

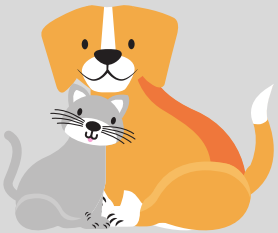


# East Lyme High School Clubs & Activities 2023-2024

## A Cappella Group



This ensemble will meet during Flex time and does not require students to be enrolled in a choir class. The group will be rehearsing and performing more contemporary/pop acappella music, with student guided song choices. Students can reach out to Mr. Maiese ([anthony.maiese@elpsk12.org](mailto:anthony.maiese@elpsk12.org)) with questions! Meets - Tuesdays & Thursdays during Homeroom block in Room D130 with Mr. Maiese.



## Animal Awareness Club

This service club plans to spread awareness about animals and help those in need. Funds will be raised for animal shelters and to create a dog park in town. Meets - 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month during Homeroom in Room D131 with Mr. Daly.



## Art Club

This club will be a community for anyone interested in art, at any level. The main objective is to collaborate and work on fun projects, such as murals/art pieces for the school and community. Meets - Tuesdays and Fridays during Homeroom block in Room A112 with Ms. Michaud.

## Badminton Club

This is a club for students of all grades to play Badminton for fun. Meets on "B Day" Thursdays after school in the South Gym with Mr. LoPresto.



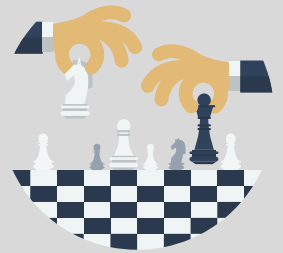
# Best Buddies



This club benefits both students with intellectual disabilities as well as regular ed students by helping them form meaningful friendships and enhancing their high school experience.

Meets every Tuesday during Homeroom block in Room A122 with Ms. Thompson & Ms. Provost.

## Chess Club



The Chess Club is an opportunity for students to meet and schedule matches with others who are interested in chess. Novices and experienced players are welcome to join and learn more about the game. Meetings provide an opportunity for members to find common times to schedule matches. Club members do not have to bring their own materials; everything needed is available in the library.

Meets - 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month during Homeroom block in the Libray with Mr. Nazzaro.

# Computer Science & Technology Club



**Connects ELHS students to opportunities in the area of Computer Science. Activities to include student competitions and contests, field trips and guest speakers. Meets - 1st Thursday of the month during Homeroom block in Room A105 with Ms. Prytko.**

# Cultural Awareness Club



This club creates a safe place for open discussion about any cultural issues experienced or felt by the students enrolled. Discussion of current events range from the local level (in ELHS building) up to the global level. We also raise awareness of various cultural holidays that are celebrated by the members of our school. Meets - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month during Homeroom block in Room B103 with Ms. Thomson.

Google Classroom code: 7xd3ebp



## Debate Club/Team

A fun place for students from all grades to meet and discuss interesting topics, learn how to construct a persuasive argument and improve school atmosphere. Meets - Tuesdays during Homeroom block in the Library Glass Room with Mr. LaConti.

# DECA Club



DECA is an organization dedicated to preparing future entrepreneurs for careers in finance, marketing, and hospitality and management. Students in this club will have the opportunity to participate in business competitions and receive hands-on experience, meet local entrepreneurs, and organize service events, gaining leadership and communication skills that help them become positive forces in the community. Meets - Mondays during Homeroom block in B100 with Ms. Greene.

Google Classroom code: sbklfq6



# Drama Club

Fall and Spring productions!  
Fall Advisor - Ms. Kelly  
Spring Advisor - Ms. McCoy

# Dungeons & Dragons Club

This club welcomes anyone interested in Dungeons and Dragons. D&D is a table-top roleplaying game where players create characters and stories using rolls of dice and basic math to make their scenarios seem realistic.



