

*Briarcliff Middle School
Co-Curricular Clubs
2020 - 2021*

Erik Carlson, Principal

Briarcliff Bugle *(Newspaper Club)*

Mr. Bill Gleeson

- Many 6th grade students wrote articles for our school newspaper.
- Students reflected on the pandemic and how it impacted them, but also how they grew from it.

Briarcliff Chorus

Mrs. Judy Kolek

- Trying to sing virtually has been a challenge, but not impossible!
- Chorus meets regularly and they are preparing for another virtual concert.

Environmental Club

Mrs. Kaitlin Platt

- Collected 394 pounds of plastic film.
- Led an initiative for *Slam The Junk* clean up our school grounds.
- Growing seedlings to eventually plant in our school garden.
- Meet twice a month to discuss environmental issues and ideas.



Destination Imagination

Mrs. Erica Ebersole

- 2021 Challenge: Create a music video that featured a piece of literature. They chose Harry Potter.
- Briarcliff has one team, *Team DIA*, managed by Ms. Shishkin; students include Alex Shishkin, Jessica Tsang, Sophia Scerbo, Jiya Ramani, & Laura Blandon.
- Took 2nd place in the NY/NJ Virtual Tournament and qualified for the Global Competition.

Briarcliff Band

Mr. Ryan Price

- Our Band has been practicing and rehearsing all year.
- They have been working very hard and learning new music.
- They are very excited to perform on Wednesday, May 19 at 7pm.

MathCounts Club

Mrs. Debbie Pelliconi

- Participation in the AMC 8 Contest.
- Five Math Olympiad Competitions.
- Four MathCounts Practice Competitions.
- Eight students moved onto next level.
- Eddie Lin placed 8th out of 157 students.

Mock Trial

Mrs. Danielle Peterson



- Met a few times a month to discuss the following cases:
 - First Amendment Rights.
 - Public Health Laws.
 - Privacy Concerns.

Quiz Bowl

Mr. Mike Alves

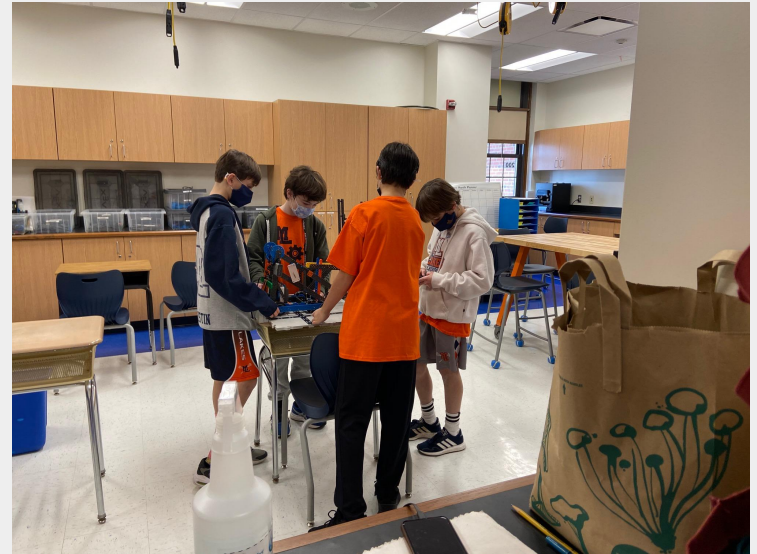
- Meet weekly for practice
- Virtual competitions with other schools each month, two teams.
- The team has greatly increased their numbers and had 20 students participate this year.
- Compete in the finals this month.



Robotics Club

Mr. Avron Stoloff
Mrs. Bethany DeWalt

- 23 total participants this year.
- Collaborated with the 5th grade group.
- Competed in several virtual competitions throughout the year.



Student Government

Mrs. Erica Ebersole

- Held virtual elections this year and taped speeches.
- Goals:
 - Increase Student Feedback, Increase Morale, Increase Student Participation.
- Organized school-wide activities.
- Developed a student survey to address concerns.
- Led by:
 - Mason Austin, Avni Kaushal, Andreanna Lee, Prisha Sakpal, Madelyn Marino, & Arian Nanda

Upstanders Club

Mrs. Dana Karcher &
Ms. Danielle Martini

- Random Acts of Kindness.
- *Toys for Tots* Collection.
- Valentines Day Cards for Troops
- Cards/Videos for First Responders
- Facilitated Spirit Weeks
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Yearbook Club

Ms. Kelly Bogucz

- Six students comprise the club that helps to develop the Yearbook.
- They meet a few times a month to collect photos and school information for submission.
- Ms. Bogucz says they are a passionate group!