



## Clubs and Activities

2022-2023 Academic Year

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### **3D Printing Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Ms. Cassandra Kinskey-Lebeda [ckinskeylebeda@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:ckinskeylebeda@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Maks Mackenna, Hank Shantz, Alex Wong

**Meeting Place:** McLeod Innovation Center, 3D Printing Room

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays, after school

3D Printing is a method of creating three dimensional objects using a computer-created design. In this club, one of our many goals is to help members get comfortable with the conceptualization of what 3D printers can do, but also to have fun while learning a valuable skill. Throughout the year, we hope to hold events and competitions that allow club members to showcase their skills!

### **African-American Cultural Club (AACC)**

**Name of Moderator:** Ms. Jayne Penn [jpenn@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jpenn@fairfieldprep.org) and Mr. Ruben

**Goodwin** [rgoodwin@fairfieldpre.org](mailto:rgoodwin@fairfieldpre.org)

**Student Leaders:** Farrell Nivrose

**Meeting Place:** B207

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays

*AACC is one of three clubs that help to promote diversity in the schools by addressing issues pertinent to each culture. Although the title of each organization is ethnic specific, the clubs are designed to foster integration of students of all backgrounds, regardless of color, into the SEED Program.*

### **Architecture and Engineering Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Dr. Rinat Levy Cohen [rlevycohen@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:rlevycohen@fairfieldprep.org) and Ms. Cassandra Kinskey-Lebeda [ckinskeylebeda@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:ckinskeylebeda@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Nate Moore and Luke Van Dussen

**Meeting place:** McLeod Innovation Center

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Every other Thursday, after school

This club will primarily be held in the McLeod Innovation Center and will consist of in-club competitions. Competitions will include topics such as structural support projects to see whose structure can remain structural sound the longest. Secondly, we will have real architects that will speak to students about being an architect in the real world so that club members can learn and ask questions!

### **ASPIRA (Hispanic Student Association)**

**Name of Moderator:** Ms. Massiel Rosales Montenegro  
[mrosalesmontenegro@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:mrosalesmontenegro@fairfieldprep.org) and Mrs. Melissa Goodwin  
[mgoodwin@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:mgoodwin@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Bryan Marin

**Meeting Place:** X204b

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Mondays, after school

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### **Aviation Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Brian Chap

**Student Leaders:** Jacobo Betancur, Kevin Murphy, Erick Pacheco

**Meeting place:** X404

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Wednesdays, after school

The main goal of the Aviation club is to inspire students who are interested in becoming pilots. The Aviation Club provides a foundation in flight training and knowledge, through flight simulators, teaching the basics of aviation, airport tours of Sikorsky Memorial Airport, and hopefully a collaboration with Avia Flight Academy. This club is designed to help students learn more about aviation and learn skills that will help their future flight careers take off!

### **Blues Band**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Dan Horstmann [dhorstmann@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:dhorstmann@fairfieldprep.org) and  
Mr. Bob Fosse-Previs [rfosseprevis@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:rfosseprevis@fairfieldprep.org)

**Meeting Place:** B304

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Scheduled Thursdays 6:00-7:30pm

The Blues Band is a non-auditioned group of musicians that shares a passion for jamming with friends. The Blues Band is featured at the two Music Department Concerts at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. In addition, the band performs at other special school events. As a year-long commitment, the focus of the group is on developing skills needed as a live performance musician. The following instruments are welcomed in the blues band: electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano/keyboard. The Blues Band performs music from the rock, pop, and folk genres.

## **Bowling Team**

**Name of Moderator: Mr. John Meyers**

**Student Leaders: Jack Waiksnis and Leon Protiva**

**Meeting place: Nutmeg Bowl (Fairfield)**

**Typical weekday of meetings: Tuesday and Thursday (December-March)**

The Fairfield Prep Bowling Team meets every Tuesday for matches and Thursday for practice from December to March at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield. All students and all skill levels welcome!

## **Cardinal Key Society**

**Name of Moderator: Mrs. Melissa Goodwin** [mgoodwin@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:mgoodwin@fairfieldprep.org)

**Meeting Place: X204b**

**Typical weekday of meetings: Twice a year, other than service required**

Cardinal Key is open to all students, but freshmen. Cardinal Key members serve as service ambassadors to the school and are called upon from the Director of Admissions, the Fairfield Prep President, and the Development Office.

