

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

# Lauralton Hall

# CLUB CATALOG

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## ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY, LAURALTON HALL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the Mercy Tradition, Lauralton Hall empowers young women to pursue their highest potential through lifelong learning, compassionate service, and responsible leadership in a global society.

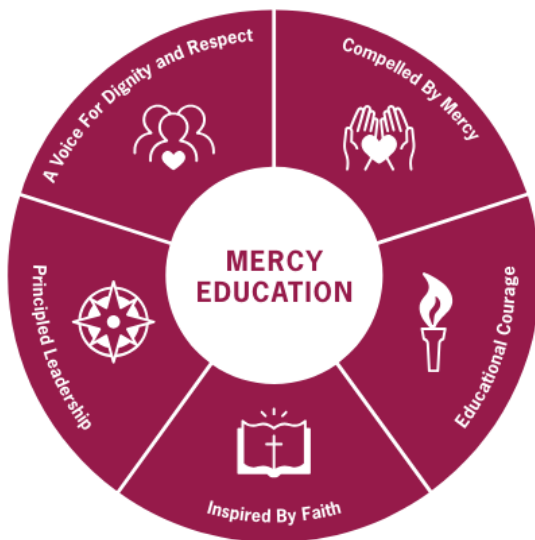
Our Core Values are the hallmarks of a Mercy Education. These are the ideals we stand up for and strive to live up to. We hold ourselves to these standards as an institution, as a community and as individuals. Each value is interconnected and necessary as we take Mercy into the world.

*Signature(s) of the parent(s) on the enrollment contract signifies understanding of this Handbook and agreement to be governed by its contents.*

### CORE VALUES

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 **Mercy Education**  
 Educación de la Misericordia  
 Courageous Action. Selfless Spirit.™  
 Acción valiente. Espíritu altruista.™



**Compelled  
 By Mercy**

Mercy students, in the spirit of our founder Catherine McAuley, are steadfastly determined to take Mercy into an interconnected world. Our shared sense of social consciousness is fortified by universal empathy and a conviction that all are worthy of God's mercy. This deep awareness and compassion move us to take principled action and serve the needs of others.



**Educational  
 Courage**

Mercy students welcome the challenge of pursuing their full potential in a culture of excellence, critical thinking and curiosity. Their multifaceted journey builds character while it builds essential skills. Our holistic program expects engagement, a thirst for knowledge and personal responsibility, while preparing students to thrive for a lifetime.



**Inspired  
 By Faith**

Mercy students become living models of faith and forceful advocates for Gospel values. Grounded in our Catholic identity in the Mercy tradition, we welcome all faiths and are strengthened and shaped by these relationships. As we pursue a personal relationship with God, we strenuously follow Jesus Christ's example of social justice, love and service.



**Principled  
 Leadership**

Mercy students are poised to lead with their unique gifts. Prepared with an ethical and moral compass, we put Mercy values into action and work assertively for what is right. We're equipped to make difficult choices, learn from our mistakes and develop high emotional intelligence. As an international community, we're confident in our ability to make a positive difference and push for systemic change.



**A Voice For  
 Dignity and  
 Respect**

Mercy students honor the intrinsic value of the individual and recognize God's presence in each person. We embrace a global vision and value differences of opinion, and are unafraid to confront hostile or hurtful attitudes. By standing up for those who can't, we go beyond acceptance to help make sure everyone feels recognized and heard.

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This catalog of student clubs and organizations does not include all activities in which Lauralton Hall students are involved. Information on the school's many extracurricular activities including athletics and more can be found on the Lauralton Hall website, [www.lauraltonhall.org](http://www.lauraltonhall.org), in the Student Life section or by contacting Trina Bowman, Clubs & Activities Moderator at [tbowman@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tbowman@lauraltonhall.org) or Chris Lindwall, Athletic Director at [clindwall@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:clindwall@lauraltonhall.org).

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## Club Catalog

### **All Things Considered**

Contact: Dr. Cavar

Email: [scavar@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:scavar@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Thursdays @ 2:20 pm

Where: S215

Description: All Things Considered is a club meant to spread awareness of different and exciting elements of contemporary culture such as anime and manga, fantasy and renaissance, science-fiction, and gaming. All Things Considered members welcome the opportunity to dispel the stereotype of these being male-dominated genres. Goals are accomplished through discussions and activities, excursions to events in the tri-state area, movie nights, and a wonderful website featuring student art and links to interesting sites.

