

ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

A GUIDE TO CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
2025-2026



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The purpose of this handbook is to inform our students and their families about the co-curricular opportunities offered at our high school. Included are brief descriptions of clubs/organizations, when they meet, and the advisor(s). Students are encouraged to become involved in our Student Activities Program. These activities can add a great deal to their overall high school experience.

Club information is communicated to students through morning announcements and posters throughout the school. Any questions concerning a club or organization should be directed to the individual advisor(s) or the House one Principal.

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Art Club

Adviser: Ms. Kelley

Art club is an organization for anyone interested in learning and experiencing more about art. The club helps to beautify the school by displaying student artwork and creating wall murals.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: TBA

Special Events: TBA

Aviation Club

Adviser: Mr. Bella

The Aviation Club is for students with any interest in airplanes and spaceflight. Students participate in the building of an RC airplane to fly on school grounds, as well as explore career connections in aviation, like air traffic control, pilots, aircraft technicians.

Eligibility: Open to all students.

Meetings: One Meeting every other week.

Occasionally, more meeting dates when need arises.

Special Events: Buffalo Airport (KBUF) air traffic control tower tour, Outdoor flight of RC aircraft.

Board Game Club

Adviser: Mr. Hackford

The name says it all—we get together once a week and enjoy board games. The beauty of the club is in the simplicity of it. All sorts of students of different ages and groups come together once a week to enjoy each other's company and play board games together.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Weekly

Special Events: TBD

Book Club

Adviser: Mrs. DiLucente

The OPHS Book Club is open to all students who love reading. We meet regularly and do a variety of book related events/topics: from book discussions, hosting Harry Potter Trivia, games and more.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Monthly

Special Events: TBD

Cancer Awareness Club

Advisers: Ms. Rabener & Ms. Quinn

The purpose of Cancer Awareness Club is to raise awareness of cancer at the high school and in the Orchard Park community, to raise funds to donate to various organizations associated with cancer, and to connect members with volunteer opportunities.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Once or twice a month

Special Events: Homecoming Carnival, Paint OP Pink, Candygrams, PUNT Foundation and Roswell's Adopt a Family, Kaely's Kindness Mother Daughter Luncheon, Zumba Against Cancer, and volunteering at Kevin Guest House.

Chamber Orchestra Club

Adviser: Mr. Stafford

The OPHS Chamber Orchestra explores traditional and contemporary chamber string orchestra music in an advanced setting through rehearsals and performances. The club's intent is to develop independent student musicians who participate in an advanced ensemble, while providing a worthwhile educational activity for students interested in rehearsing, then performing orchestral music at live competitive and non-competitive concert events.

Eligibility: Open to students who are proficient on NYSSMA-rated solos at levels IV, V or VI on violin, viola, cello, double bass and harp. Members are required to attend weekly rehearsal meetings on a regular basis, are expected to practice and learn their ensemble music at home, and perform with the ensemble at community or school-related concerts and competitions.

Meetings: Weekly beginning in September and ending in June. Performance events TBA.

Special Events: Fundraising, school and community concerts and competitions.

Chess Club

Adviser: Dr. Rominger

Spend time with others playing, learning and enjoying one of humankind's most renowned games in the world.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Once a week (roughly) from September through May.

Special Events: Internal tournaments are possible.

Computer/Programming Club

Adviser: Mr. Naber

Purpose: Collaborate in a welcoming environment on coding/computing projects and research.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Sporadically scheduled oftentimes

Special Events: TBA

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)

Co-Adviser: Mrs. Casto

Co-Adviser: Mrs. Downs

DECA is an organization designed specifically for students interested in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship. DECA provides students many opportunities to excel with competitive events, leadership focused conferences, and scholarship opportunities. Students who are involved in DECA are well prepared for a future in their desired field, whatever it may be.

Eligibility: Open to all business students

Cost: State and National dues (amount varies year to year)

Meetings: Varies

Special Events: Regional, State, and National competition

Destination Imagination

Adviser: Mrs. Baker

Destination Imagination is a global organization that invites student problem-solving teams to compete at a variety of levels. The students form teams (maximum 7 members) and generally meet off-campus with parent leaders. Meeting frequency is determined by the team. DI challenges may

incorporate creativity, dramatics, and building skills. The teams are also supported by a parent/student DI Boosters group that raises funds for competitions.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: TBD

Special Events: TBA

Drama Club

Adviser: Mrs. Szczepanik

The purpose of Drama Club is to bring students together who are interested in the theatre arts. Drama Club will provide an opportunity for social interaction for people interested in performing on stage or working behind the scenes for our 2 productions. Monthly meetings with speakers and workshops occur. Possible opportunities for outside professional productions. The year culminates with a banquet celebrating all our work.

Eligibility: Open to all students.

Meetings: Monthly

Special Events: Fall Play and Spring Musical.

Fiddlers Club

Adviser: Mr. Safford

The OPHS Fiddlers explore traditional Irish, Canadian and American fiddling as well as other non-classical music traditions through rehearsals and performances. The goal is to provide a fun, non-competitive and worthwhile educational activity for students at Orchard Park who are interested in rehearsing, then performing music at live concert events.

Eligibility: Open to students who are proficient on traditional fiddle and stringed instruments. Members are required to attend weekly rehearsal meetings on a regular basis, and are expected to perform with the ensemble at scheduled community or school concerts.

Meetings: Weekly beginning in September and ending in June. Performance events TBA.

Special Events: Fundraising, school and community concerts..

French Culture Club

Adviser: Mrs. Cartwright

The purpose of this club is to provide the opportunity for students to experience a wide range of traditions from France and the French-speaking world.

Eligibility: Open to all students.

Meetings: Once a month.

Special Events: Holiday celebrations, Food tasting events, Film viewing and discussions.