## **Chess Club**

**Name of Moderator: Mr. Jamie Whiteman** [jwhiteman@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jwhiteman@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student leaders: Matt Mitchell and Johnny Dorazio**

**Meeting Place: X308**

**Typical weekday of meetings: Tuesdays after school.**

Chess club is a club for all lovers of the simple game of chess. Anyone can join, especially from any skill level. We have both veterans of the game as well as beginners. Some of our leaders will even explain the game to anyone who has yet to learn it. In addition, if interest is there, we may host tournaments with a small prize, as well as chess puzzles to strengthen their chess brains.

## **Chinese Cultural Club**

**Name of Moderator: Mrs. Lina Gallinelli** [lgallinelli@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:lgallinelli@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders: Wen Chilong '23 and Sheng Chengyi '23**

**Meeting Place: X103**

**Typical weekday of meetings: Monday after school**

Do you think that learning Mandarin is too difficult? You may be wrong! Students, faculty, and staff are also invited to come learn how to play the traditional Chinese and American versions of Mah Jong – a popular Chinese game, learn Mandarin, and enjoy Chinese films and other aspects of Chinese culture. Meetings take place each Monday at 2:40PM in B402. Students will learn correct pronunciation of Mandarin words, the meanings of different words, food, music, and more!

### **Club Woofgang**

**Name of Moderator:** Dr. Michelle Smith [msmith@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:msmith@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Jack Devine and Robbie Upton

**Meeting Place:** Student Life Center

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Every other Monday night (6:00PM-7:30PM) with set up and clean up beginning and ending 30min before/after.

The goal of Club Woofgang is to bring together Prep and communities in need. Our club seeks to form personal connections and relationships with young adults with special needs, while helping them improve social and communication skills.

### **Creative Writing Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Brian Hoover

**Student Leaders:** Jack Miller and James Callaghan

**Meeting Place:** B403

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Thursdays after school

This club is for students who are interested in creative writing. We will practice writing skills, evaluate student work and organize the *Bellarmino Review*, the Literary Magazine of Fairfield Prep.

### **Debate Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Griffin Reidy [greidy@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:greidy@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Robbie James and Chris Cope

**Meeting Place:** B402

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Thursday after school

The Debate Club is a group of students who gather once per week to debate various topics ranging from important political issues, such as whether the United States should deploy troops to Syria, to more lighthearted topics, such as whether baseball is still "America's Pastime." Students also enter to compete in periodic interscholastic debate tournaments. All new members are welcome.

## **Environmental Club**

**Name of Moderators:** Mr. Anthony Dotolo [adotolo@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:adotolo@fairfieldprep.org)

and Mrs. Maura O'Connor [moconnor@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:moconnor@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Joe Marotta and Robbie Donahue

**Meeting Place:** X302

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesday mornings at 8:00AM

The Environmental club is dedicated to creating solutions for sustainability problems present in our everyday lives. Club initiatives are student driven, and are designed to foster stewardship of our common home. Members engage in strategic planning, outreach, and project implementation, with the ultimate goal of supporting the Church's social teachings on the interconnectedness of all things.

## **Esports: League of Legends**

**Name of Moderator:** Coach Jessica Cuntrera [jcuntrera@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jcuntrera@fairfieldprep.org)

**Meeting Place:** McLeod Innovation Center, Esports Lab

**Typical weekdays of meetings:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 2:35-4:35

Do you play League of Legends? Want to learn better strategies, improve your technique, and compete in tournaments? Join the FP Esports Team! Interested? Contact Ms. Cuntrera at [jcuntrera@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jcuntrera@fairfieldprep.org)

## **Fairfield Connections**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Sean MacKenzie [smackenzie@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:smackenzie@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Ryan Oshinskie, Andrew Barry, and Jamie Cristini

**Meeting Place:** Fairfield YMCA

**Typical Weekdays of meetings:** Fridays once a month

The Fairfield Connections Club allows social opportunities to people with Special Needs. The club events are held one Friday a month, often hosted at Prep. The events consist of social interactions between the Fairfield Prep students and the SEPTA members. Activities at the events include playing basketball in the gym and playing board games. The events run from 7-8:30 pm, service hours are awarded to consistent attendees.