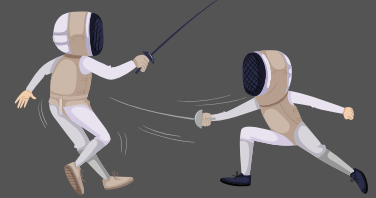
Will resume after Quarter 1 with Mr. Maddux.



# Ecology Club

This club focuses on study and activities to understand the environment and protect it. Members participate in beach cleanup, Latimer Brook project, hikes and guest speakers. Meets - 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month during Homeroom block in Room B205 with Ms. Adams and Ms. Ashburn.

# Fencing



The ELHS Fencing team has developed a fun and competitive fencing program that welcomes all athletes, including those with no fencing experience. The team can provide athletes with all the necessary fencing equipment to practice and compete.

Head coach is Keith Knight, assisted by Coach Gilchrist, Coach Greeley and Coach Jeff. Conditioning begins in late November and nightly practices begin after Thanksgiving. Fencers need to register with the Athletic Department using Family ID because it is an ECC sport.

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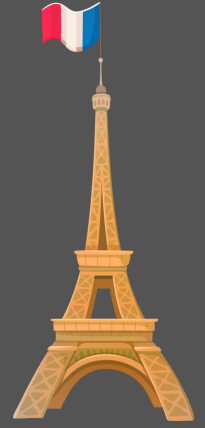


# Fishing Club

This club provides students with a common interest of fishing, the opportunity to learn, discuss and engage in fishing related activities.

Members will spend time during the cooler months learning about fishing, the rules & regulations and "how to". During warmer weather, hands on activities will be taken outdoors at local lakes, rivers, etc.. Transportation plans will be discussed during meeting times. Some activities may take place on the weekend. Meets - 2nd Tuesday of the month during Homeroom block in Room B201 with Mr. Kotzan.

# French Honor Society



Students can become members by applying at the end of the first semester each year.

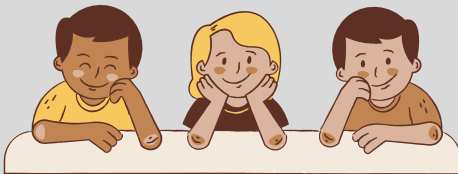
The application form is given to each eligible student by the student's French

teacher. Membership is currently based on academic record: each student must have a current average of A- in French and a B- in all other classes, while having maintained these averages for the past three semesters.

An induction ceremony is held each April and a meeting to elect the following year's officers takes place each May .

Past activities have included a fundraiser to benefit the Haitian Health Foundation for earthquake relief and the cultural diversity mural in the Language Wing.

Meets - 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month during Homeroom block in Room A207 with Madame Casey and Madame Izadi.



## Friends of Flanders Club

Members of this club will provide student aide services to the teachers at Flanders Elementary School through reading groups, one on one aides, etc. Time/Location TBD. Meets with Ms. Archer.

# Gardening Club



Projects in this club will include freshening up the courtyard and the front of the school while learning how gardening can contribute positively to mental health.

Meets - Mondays during Homeroom block in Room A211 with Ms. Miller; optional meetings on Fridays.



# Gender & Sexuality Alliance

GSA provides a safe space for students who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies, to come and talk about their experiences and learn from each other. The club's main focus is helping the students in our community be more accepting and be more accepted by their peers. Students educate and support one another through difficult situations, raise money to benefit LGBTQ+ charities and would like to attend the True Colors Conference this year.

Meets - Thursdays at 2:15pm in Room A222 with Ms. Hanley.

## German Club



This club will introduce German culture through discussion and activities related to German holidays and events and incorporate the interests of club members. Meets - 1st & 4th Thursdays of the month during Homeroom block in Room A22 with Frau Hanley (beginning October 26th.).

## German National Honor Society

The German National Honor Society meets twice per month to work on service projects. Students must have completed 1.5 years of German, have at least a 3.3 GPA (87%) in German, and an overall GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0. Meets - 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month during Homeroom block in room A222 with Frau Hanley.



## History Club



The History Club will encourage students to pursue their passion for history outside of the classroom environment and provide an opportunity to drive their own learning. Meets - 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month during Homeroom block in the Commons with Mr. Hernandez.



