership.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Thursdays at 7:30am
Location: Room 408
Requirements: Two service hours in a Key Club activity and membership dues of \$20 per year.

Advisors: Mrs. Judith Loff

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Mock Trial

Mission: To educate students with regards to the fundamentals of the American court system. Through role-playing, the students will have the opportunity to develop skills in critical thinking and public speaking, while experiencing the setting of a real courtroom. Mock Trial is an excellent opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in law as well as other related fields.

Grades: 9th - 12th
Meetings: Posted to Google Classroom, after school, advisory and on the weekends based on competition schedule
Location: Room 202 and Mike Hanifan's Law Office
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Laurie Lynch

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Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)

Mission: To recognize academic excellence in mathematics and encourage students to enjoy and build confidence in math. The society helps to provide math tutoring to students in the Academy and participates in math contests throughout the year.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Meetings: Announced through Schoology
Location: Room 111

Requirements: Have a MATH GPA that equates to 85 or above in all honors level math courses and a 93 or above in all accelerated level math courses. Also, must have been enrolled in at least one honors level or higher math course. In addition, maintain an overall GPA > pi, and have completed or be currently enrolled in a Pre-Calculus course.

Advisor: Mr. Joseph Giovannone

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Multicultural Club

Mission: Multicultural Club serves as an opportunity for students at Pope John to become more aware and accepting of cultural diversity and to help build a sense of community among students. The Multicultural Club builds knowledge of various cultures in a safe space, sharing ideas on how to improve cultural attitudes and awareness at Pope John while reinforcing Catholic Social Teaching on human dignity for all of God's children.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Every other Wednesday at 7:25 am
Location: Room 212
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Cathy Conlee

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National Honor Society

Mission: To demonstrate leadership, scholarship, service and character in the students' community, school and church.

Grades: 11th - 12th
Meetings: As needed; announced on Google Classroom
Location: Room 115

Requirements: Open to Juniors and Seniors with a 3.75 GPA or higher. 60+ service hours for Juniors and 75+ service hours for Seniors. Students must also demonstrate leadership and character. Eligible students will be invited to apply.

Advisors: Mrs. Donna Keller

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Operation Smile Club

Mission: Operation Smile Club is affiliated with the international nonprofit medical service organization "Operation Smile". Operation Smile has provided over 220,000 free surgeries for children born with a cleft lip or cleft palate. Club members hold events to raise money for these needed surgeries. Members make cards, craft gifts, and smile bags for children recovering from these surgeries.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Posted to Google Classroom
Location: Room 212
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mrs. Catherine Conlee

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Photography Club

Mission: The purpose of the Photography Club is to enhance students' appreciation of photography as an art form and develop basic skills with a digital camera. Students will have an opportunity to photograph school events and have their photos published on social media, the school website and print publications.

Meetings: Every Monday during Advisory
Location: Biondo Research Center
Requirements: None

Advisor: Mr. Austin Braun

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Pope John Players

Mission: To provide students with exciting opportunities to audition for, stage and perform two productions annually for Pope John and the greater community at large. These productions are run at the professional level in accord with commonly accepted theatrical principles in order to offer experiences in acting, singing, dance, stagecraft, instrumental pit music, lighting, makeup, choreography, directing and producing. Licensing from professional vendors insures production quality. Select performance numbers then travel to various competitions throughout the county and state. Students have various enjoyable experiences including laser tag, family dinners, cast brunches and service opportunities including the Senior Citizen performance. Past productions include "Les Miserables", "Hairspray", "Twelve Angry Men", "Pippin" "Fiddler on the

Roof", "Aida", The Crucible", "A Few Good Men" and "Steel Magnolias", "Newsies", "Miss Saigon " "Phantom of the Opera , "Little Shop of Horrors "and "Cats".

Meetings: Following open information meetings the Common Casting week for both the fall drama and the spring musical begins the third week of September.

Rehearsals for both shows start shortly thereafter.

Location: Music Room and the Stage

Requirements: Grades 9-12. No experience necessary. Interested students are encouraged to join by seeing the student leader, Ms. Burt.

Advisor: Mrs. Jacquelyn Burt

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Science National Honor Society

Mission: The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought. It is to advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, and to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science. It is to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.

Grades: 11th and 12th grade students

Meetings: 7:15 am as needed; after school based service project

Location: Room 251

Requirements: A member must have and maintain a 3.75 overall grade point average across all classes and a 3.75 GPA across all sciences. A member must be enrolled in at least one AP or Honors level science class during or prior to the eleventh-grade year. A member must be enrolled in at least one second-year AP or Honors level science class during or prior to the twelfth-grade year. A member must be enrolled in at least one AP or Honors level science class during the twelfth-grade year. If second year AP or Honors level science courses are not offered by the school, then the student must be enrolled in a second first year AP or Honors level science class.