### **American Sign Language**

Contact: Ms. Wieciorkowska

Email: [awieciorkowska@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:awieciorkowska@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and Fourth Friday @ 2:20 pm

Where: SB 8

Description: The American Sign Language (ASL) Club gives students the opportunity to learn basic sign language gestures. This will allow students to be capable of interacting with the portion of the deaf community that cannot communicate via speech. Many occupations actually prefer to hire people with knowledge of another language, and ASL, as it is not taught in many schools, is in high demand. It is the goal of the ASL club that students will be able to form grammatically correct phrases as well as be able to watch and understand movies in sign language.

### **Art Club**

Contact: Mr. Rossetti

Email: [mrossetti@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mrossetti@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First and Third Monday

Where: S214

Description: This is a club dedicated to fostering and promoting visual arts at Lauralton. Anyone is welcome, even if she does not make art on a regular basis. Join to appreciate and create art together with others!

### **Black Student Union (BSU)**

Contact: Mrs. Fallon

Email: [jfallon@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jfallon@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: MH211

Description: The main mission of the Black Student Union is to organize a group of students, focusing on fostering Lauralton Hall with growth and development, through diversity and culture. The Black Student Union would not be exclusive to only one group of minorities and would provide an opportunity for all students of any race to celebrate Black history, culture, and lifestyle. Adding the BSU to Lauralton Hall will allow students to feel empowered, while also teaching, exploring, and discussing the "Black experience." The nationwide motto for all Black student unions is "United we

stand, Divided we fall, Together we can all stand tall.” We believe that adding a BSU to Lauralton Hall will unite many students and provide a deeper sense of community, comfort, and safety as it expands knowledge and awareness by means of purposeful education and dialogue.

### **Book Club**

Contact: Mrs. Amore

Email: [jamore@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jamore@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Third Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Library

Description: Club members will be able to collaboratively decide on a book. The club members will read the book in preparation for each meeting. At the meetings the club will discuss themes and characters from each book. All different kinds of books will be read. There will be a theme each month and have about 5 different books that fit that category that people will be able to choose from.

### **Business Club**

Contact: Mrs. Coyne

Email: [bcoyne@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:bcoyne@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First and Third Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Dining Hall

Description: Are you thinking about majoring in business or just want to build your own financial literacy? If yes, this is the group for you. The Lauralton Hall Business Club is a group interested in learning more about the various roles in the business sector. We will learn from successful businesswomen, inviting select speakers (either in person or virtually) to discuss their career paths and provide advice for aspiring entrepreneurs. The Club also utilizes the Stock Market Game to build a fundamental understanding of investing, and our community service projects provide further opportunities to develop our business skills.

### **Catherine McAuley Club**

Contact: Mrs. DaCosta

Email: [edacosta@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:edacosta@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second & Fourth Thursday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Dining Hall

Description: Working in conjunction with Campus Ministry, members of the Catherine McAuley Club exemplify the spirit of mercy by participation in community outreach projects in service to the poor. Each week an assigned team of club members prepares bag lunches to be delivered for distribution by the Beth-El Shelter in Milford.

### **Crusader Consignment**

Contact: Mrs. Kelley

Email: [akelley@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:akelley@lauraltonhall.org)

When: see description

Where: Crusaders Closet, 2nd floor Mercy Hall

Description: The club's mission is to educate the Lauralton community about fast fashion and to encourage people to thrift. Crusader Consignment Club members manage, and staff the Crusader's Closet located on the second floor of Mercy Hall. Donations will be accepted from

students & faculty during the first and third Friday of each month during common time and the store will be open from 2:30-3:00 pm every Tuesday and during common time every Thursday. Members are expected to sign up for a minimum of two shifts per month.

### **Debate Team**

Contact: Ms. Chamberlain

Email: [echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Third Tuesday and second Thursday @ 2:20 pm

Where: MH210

Description: Members are highly motivated and interested in debating current events and public policies. The communication and research skills developed through Debate can be applied in the classroom, college, career, and personal life. Debate Team members will develop valuable speaking, listening, and analytic skills.

The Team meets two Tuesdays per month from 2:30-3:30 pm to prepare for a public policy debate. The Team competes in approximately 6 – 8 Connecticut Debate Association tournaments held Saturdays across southern Connecticut. Other details can be found at [ctdebate.org](http://ctdebate.org).