## **Fashion Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Megan Callahan [mcallahan@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:mcallahan@fairfieldprep.org) and Mrs. Maura O'Connor [moconnor@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:moconnor@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Adam Waldron

**Meeting Place:** B203

**Typical Weekdays of meetings:** Every other Thursday at 2:45PM

The FP Fashion club is meant engage those who have an interest in the fashion scene and want to become deeply invested in learning more! We host interviews, design clothes, run a clothing drive for those in need and so much more – we even hope to start Prep's own online fashion magazine! This club is for those who are already into fashion or those who just want to know the hype around certain brands and fashion icons and how to look stylish. All of that is here in the FP Fashion Club!

## **Film and Media Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Dr. Rinat Levy-Cohen [rlevycohen@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:rlevycohen@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Tim Wong

**Meeting Place:** B302

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Mondays, after school

The Film and Media Club consists of three departments: film, media, and news. You can be involved in any or all of these departments depending on your interests.

**Film:** Focuses on creating films that don't necessarily have to be about Prep. If you have an idea for a film, you can approach Mr. Fosse-Previs for approval. Once your idea is approved you can gather a team of people from the club to write, shoot, edit and direct the video.

**Media:** The media portion of the club will broadcast Prep sports and events. Live broadcasts will require producers, live editing, camera men, reporters and broadcasters. We hope to do multiple broadcasts throughout the school year.

**News:** Short, weekly news segments. This requires a news anchor, editor, and camera man. The news will include news about Prep and/or real world news.

## **Fishing Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Ms. Kathleen Jackson [kjackson@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:kjackson@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Axel Tabaschek and Daniel DeRosa

**Meeting Place:** B103

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Thursdays, after school

Our goal is to teach fishing to students at Fairfield Prep. At our meetings, we go over the fundamental details that help students catch the fish they're after! This club now offers fishing trips!

## **Full Court Peace**

**Name of Moderator:** Dr. Michelle Smith [msmith@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:msmith@fairfieldprep.org) and Mr. Ruben Goodwin [rgoodwin@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:rgoodwin@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Tim Spahn

**Meeting Place:** B105

**Typical weekday of meetings:** TBD

Full Court Peace strives to unite, strengthen and educate local communities through basketball. We sponsor local teams and fund them with jerseys, basketballs and all the accessories. We also do court renovations to provide communities with a court to play on, and a safe place to have fun.

## **Gaelic Football Club**

**Name of Coach:** Mr. Griffin Reidy [greidy@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:greidy@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:**

**Meeting Place:** B402

**Typical weekday of meetings:** TBD

Fairfield Prep's Gaelic Football Club is a club sport that competes in Gaelic Football, Ireland's biggest traditional sport. The Club meets periodically throughout the year in B402, and then it meets twice per week in spring for practice at outdoor locations on campus. The highlight of the Club's season is the high-school state-championship tournament played annually in June at the Fairfield County Irish Festival. The Club has experienced great success, capturing three state titles over the past four years. All new members are welcome; no prior experience is required.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Peter Francini [pfrancini@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:pfrancini@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Matt Mazza, Matt Mancini, and Luis Brea

**Meeting Place:** B104

**2022 Build Dates and Times:**

*October 15<sup>th</sup>*

*November 12<sup>th</sup>*

*November 19<sup>th</sup>*

*April 29<sup>th</sup>*

*May 13<sup>th</sup>*

*June 9<sup>th</sup>*

The mission of the Habitat for Humanity Club is to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat governs on these basic principles: 1.) Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ; 2.) Focus on shelter; 3.) Advocate for affordable housing; 4.) Promote dignity and hope; 5.) Support sustainable and transformative development. All volunteers must be 16-years of age by the build date.



### **Hearthstone Yearbook**

**Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Lynne Chesbro [lchesbro@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:lchesbro@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Nic Vittoria

**Meeting Place:** McLeod Printing Room, X01

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Friday morning at 8:00AM

This club is open to all students who want to work on the production of our 208 page Hearthstone yearbook. Staff members take pictures at various events/activities, write copy and captions for each section of the book, design layouts, etc. The yearbook staff meets once a week (choice of editors) all year long to work on the yearbook as a group. Staff members are also be expected to work on their assignments from home throughout the year to meet our deadlines.