# HOSA

**HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America), incorporates learning about and competing in various Health Occupational events in order to learn about the Medical Field and Allied Health Professions. Students compete each spring in CT HOSA Spring Conference and those individuals/teams that place 1st-3rd are eligible to compete at the International Conference in June. This club has had numerous teams and individuals qualify to attend this event over the past 4 years. Meets - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month during Homeroom block in Room A114 with Ms. Turano.**

## Junior Red Cross Club



**This club provides peers with opportunities to make a difference by addressing the community's greatest needs and developing leadership skills. Red Cross Clubs empower students with knowledge and life-saving skills to help prepare the school to respond to emergencies. A Red Cross club is an extension of a local Red Cross region where students will be able to serve the community with their friends. Along with leadership development opportunities, students can choose mission-related activities in the area while delivering life-saving services to the Red Cross. Projects will be planned that will save lives, from blood drives to disaster preparedness education. Meets - 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month during Homeroom block in Room A114 with Ms. Turano.**



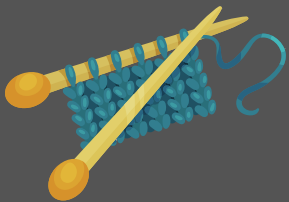
## Karate Club

**This club provides a unique opportunity for students to participate in a club no matter what their athletic ability or experience level is. Students can work together to learn a new skill while being allowed to progress at their own pace. Karate not only builds physical fitness but also confidence, flexibility and discipline, as well as mental, physical and social wellness. Students will learn karate skills including kicking, punching, blocking, etc. Meets every Monday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 in the Choir Room with Ms. Switaj.**



# Key Club

The Key Club's core values are: Leadership, character building, caring, and inclusiveness. This service club is affiliated with the Kiwanis organization and acts as a clearinghouse, finding different service opportunities and sharing them with students. Meets - 2nd Friday of the month during Homeroom block in the Auditorium with Ms. Holsapple.



## Knitting & Crochet Club

This group will provide students with an opportunity to learn how to knit and/or crochet in a group setting. Meets - Fridays during Homeroom block in Room B202 with Ms. Buckley.



## Library Student Advisory Board



This group talks about and creates programming, contests, new books and technology, and the development and evolution of the school library. Meets - 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month during Homeroom block in the Library with Ms. Barber.

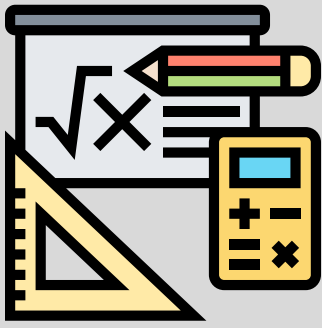
# Marching Band

The East Lyme Viking Band is a competitive marching band that competes in class 2A competitions for U.S. Bands. Our show this year is entitled Persephone, telling the story of the beautiful daughter of the goddess Demeter, whose abduction by the god of the underworld results in the cold and death of winter, and whose return results in the rebirth of spring.

The Band has 36 total members. The band will compete in 6 competitions this year including national championships in Allentown, PA.

The Marching band has rehearsals every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm with Mr. Daly. There are 5-6 home Football games that the band performs at as well as Saturday competitions. Marching band is also a class that meets during the school day and has an Honors option. Consider joining the fastest growing activity East Lyme has to offer!





# Math League

The East Lyme High School Math League is very excited to compete in the ECML (Eastern CT Math League)! This year, there will be 5 meets. Each meet consists of 6 individual math rounds followed by a team round. Each student competes in 3 of the 6 rounds and the team round. There are 6 members per team for varsity. Other students are also brought in to compete on the JV team.

Meetings - the Tuesday prior to each meet during Homeroom block in Room B208 with Ms. Hansen.

# Medx

This club is open to all grades and will give students an intellectual and community based activity to explore their interests in the medical field. Club members will be able to create/share projects and/or presentations. Possibility for guest speakers to attend meetings. Meets - once a month on a Thursday by Google Classroom Announcement after school in Room A246 with Ms. Archer. Google classroom code: fp7j7lh.