### **DICE (Diversity Inclusion Culture Equity)**

Contact: Mrs. Duran

Email: [gduran@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:gduran@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and Fourth Tuesdays @ 2:20 pm

Where: SB 7

Description: Racial and cultural awareness is one of Mercy's Five Critical Concerns. The goals of the Diversity, Inclusion, Culture and Equity Club (DICE) are: to embrace diversity, to spread awareness of social issues, to celebrate and explore racial and ethnic diversity, to provide Lauralton students of all races and cultures with opportunities to discuss issues of racial and cultural importance, to share racial and cultural accomplishments, and to organize a school wide multi cultural celebration event, all for the purposes of enriching student life at Lauralton Hall and preparing them for life in a global world.

### **Engineering Team**

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano, Ms. Sarrafpour

Email: [tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org), [dsarrafpour@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:dsarrafpour@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Wednesday 7:30 am and Monday, Thursday @ 2:20 pm

Where: S315

Description: Everyday activities depend on engineered products to function, but many people are not aware of the engineering techniques and practices that have developed the technology and infrastructure on which they rely. Moving beyond the blackboard – a whole new dimension exists beyond the 2D world experienced in physics courses. This club provides the environment where the world of sciences collides to apply scientific understanding to the creation, design and construction of multiple projects. Engineering skills are developed on all levels as they are put into play through projects. The club is open to all students – freshmen to seniors. This club serves to introduce engineering opportunities in the community, and inspires students to pursue a career in engineering.

### **Fashion Club**

Contact: Mrs. Kelley

E-Mail: [akelley@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:akelley@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second Thursday and Third Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Innovation Lab

Description: Discover the world of style with our Fashion Club, which is dedicated to empowering members to express themselves through clothing and accessories. Our main goals include fostering creativity, promoting sustainable fashion practices, and providing a platform for skill development and industry insights. Join us in shaping the future of fashion while embracing individuality and innovation.

### **French Club (Le Cercle Francais)**

Contact: Mrs. Hawes

Email: [mhawes@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mhawes@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and Fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Auditorium

Description: French Club students expand their knowledge of and appreciation for the traditions and cultures of France and French-speaking countries. Typical events include celebrating French holidays, watching French movies and singing French songs, sampling of French foods, and activities for National French Week. Students are required to maintain regular attendance at meetings and be active participants to be eligible for acceptance into French Honor Society.

### **Health & Wellness Club**

Contact: Ms. Waldron

Email: [jwaldron@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jwaldron@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Fourth Monday @ 2:20 pm

Where: The Athletic Center Classroom

Description: The Lauralton Hall Health and Wellness Club strives to promote a healthy lifestyle through discussing topics such as proper sleep schedules, daily exercise, and mental health. High school is one of the most transitional parts of one's life and it is imperative that we help promote a healthy mindset among the students throughout Lauralton Hall.

### **Irish Club**

Contact: Mrs. Lazarus

Email: [alazarus@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:alazarus@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First Thursday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Innovation Lab

Description: The Irish Club seeks to explore and experience the culture and traditions of Ireland. Members support the community in a variety of ways, including creating a raffle basket for Irish Night, participating in the Milford St. Patrick's Day Parade, and setting up activities for LH students on St. Patrick's Day.

### **Italian Club**

Contact: Mrs. Amore

Email: [jamore@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jamore@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First Monday @ 2:20 pm



Where: Library

Description: The Italian Club is where Lauralton students can learn about the Italian customs and culture. It is a place where LH students wind down from the busy school day and taste Italian food, learn the language and participate in Italian traditions.

### **Key Club**

Contact: Ms. Freeman and Ms. Chamberlain

Email: [jfreeman@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jfreeman@lauraltonhall.org), [echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and Fourth Tuesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Auditorium

Description: Key Club International is the country's oldest and largest service organization for high school students. It was created by its parent organization, Kiwanis International. Key Club gives back to the community through service to others. The Key Club motto is shared by thousands of other chapters across the globe: "Caring - Our Way of Life."

### **Latin Club**

Contact: Mr. Rumberger

Email: [jrumberger@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jrumberger@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: SB 7

Description: The Latin Club's mission is to enhance knowledge and appreciation of ancient Roman culture, as a creative and playful extension of the Latin classroom. Activities include playing games, singing songs, writing and performing skits, and making art.

### **LH Spirit Club**

Contact: Mr. Lindwall and Mrs. Bernier

Email: [clindwall@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:clindwall@lauraltonhall.org), [kbernier@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:kbernier@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First and third Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Athletic Center Classroom

Description: The LH Spirit Club is a student run spirit club that ignites school spirit, encourages participation at school events and highlights accomplishments of our student athletes while promoting the feeling of community among Lauralton students.