### **Intramural Program**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Corey Milazzo [cmilazzo@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:cmilazzo@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Adam Waldron

**Meeting Place:** Brissette Gym, The Hill, The Quad

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (depending on weather)

The Intramural Program runs throughout the year and is divided by three seasons:

Fall: Wiffle Ball

Winter: Ultimate Frisbee

Spring: Flag Football

All students who are not in-season for a varsity sport may participate in the Intramural Program. E-mails and announcements will be made by Mr. Milazzo to open up registration before the start of each season. Students are invited to form a team with friends and compete for a trophy in each sport!

### **Irish Cultural Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Griffin Reidy [greidy@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:greidy@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Jack Hickey and Garrett Cannon

**Meeting Place:** B402

**Typical weekday of meetings:** TBD

The Irish Cultural Club typically meets twice per month to discuss topics related to Irish history, current events and sports. The Club also helps to sponsor an Irish traditional music benefit in aid of the Irish charity *Trócaire*, and its members represent Fairfield Prep by marching in Bridgeport's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. All new members are welcome.

### **Italian Cultural Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Christopher Altieri [caltieri@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:caltieri@fairfieldprep.org), Mr. Corey Milazzo [cmilazzo@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:cmilazzo@fairfieldprep.org), Dr. Michelle Smith [msmith@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:msmith@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Joe Marotta, Colin Markelon, Oliver Mascera, Christian Borges

**Meeting Place:** B102

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Wednesdays at 2:35PM

Benvenuto! The Italian Cultural Club meets once a week to learn about Italian and Italian-American culture through film, food, and phrases. Members will learn geography, watch Italian and Italian-American films, take cooking classes and practice casual conversation in the Italian language. During the year, the club takes a trip to Boston's North End to explore the Italian sector and New York's famous Arthur Avenue for La Festa di San Giuseppe (Saint Joseph's Day). Plans for 2022-2023 include a trip to New Haven, a Habitat for Humanity build, a first-ever Quad Block Party, and collaboration with Lauralton Hall's Italian Club.

### **Jazzuits (Jazz Ensemble)**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Dan Horstmann [dhorstmann@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:dhorstmann@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Nominated Students

**Meeting Place:** B304

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm

Jazzuits produce multiple concerts each year; 2 at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts in addition to competitions at local jazz festivals and other school events. We focus year-round on performing varieties of genres but the majority of music is from the jazz genre. Since this is a year-long commitment, auditions are held at the beginning of the current year. Musicians involved in the group audition on one of the following instruments: Saxophone (Bari, Alto, or Tenor), Trumpet, Trombone, guitar, piano, drumset, bass guitar/upright bass. Expectations for instrumentalists are that they are able to read music, and are open to learning jazz music theory as well as improvisational skills.

### **J.E.D.I. (Jesuit Educated Disciples In-Training)**

**Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Devon McCormick [dmccormick@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:dmccormick@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student leaders:** Tim Wong, Nicholas Gualtiere

**Meeting Place:** SLC Conference Room (old Help Desk space)

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Mondays after school.

Students are invited to join J.E.D.I. (formerly Campus Ministry Student Team). This group meets weekly for fellowship and the sharing of faith. This student group is also key in planning and serving at our school liturgies as well our student retreats. All are welcome.

### **Math Team**

**Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Kelly Glazer [kqlazer@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:kqlazer@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Charles Wen

**Meeting Place:** X303

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Wednesdays at 2:35PM

The Fairfield Prep Math Team competes against thirty other schools in Fairfield County. Competitions are on the first Wednesday of the month and they start in October and end in March. At the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> competition, the top half qualify for the State competition and Regional tournaments. Each competition consists of 6 rounds with topics varying from Algebra to Calculus, along with a team round. All strong math participants are welcome to join!

### **Mental Health Awareness Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Brian Chap [bchap@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:bchap@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Farrell Nivrose

**Meeting Place:** X404

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Every other Wednesday

Mental Health issues amongst adolescents are continuing to become more known. The Mental Health Awareness Club seeks to combat the stigma associated with issues like depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, OCD, and more. The club will meet once every two weeks to discuss mental health topics and participate in activities which promote wellness.