Advisor: Chris Kappelmeier

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Ski & Snowboard Club

Mission: To provide students the ability to ski and snowboard in a non-competitive environment at Mountain Creek, Vernon NJ. The club helps to coordinate affordable transportation and lift tickets to all PJHS students.

Grades: 8th - 12th

Meetings: January & February 2021 (specific dates TBD)

Location: Mountain Creek, Vernon NJ
Requirements: Basic skiing and/or snowboarding skills

Advisor: Edyta Papachimonas & Fr. John Calabro edytapapa@gmail.com
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Stand Against Bullying (SAB)

Mission: To treat others with respect and kindness. To foster an environment where all students feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To work in collaboration to prevent all forms of bullying through education and outreach. To help those being bullied and foster an atmosphere of acceptance.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Announced through Google Classroom
Location: Room 202
Requirements: None

Advisors: Catherine Kiff-Vozza, Joe Giovannone, & Laurie Lynch
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SEARCH

Mission: To provide weekend retreats oriented to the SEARCH for Christian maturity.

Meetings: Team leaders meet weekly in preparation for the once-per-semester retreats; invitees attend the retreat only
Location: Fairview Lakes
Requirements: Students in 11th or 12th grade of exceptional character, able to contribute positively to the Faith element of our school community.

Advisors: Fr. John Calabro & Mr. Joe Giovannone frcalabro@popejohn.org
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Scanning Electron Microscope Club (SEM)

Mission: Offer students interested in STEM the ability to pursue introductory level research through Pope John's own Scanning Electron Microscope. Utilization of this equipment would allow students to view specimens at a high resolution, allowing for a

deeper understanding of its physical components that goes unseen by the average human eye, and even standard microscope.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: After school
Location: Room 251
Requirements: TBD

Advisor: Christopher Kappelmeier

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Spanish Club

Mission: To provide the opportunity to develop a respect, understanding, and appreciation for Hispanic cultures.

Grades: 8th - 12th
Meetings: Last Thursday or Friday of each month; 7:20 - 7:40
Location: Biondo Research Center
Requirements: Interest in Hispanic cultures; knowledge of Spanish is not required

Advisor: Dr. Susana Maiztegui

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Spanish Honor Society

Mission: Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica recognizes students who have demonstrated a proficiency and propensity for the Spanish language and culture. With this distinction comes responsibility. Students are required to offer their support by tutoring their peers as necessary and support the work of the Spanish Club.

Grades: 10th - 12th
Meetings: TBD
Location: Biondo Research Center

Requirements: Students who are enrolled in the third level of study, having completed each year with a final grade of 90 or above are eligible for consideration. Additionally, students must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and receive administrative approval for admission.

Advisor: Dr. Susana Maiztegui

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Zero Robotics

Mission: Students compete by programming robotic satellites in zero G space environment on board the international space station. Our team frequently competes at

the national level. Varsity letter in robotics awarded to top team members. (Team currently waiting for competition to be resumed by MIT - interrupted due to Covid)

Meetings: Meetings will be announced through Google Classroom

Location: Computer Lab 211

Requirements: An intensive training workshop must be passed by all students who wish to join the team. The workshop requires about 30 to 60 hours of effort.

Advisor: Mr. Joseph Giovannone

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Pope John XXIII High School

New Club Proposal

New Club Criteria

To be eligible for consideration as a club sponsored by Pope John High School, a club must meet the following criteria:

1. Evidence of sufficient student interest (15 signatures)
2. Congruence with the Pope John Mission Statement
3. Availability of an appropriate faculty/adult sponsor
4. Inclusiveness
5. No significant duplication of purpose, goals, or activities of an existing School-sponsored club.

The following form must be filled out in order to start a new club or activity. The completed form should be presented to Mr. Emering. A meeting will follow to discuss the proposal.

Person presenting the proposal:

Name:	_____
Email:	_____
Phone #:	_____

Name of proposed club/activity:

General description of purpose of proposed club/activity:

Goals of proposed club/activity:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List at least four activities or events students will participate in:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

How will your club/activity benefit the students of Pope John High School?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

When and how often do you intend to meet?

Faculty Sponsor/Advisor Name: _____

Faculty Sponsor/Advisor Signature: _____

Student petition (15 signatures from students who are interested in this club/activity - please include at least one student from every grade.)

Printed Name	Signature	Grade
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