### **Milford United Percussion Ensemble**

Contact: Mr. Allen

Email: [mallen@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mallen@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm (December-May)

Where: C-1 and Athletic Center

Description: Milford United Percussion Ensemble is a competitive percussion ensemble comprised of students from all Milford high schools and beyond. The group allows students to play on various traditional and non-traditional percussion instruments with thematic shows, including the music of James Bond, Queen, Prince, and Phantom of the Opera. From its inaugural season, the ensemble has won multiple championships, winning 5 out of the last 6 years. In addition to performing at several local competitions in the Musical Arts Conference (MAC), the group also will perform at the Lauralton Hall Spring concert and at Discover Lauralton. All students are welcome to join regardless of their musical skills. In addition, the group also receives school credit. The ensemble

runs from December through May. Competitions are on Saturdays from mid-March through early April. Check out many of our performances on YouTube.

### **Mock Trial**

Contact: Mrs. Petteruti

Email: [kpetteruti@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:kpetteruti@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second & Fourth Tuesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: S111

Description: The Mock Trial club was formed so students could better understand the American legal system and practice public speaking in a fun, competitive setting. Students learn from a local lawyer, research cases, and ultimately argue against local high schools.

### **Morgan's Message x L.E.T.S.**

Contact: Mrs. Miller

Email: [cmiller@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:cmiller@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First Tuesday & Second Thursday, 2:20 p.m.

Where: Athletic Center Classroom

Description: Morgan's Message/L.E.T.S. is a club dedicated to erasing the stigma of mental health. Meetings focus on the discussion of mental health challenges and how to help those who are struggling. Morgan's Message also plans and hosts dedication matches and games to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health and what can be done to promote it.

### **Ping Pong Club**

Contact: Ms. Shea & Ms. Sargent

Email: [jshea@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jshea@lauraltonhall.org), [msargent@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:msargent@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First and Monday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Athletic Center Classroom

Description: Ping Pong club meets twice a month to join in some friendly competitions. Play ping pong with and against friends and cheer on others during their games! Responsibilities include maintaining equipment. No experience necessary, all are welcome!

### **Polish Club**

Contact: Mrs. Wieceiorkowska

Email: [awieceiorkowska@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:awieceiorkowska@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First Thursday @ 2:20 pm

Where: SB 8

Description: The Polish Club is dedicated to celebrating Polish culture, including its language, traditions, games, music, and dance. Join us and experience the rich and vibrant culture of Poland in a friendly and inclusive environment. All are welcome!

### **Rosary Club**

Contact: Mrs. DaCosta

Email: [edacosta@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:edacosta@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second & Fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Chapel

Description: The Rosary Club works in conjunction with Campus Ministry and meets twice monthly. Members come together to pray the rosary in the community. New members are always welcome!

You can bring your own rosary, or the club can provide one for you. Instructions will be provided. Students and faculty of all faith traditions are welcome to join!

### **Rowing Club**

Contact: Ms. Hope Crotty

Email: [info@maritimerowing.com](mailto:info@maritimerowing.com)

When: Mondays, November 11-December 16, 2:30-3:30 pm

Where: Athletic Center

Description: Are you interested in joining a crew rowing team? The Lauralton Hall Winter Rowing Club is the perfect place to start! Learn the proper rowing form on an ergonomic rowing machine with the Maritime Rowing Club's Olympic-experienced coaches! Rowing is a healthy, life-long sport, so why not start it with your friends?

### **Science Club**

Contact: Dr. Cavar, Ms. Shea

Email: [scavar@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:scavar@lauraltonhall.org), [jshea@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jshea@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and fourth Tuesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: SB 10

Description: The Science Club is a combination of a Science Olympiad Club and a STEAM Club. You may join 1 section of the club, or both! The STEAM section is a fun club that will conduct many fun scientific experiments and activities. The club will meet once or twice a month to explore scientific concepts, real-world problems and engineering challenges, This sections will also participate in Science Olympics (outreaching to the community).

Science Olympiad section would be a group of students who are interested in science, and wish to learn more about science, experience more and compete against other schools. There are 23 different topics/events at the CT Science Olympiad, from anatomy, forensics, chemistry lab, to astronomy, geology, physics and so on.

Preparation would begin in September for the Olympiad, which takes place in April. We also wish to attend invitationals of Science Olympiad such as M.I.T., Harvard, or Yale Invitationals during the school year. We need a minimum of participants interested to participate in the Olympiad. (Each member can participate in one or more events in the Olympiad). This section of the club would have to meet very often (approx once per week, more as the Olympiad approaches).