### **Model U.N.**

**Name of Moderators:** Mr. Paul Denby [pdenby@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:pdenby@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Ryan Riccio and Robbie James

**Meeting Place:** B303

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays, after school

Model United Nations is an academic competition in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations and issues, and the United Nations by confronting international crises and challenges as they would on the real world stage. M.U.N. involves and teaches researching, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, in addition to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities. The club meets every Tuesday to engage in simulations of the U.N. and other international bodies and to prepare for various Model U.N. competitions, such as those held at the University of Connecticut, Yale University, and Boston College.

## **Mountain Biking Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Anthony Dotolo [adotolo@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:adotolo@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Liam Hendricks

**Meeting Place:** McCleod Innovation Center

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays after school

The Mountain Biking club will take trips to downhill mountain bike parks and local cross country mountain bike trails. This club is a seasonal club; therefore it will only meet during the fall and spring. Meeting dates will be on Tuesdays after school in the McCleod Innovation Center. Members do not need to know how to mountain bike to join, they just need to know how to ride a bike! Members will also learn how to fix up their own bikes during club meetings. **There is a mandatory waiver to be filled out before students can join Mountain Biking Club – please contact Mr. Dotolo at the email address above for the waiver.**

## **No Preparation: A Fairfield Prep Podcast**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. John Pellegrino

**Student Leaders:** Nic Vittoria and Matthew Mancini

**Meeting Place:** X06

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Before or after school. Updates will be sent out.

No Preparation: A Fairfield Prep Podcast creates podcast episodes interviewing teachers, students, alumni, and others. We also create videos for our YouTube account to bring more entertainment to the student body. We aim to provide opportunities for others to explore the media world and understand how a production team works. Students will also get to learn some of the basics of film making.

## **Philosophy Club/Ethics Bowl Team**

**Name of Moderator:** Ms. Kathleen Jackson [kjackson@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:kjackson@fairfieldprep.org)  
and Mr. Kevin Kery [kkery@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:kkery@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Luis Brea

**Meeting Place:** B103

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Mondays at 2:40 pm

The Philosophy Club discusses social justice issues among many other topics pertaining to how we, as human beings, understand the world around us. Students have the opportunity to participate in an annual Ethics Bowl hosted in alternating years by Yale and UCONN. Teams compete to earn points based on sound arguments. Moral issues are debated through a series of rounds until there is a winner. The Philosophy Club prepares for this event throughout the fall with the Ethics Bowl taking place in January.

### **Political Awareness Society**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Rudolph J. Mauritz IV [rmauritz@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:rmauritz@fairfieldprep.org) and Mr. Paul Denby [pdenby@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:pdenby@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Luis Brea and Kyle Elliott

**Meeting Place:** B303

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Thursdays, after school

The Political Awareness Society is dedicated to furthering an interest in politics, government, and current events on local, state, national and international levels through discussion, debate and various other activities. Over the years the society has hosted many guest speakers from the world of politics. It has also organized debates involving representatives from various political parties and it has conducted mock elections involving the entire student body. The society also produces Prep's only political newspaper, *Zeitgeist*, which is a forum for students to share in an op-ed format their views on various political issues and happenings.

### **Physics Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Caleb Jackson [cjackson@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:cjackson@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Junwen Diao

**Meeting Place:** X402 and X304

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Thursdays after school

The Physics Club invites all students interested in Physics to have a place for discussion, create projects, and share their knowledge and love of physics with others. Club members will brainstorm new topics or physics problems each week, offering up a new challenge each meeting! In addition to weekly meetings, the Physics Club hopes to compete in the Yale Physics Olympics!

### **Prep Players**

**Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Megan Hoover [mhoover@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:mhoover@fairfieldprep.org)

**Meeting place:** B301

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Monday through Friday 3:30-5:30

Prep Players produces two full scale theatrical productions each year at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. In the fall, we focus on a straight play which is presented in November in the Wien Experimental Theatre, a flexible black box theatre which seats 120. Auditions for the fall show are held in early September. In the spring, we produce a musical which is performed in the Kelley Theatre, an 800 seat proscenium house. The musical is presented in May, with auditions held in January/February. Students can get involved by auditioning for a production or by working on the various technical elements of the show. There are also opportunities to participate in acting workshops, travel to New York to see shows, and work on improvisation.