## National Honor Society

Juniors and Seniors are invited to apply based on GPA.

Meets - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month during Homeroom block with Mr. Hernandez. Location TBD.



## National Science Bowl



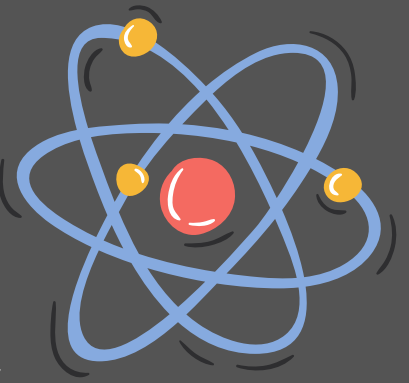
This group competes in a "quiz bowl" form regional competition for CT and RI. The winner advances to the nationwide competition. Please see Mr. Kotzan for more details.

# Physics Club

This club facilitates an environment for the preparation for and participation in the  $F=ma$  competition, and also to develop interest in a more comprehensive view of physics that goes above and beyond the current curriculum.

Members may share, practice and discuss problems, as well as possibly conduct experiments to enhance understanding.

Meets - 1st Tuesday of the month after school in B105 with Mr. Nazzaro.





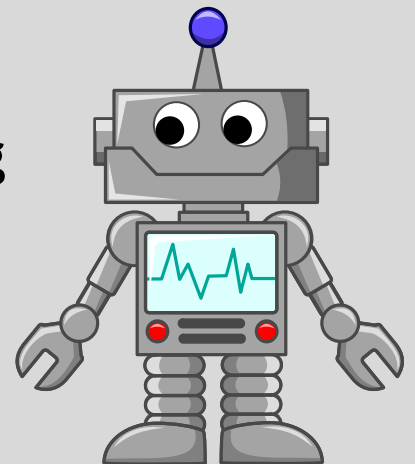
## PRO

**Peers Reaching Out (PRO) helps new students and middle school student transition to East Lyme High School. The members also attend parent nights, the college fair and fundraisers. Members are carefully selected by faculty and represent the school mission through their service. Meets - 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month during Homeroom block in the Auditorium with Ms. Belisle.**

## Robotics Team

**Learn STEM skills while designing, building and programming a robot!**

**Team 236 is a combined team between East Lyme & Old Lyme High Schools based at Lyme-Old Lyme High School.**





# Rotary Interact Club

Rotary Interact is sponsored by the “parent” organization of Niantic Rotary. It is a service club that works for the good of our local community and the global community by participating with Niantic Rotary or sponsoring activities by our high school club that are of current interest.

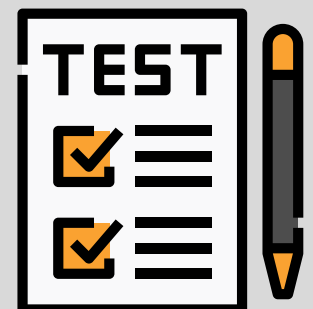
We are an active group of students who meet once a month in person and communicate by Zoom when necessary. Our current projects are concerned with helping the Haitian Health Foundation with their needs, Care and Share of East Lyme, the Food Bank of New London, any other organization that we can help out.

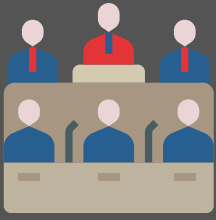
Meets - 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month during Homeroom block in A212 with Mr. McIvor.

# SAT Prep Club

Ms. Hansen and founders of the club help students obtain their dream score on the SAT Exam by guiding their practice methods.

Meets via Google Classroom.





## Senate - Full

Meets - 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month during Homeroom block in the Auditorium with Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Jennings.

## Soroptomist Club



This club will focus on empowerment and provide a resource for students to build self-esteem, worth and confidence through workshops and activities. Meets - days/times TBD during Homeroom block in Room B205 with Ms. Ashburn.