### **Spanish I & II**

Contact: Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. Milazzo

Email: [mhawes@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mhawes@lauraltonhall.org), [emilazzo@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:emilazzo@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Athletic Center Classroom/ Dining hall (back)

Description: The purpose of the Spanish Club is to expand knowledge and appreciation of Hispanic culture. Club activities include holiday celebrations, preparation and sharing of typical dishes, dance lessons, arts and crafts projects, movies, service programs, and games.

### **Yarn Ministry**

Contact: Mrs. DaCosta

Email: [edacosta@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:edacosta@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First Wednesday, 2:30- 3:15 pm

Where: Mansion Parlor

Description: Working in conjunction with Campus Ministry, members of Yarn Ministry meet every first Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet items for local nonprofits. All supplies are provided, and no previous knitting/crochet knowledge is required.

### **Youth and Government (YAG)**

Contact: Mr. Allen

Email: [mallen@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mallen@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Thursdays-first, third, and fourth @ 2:20 pm

Where: Auditorium

Description: Youth and Government members learn the fundamentals of debate, bill writing and basic parliamentary procedure in preparation for the Connecticut YMCA Youth and Government Conference held each spring in Hartford. During YAG Conference weekend, students from high schools throughout the state function in a mock state legislature at the Connecticut Capitol and Legislative Office Building. In addition, students are given the opportunity to participate in the Youth in Law mock trial competition, and can also learn all the steps to creating a newspaper in the YAG Press Corps. There is a separate fee for the club due to the YMCA membership, transportation and hotel stay during the conference. Members also receive 1/4 school credit for participation.

## **Publications**

### **Highlights (school newspaper)**

Contact: Mrs. Gorman

Email: [kgorman@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:kgorman@lauraltonhall.org)

When: As needed

Where: MH307

Description: Highlights is Lauralton Hall's online student newspaper which is published quarterly and available to students, faculty, staff and the general public via a link on our LH home page. The goal of the Highlights staff, who write, edit and publish the paper, is to ensure that the paper is (and continues to be) widely-read at LH; the paper will continue to focus on and around the school and its community, introducing new features: videos, a sports beat, surveys, more interviews, etc. in each issue. Meetings will be held every second Monday of the month; articles are due the first Monday of the month. Prior to making the Highlights link live (in other words, publishing a new issue) on the LH website, all content must first be approved by Highlights faculty moderator, Mrs. Gorman and by Dean Casceillo.

### **The Lauralton (yearbook)**

Contact: Mr. Rossetti, Mr. Fallon

Email: [mrossetti@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mrossetti@lauraltonhall.org), [jfallon@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jfallon@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second Thursdays (December-March)

Where: Library

### **The Looking Glass (literary magazine)**

Contact: Mr. Rossetti, Mrs. Gallager

Email: [mrossetti@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mrossetti@lauraltonhall.org), [cgallagher@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:cgallagher@lauraltonhall.org)

When: As needed

Description: The Looking Glass is Lauralton's student literary and arts publication. Published each year in the spring, The Looking Glass features poetry, both fiction and non-fiction prose, photography, and artwork in a variety of media. Submissions are welcome from all students; student editors are usually contributing upperclass women.

## Organizations

### French National Honor Society

Contact: Mrs. Hawes

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### Latin National Honor Society

Contact: Mr. Rumberger

Email: [jrumberger@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jrumberger@lauraltonhall.org)

### Spanish National Honor Society

Contact: Mrs. Milazzo

Email: [emilazzo@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:emilazzo@lauraltonhall.org)

### National Honor Society

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano, Mrs. Bowman

Email: [tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org), [tbowman@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tbowman@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Fourth Monday at 2:20 pm

Where: Dining Hall

Description: Students are invited to apply for admission to NHS at the completion of sophomore and junior year. A minimum, non-rounded, weighted GPA of 92.0 is needed for invitation. Each invited student submits the application to faculty moderators. Candidates are assessed by a faculty review committee on the merits of their academics, character, service, and leadership abilities. The student's disciplinary record may affect NHS admission. Candidates are required to have completed 20% beyond the school-required service hours with totals for Junior candidates of 54 and senior candidates of 72. The annual induction ceremony is held during the first semester.