## **REIGNS (Respect Education and Inclusion of Gay and Non-binary Students)**

**Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Megan Hoover [mhoover@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:mhoover@fairfieldprep.org)  
and Mr. Kevin Kery [kkery@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:kkery@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Evan Jang

**Meeting Place:** B301

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Fridays after school

*REIGNS is one of three clubs that help to promote diversity in the schools by addressing issues pertinent to each culture. Although the title of each organization is specific, the clubs are designed to foster integration of students of all backgrounds into the SEED Program. REIGNS is a place for all students to openly discuss LGBT issues and promote diversity, inclusiveness, and education. The club seeks to raise awareness to protect and respect all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression. Meetings focus on exploring LGBT history, literature, or current events for discussion and reflection.*

## **Robotics Team – The JesuBots**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Anthony Dotolo [adotolo@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:adotolo@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Sebastian Rodriguez and Brendan Vinoski

**Meeting Place:** Robotics Lab X03

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Mondays and Thursdays after school

Members work to design, build, and program a robot to compete in competitions which usually take place in late February and early March as part of the First Tech Challenge (FTC). Each year in September, FTC releases a video which describes the various tasks which the robot must perform in order to earn points in the competition. Past tasks have included pushing bowling balls, hanging rings, balancing blocks, and scaling walls.

## **Rock Climbing Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Stephen Soto [ssoto@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:ssoto@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Gavin Toscano and Ethan Farber

**Meeting Place:** X401 and Rock Climb Fairfield

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays, after school

A club where students can get together to have fun while rock climbing and hanging out with each other. No previous experience is necessary; students can rent gear from Rock Climb Fairfield or can bring their own climbing gear.

## **Share Hope Kids**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Mike Barston [mbarston@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:mbarston@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Oliver Mascera

**Meeting Place:** McLeod Innovation Center

**Typical weekday of meetings:** The second Thursday of every month

Share Hope Kids is a high school community club focused on bringing awareness and partnership to underserved communities both nearby in Bridgeport and far away in Haiti. The goal is to educate students on the differences in privilege, the similarities between kids, and help to close the gap through connection, friendship, and charity.

## **Sikorsky STEM Challenge**

**Name of Moderator:** Dr. Rinat Levy Cohen [rlevycohen@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:rlevycohen@fairfieldprep.org) and Ms. Cassandra Kinskey-Lebeda [ckinskeylebeda@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:ckinskeylebeda@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Sebastian Rodriguez

**Meeting Place:** McLeod Innovation Center – X03

**Typical weekdays of meetings:** Tuesdays, 8AM-8:30AM and Fridays, 2:45PM-3:30PM

Students compete in the Sikorsky Engineering STEM challenge. The team is provided with a design challenge in which monthly deadlines of progress must be met, with a final demonstration of the created product. The entire engineering process is followed including brainstorming, design, prototype, reiteration and also contains use of 3D modeling, circuit design, and electronic sensors.

## **Ski and Snowboard Trip (Formerly, Ski and Snowboard Club)**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Peter Francini [pmancini@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:pmancini@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Carter Goodrich and Matt Mazza

**Meeting Place:** TBD

**Typical weekday of meetings:** As needed

The Ski and Snowboard Club has transitioned to our annual "Ski and Snowboard Trip." In March of 2023, the FP Ski and Snowboard Club traveled to northern Vermont to ski at Jay Peak, which averages 355 inches of snow each season. In addition to having the most natural snow east of the Mississippi, Jay Peak is also home to the "Pump House," one of the largest indoor waterparks in all of New England. Skiing/riding, lodging, food (4 meals), and the water park are all included in the total cost.

Where: Jay Peak, Vermont

When: March 3<sup>rd</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>

What: Ski & Snowboard

Cost: TBD

Food: Meals included in the price are two dinners and two breakfasts. Lunch Saturday and Sunday can be purchased at the mountain. Dinner will be purchased on the way home from Jay Peak Sunday evening.

Lodging: Our students will stay at the Hotel Jay Resort and Conference Center

### **Star Wars Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Devon McCormick [dmccormick@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:dmccormick@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Nick Gualtiere and Nate Moore

**Meeting Place:** SLC Conference Room

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Every other Wednesday after school

Star Wars club meets every other Wednesday after school to discuss all canon and legend material from a galaxy far, far away! From the episodic films to comics, TV shows and video games, there is so much to explore and discuss. If you've been a fan of Star Wars your whole life, or if you're a padawan just starting to learn about the Force, please join us in the SLC Conference Room to begin your training!