## Sign Language Club

The purpose of this club is to teach students, in all grades, how to perform American Sign Language. ASL is an inclusive form of communication that can both challenge students and add to the EL community at large.



This group will help students understand deaf culture and become more understanding of others. The group plans to watch educational Youtube videos teaching sign language at each meeting. Meets - 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month during Homeroom block in Room A210 with Ms. Raub.

# Spanish Honor Society

This is an honor society with inductions in April each year. Students must be a sophomore or junior with at least 1.5 years of high school Spanish to apply in March and remain enrolled in Spanish to be a member. This group participates in fundraisers to raise money for both domestic and international organizations supporting Hispanic and Hispanic-American communities, and work to promote awareness and acceptance of Hispanic cultures.

Meets - 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month during Homeroom block in Room A220 with Senora Burton-Jones.

\*\* Involves some lunch meetings to work on projects.



## Sports Injury Support Group

This group will support students and provide a space for conversation about different obstacles resulting from a sports injury. Meets - every Thursday during Homeroom block in A208 with Ms. Barnes and Ms. Lovering.



# Starting the Conversation Podcast Club

This club's goal is to create a platform for students to voice their opinions about a wide array of topics for the purpose of creating conversations that are informative and explore the interests of teenagers. This club will divulge into topics that students have concerns about without judging others opinions and give them an opportunity to gain experience interviewing people and meet students with similar interests. Meets - Mondays during Homeroom block in Room B101 with Mr. Place.

Google classroom code: 4f75fx7

## STEM Entrepreneurship Club

This club exposes high school students to the business and entrepreneurship world through an engaging, national-level competition! Students group into teams to address pressing social issues in a creative and sustainable way using math, science, CAD and design, and finances! Ranging from desertification to seawater pollution, a team is responsible for producing a novel idea, a business plan, and a 3-minute pitch video. In the past, our school's team has placed in the top 3 for the nation and advanced to the international round!



Meets - TBD.

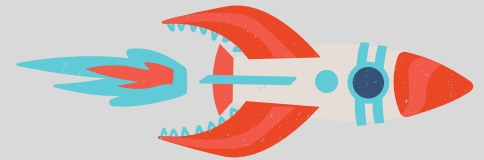


# Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society, a program of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), is the only national honor society for student musicians in grades 6-12. Advised by Mr. Maiese. Click link below for criteria to apply:

[Tri-M Application 2021-2022](#)

## Viking Rocketry Club



The students in this club will use the skills they learned in CAD and Engineering classes in authentic physics applications. Meets - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month during Homeroom block in Room A108 with Mr. Clark.

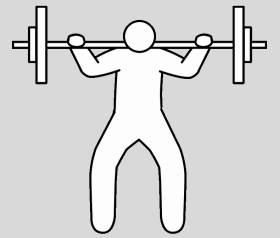


## Vikes for Vets

This club is for students who are interested in helping The Vikes for Vets Teachers committee with planning Veterans Day, fundraisers, and Veterans Recognition programs.

Meeting with Mrs. Singer and Mr. Laconti in 23-24.

# Weightlifting Club



**Students will discuss topics related to weightlifting. Those topics include safety and proper technique, supplement use, nutrition and hydration, and being a positive role model.**

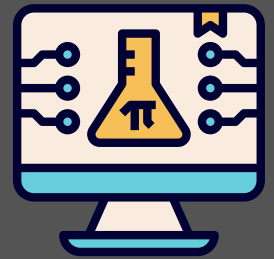
**Meets - Fridays during Homeroom block in Room B106 with Mr. Place.**



## Women's Empowerment Club

This club is for young women to support each other and address issues within the community; donating and volunteering at the womens shelter, collecting and providing toiletries and participating in women's rights rallies. Meets - 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month during Homeroom block in the Commons with Ms. Archer.

## Women in Science & Technology.



The main goal of this club is to provide ELHS female students with opportunities to explore careers in STEM fields. Meets - 3rd Thursday of the month during Homeroom block in Room A201 with Ms. Prytko.

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