The organization works throughout the entire academic year to organize both service opportunities and social activities within the school and the greater Lauralton community. The NHS provides academic support for subjects through Peer Tutoring and Group Tutoring. NHS also hosts Pink Week & the Mary Ann Wasil Daisy Run, assists local pantries and homeless shelters through its food and diaper drives, and organizes such fun events as the much-anticipated Easter Egg Hunt.

## Student Government By-Election

### Student Council

Contact: Mrs. Korman

Email: [lkorman@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:lkorman@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First and Third Tuesday @ 2:20 pm

Where: Board Room

Description: Student Council promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower student leaders to serve the school and to represent its communities. The Student Council empowers students and facilitates student decision-making to effectively manage the communication of ideas and to be the true voice of the students in school. Elected Student Council representatives serve as liaisons between the Student Council, their classes, clubs, and school administration. The Student Council also sponsors, organizes, and hosts numerous schoolwide activities including dances, pep rallies, Spirit Week events, and more.

## Peer Programs

### Peer Mentors

Contact: Mrs. Miller

Email: [cmiller@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:cmiller@lauraltonhall.org)

When: as needed

Description: The mentors help run events and activities such as freshman orientation, project adventure, and parties. Meetings are held to discuss topics and interventions used to make the freshman transition into the first year of high school a smooth, fun, and happy experience. The mentors also help support the sophomores in becoming confident upperclassmen.

### Peer Tutors

Contact: Mrs. Bowman

Email: [tbowman@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tbowman@lauraltonhall.org)

When: As needed

Description: Peer tutoring is a service initiative provided by the Lauralton Hall Chapter of the National Honor Society and is driven by a desire to give back to the LH community. Students may place a request for a peer tutor with their guidance counselor who will then reach out to the Peer Tutor Moderator to make the arrangements. Once the moderator connects her with a specific NHS member, she will meet weekly with her tutor in a one-on-one setting for four sessions. Sessions may take place before or after school, during common time, or during their shared free period. Both the peer tutor as well as the student receiving tutoring services complete a short Google form at the end of their fourth session to reflect on the experience and offer feedback.

### Student Ambassadors

Contact: Mrs. Steczkowski

Email: [csteczkowski@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:csteczkowski@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second Monday @ 2:20 pm

Where: SB 7

Description: The club's purpose is the positive promotion of Lauralton Hall. Members represent LH through a wide variety of activities and events, and function as an essential resource for prospective students, in coordination with the Admissions and Marketing departments. Activities include giving tours, writing cards, making videos, and attending admissions events at LH and regional middle schools.

## Class Moderators

Class meetings are held several times throughout the school year during the school day. The meetings are scheduled by the administration and posted to the school calendar.

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## Student Leadership Positions

As Lauralton Hall seeks to encourage positive and effective leadership in its students, the School strives to present many opportunities for successful leadership to its student body. There is a process for the application and elections for the Student Leadership Positions. Peer Mentor applications and interviews will take place by mid-March. Student Council elections, followed by sophomore, junior, and senior class elections, are held in later spring. The Student Ambassador application process will take place once all class elections are complete. Elections of officers for Lauralton Hall's extracurricular organizations are scheduled in May or September. Many positions may require a written and signed contract of responsibilities.

The following offices are mutually exclusive and no two may be held by the same student at the same time:

- Peer Mentor;
- Student Ambassador
- any Student Council office;
- an officer of any class;

Students may hold a maximum of two of the following offices OR one office from the list above plus one from the list below:

- the editor of The Lauralton (yearbook) or Highlights (student newspaper);
- the office of president or vice president of Key, NHS and Spanish Clubs;
- office of president for Youth and Government;

Students may serve in two leadership roles within the above parameters AND serve as Athletic Team Captains. [Team captainships are seasonal and do not typically involve commitments during common time.] Candidates must be in good academic standing as determined by the Academic Dean to run for office and have their conduct record approved by the Head of Discipline.

## Protocol for Proposing New Clubs

Student clubs are originated by the student body. At the end of every school year clubs are evaluated by the Head of Student Activities and the Administrative team determines which are viable. Clubs must have a minimum of 10 consistent members to be considered a club. Proposals for new clubs are due by May 1st to the Head of Student Activities. The proposal should include:

- what the club is;
- what the club will do;
- how it aligns with our Mission/Core Values; and
- how it will benefit the students at Lauralton Hall.

All proposals are reviewed by a committee and, if approved, will be added to the club catalog for the following school year.

## Club Viability

At the end of every school year, clubs are evaluated by the Clubs & Activities Moderator and the Administrative team to determine which are viable and allowed to continue for the next academic year.