### **Stock Market Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Jozef Tremblay [jtremblay@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jtremblay@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:**

**Meeting Place:** X209

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Wednesdays after school

The Fairfield Prep Stock Market Club will allow students to develop a fundamental understanding of the Stock Market. Members will have the opportunity to simulate real life stock trading through online simulations. These simulations have the potential to offer real scholarships to students with the highest dividends earned. The Stock Market Club will meet once a week until March and host guest speakers with years of industry experience (some who have appeared on CNBC). Join the Stock Market Club to go on cool trips and learn about what makes the financial world go around!

### **Student Government**

**Name of Moderators:** Mrs. Jennifer Mauritz [jmauritz@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jmauritz@fairfieldprep.org)  
and Mr. Sean MacKenzie [smackenzie@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:smackenzie@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leaders:** Matt Kelly

**Meeting Place:** X207

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Friday after school

Student Government guides and coordinates student activities and assists in the proper functioning of the various class governments. The Student Government is the student body's voice. The purpose of this organization is to foster unity among the student body, provide for student input, advocate concerns, and plan various events for students. Elections are held in the fall for the freshmen class and in the spring for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.



### **Super Smash Bros. Club**

**Name of Moderator:** Mr. Stephen Soto

**Student Leader:** Benjamin Ackerman & Juan Mercado-Russel

**Meeting Place:** x401

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Fridays after school

The Super Smash Bros. Club is a club where students of all grade levels are welcomed to compete in the classic Nintendo fighting game Super Smash Brothers! This is the perfect place to meet friends and have fun at the end of your school week. The club provides a console and controllers to play with, but many students add to the fun by bringing games and consoles of their own. This club is a safe space for all students and welcomes players of all skill levels. Join the fun!

### **Transfer Student Society**

**Name of Moderators:** Mr. John Hanrahan [jhanrahan@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jhanrahan@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:** Rajan Khanna '23

**Meeting Place:** A101

**Typical weekday of meetings:** 2-3x per month, as announced

The Transfer Students Society enables transfer students to have an ability to take part in the Prep brotherhood. Socials and group gatherings will take place in A101 for transfer students to seek help and feel welcomed at Prep. Transferring to a new school can be difficult, but this club can help students build connections and strive during their time at Fairfield Prep!

### **Trig Star**

**Name of Moderators:** Mrs. Katherine Brennan [kbrennan@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:kbrennan@fairfieldprep.org)

**Student Leader:**

**Meeting Place:** X307

**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays after school

Trig Star is an annual high school mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors based on the practical application of Trigonometry. The program recognizes the best students from high schools throughout the nation. The program acquaints students with the use and practical application of trigonometry in the surveying profession. On a few occasions, a surveying professional from **Redniss and Mead** (a land surveying and civil engineering firm) will come to Prep, meet with our group bringing equipment and tools to teach us how to use them. In addition, our team will work together to prepare for the Trig Star exams by practicing with trigonometry and its test applications.

**Weight Lifting Club****Name of Moderator:** Mrs. Lina Gallinelli [lgallinelli@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:lgallinelli@fairfieldprep.org)**Student Leaders:** Jason Wu, Oliver Li, Trevor Li**Meeting Place:** Prep Weight Room**Typical weekday of meetings:** Tuesdays at 3:00PM

Attention all weightlifters! Any Prep students who are interested or experienced in weight lifting are invited to join the Weight Lifting Club. This club is for casual weight lifters and those who strive to compete in competitions. Join us as we'll spot you while you work to achieve your weight lifting goals!

**White Ribbon Club****Name of Moderator:** Mr. Jozef Tremblay [jtremblay@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:jtremblay@fairfieldprep.org)**Student Leaders:** Matt McManus and Will Chiota**Meeting Place:** McCleod Innovation Center**Typical weekday of meetings:** First Monday of each month

The White Ribbon is a non-profit that provides opportunities for students to advocate for women's equality and help put an end to the abuse of women. This club is primarily focused on bringing the White Ribbon Foundation to the attention of the Prep Community. The club will host guest speakers, information sessions, sponsor the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event and more!