French National Honor Society

Adviser: Mrs. Holtermann

Eligibility: Students in Level 4 Honors French are invited to apply during the second semester if they have maintained a 90 average or higher in all their high school French courses, have an overall 80 average or higher and have the required teacher recommendations.

Meetings: The Society Officers and Advisor determine a program of activities which center on French language and cultural events.

Special Events: The Induction Ceremony takes place in April in conjunction with the National Latin and Spanish Honor Societies.

Freshman Class

Advisers: Mr. Brach & Mrs. Gruin

The Freshman Class unifies the ninth grade, raises funds for the functions of the class at present and in the future, is involved with community service projects, and develops class leaders and participants for class related activities.

Eligibility: All Freshmen are members

Meetings: Homeroom representatives - once per month

Special Events: Participation in Homecoming events, fundraisers, and community service projects.

Future Teachers of America

Adviser: Mrs. Danielle Chopra

This organization is designed to help prepare students who have an interest in a career in education. The Future Teachers Club of America encourages young people to choose teaching as a career.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Twice per month

Special Events: Field Trips with elementary students; Guest speakers involved in the education community, Trunk or Treat Event, meeting with current college student teachers, book drive and local college visits.

Gender Equality Club

Adviser: Ms. Perla

Gender Equality Club aims to advocate for and promote gender based equality in our community as well as globally. We aim to educate ourselves and others through reputable resources and lectures. We also hope to lead philanthropic efforts in the community.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Monthly

Special Events: TBA

Gingerbread Club

Adviser: Mrs. Tolman

The club is designed as a coffee house vibe in a safe, non-judgmental space to read and listen to poetry. The purpose is for participants to engage with poetry

in a positive way through exposure to a variety of poems, poets, themes, and styles.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Last Tuesday of each month

Special Events: Open invitation to all staff to join in 1 or 2 times a year.

Grammar Club

Adviser: Mrs. Rodemeyer

Grammar Club offers a light-hearted and informal exploration of topics involving the grammar, mechanics, and usage of the English language, providing students the opportunity to practice being better communicators. Meetings are at least once a month and are student-driven, with students asking to learn about anything from SAT questions to little-known grammar rules. Snacks are also typically involved!

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Monthly

Special Events: TBA

GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance)

Adviser: Ms. DiLucente

Gay/Straight Alliance exists in Orchard Park to promote tolerance and equality among all students through educational efforts and awareness building. Throughout the year we meet bi-monthly to discuss societal issues concerning the treatment and inclusion and communities of all people.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: TBA

Special Events: TBA

Guitar Club

Adviser: Mr. Brzkey

Guitar club is a collection of students who have an interest in the building, finishing, set up and playing of string instruments. Students get to design and build their own custom dream guitar.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Two meeting each week

Special Events: Guitar raffle

History Club

Adviser: Mr. Janas

History club examines the significance of people, places, and events and their impact on the world. We examine issues and events both past and present in presentations, discussions and debates. We also partner with the Orchard Park Historical Society to provide outreach to the community.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Varies

Special Events: TBA

International Club

Adviser: Mrs. Montesano

International Club sponsors activities of a cultural, social, and charitable nature. In the past, these have included volunteering at a nursing home, attendance at plays and musicals, dinner in foreign restaurants, donations to OPHS Musical and Post Prom, Educational Outreach, and aid for a foreign family in need.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: TBA

Special Events: TBA

Junior Class

Advisers: Ms. King & Mrs. Coats

The Junior Class plans and organizes activities for the Class and the entire school. The Junior Class plans the Senior Prom and serves to train student leaders. Members have many opportunities to volunteer for functions throughout the school year.

Eligibility: All Juniors are members

Meetings: Weekly

Special Events: Participation in Homecoming events, organize Senior Prom, sponsor activities and various fundraisers.

Latin National Honor Society

Adviser: Mr. Neveu

Eligibility: Students in Latin III are invited to apply during the second semester if they have maintained an average of 90 or higher in the first two quarters of Latin III plus the fourth quarter of Latin II and have an overall average of 90 or higher.

Meetings: The Society officers and Adviser determine a program of activities which center on the Latin language and cultural events.

Special Events: The Induction Ceremony takes place in April in conjunction with the French and Spanish National Honor Societies.

MasterMinds - Varsity

Adviser: Dr. Rominger

Knowledge-based competitive team. MasterMinds will travel to other schools, or host at OPHS, for competitions within their league. There are standings, statistics and playoffs. There is also a NYS Championship along with connections to colleges and universities that participate in College Quiz Bowl. The knowledge range is wide: pop culture, sports, history, science, literature, etc.

Eligibility: All students are welcome

Meetings: Practices are one a week (roughly) from September through April. Competitions are once a month from November through May.

Special Events: TBA

MasterMinds – Junior Varsity

Adviser: Dr. Rominger

Knowledge-based competitive team. Questions are more geared toward the Freshman/Sophomore level. MasterMinds will travel to other schools, or host at OP, for competitions within their league. There are standings, statistics and the possibility to be moved up to Varsity. The knowledge range is wide: pop culture, sports, history, science, literature, etc.

Eligibility: All students are welcome.

Meetings: Practices are once a week (roughly) from September through April. Competitions are once a month from November through May.

Special Events: TBA

Math/Physics Club

Adviser: Mr. Dena & Mr. Thomson

Math Club is a member of the Niagara Frontier Math League. Its members are interested in complex arithmetic equations and their solutions. They are given the chance to test their skills against other schools at competitions throughout the area.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Prior to competition date

Special Events: Math competitions at other schools.

Media Productions Club

Advisers: Mr. Zinteck & Mr. DeWald

Media Productions Club provides the school, students, faculty/staff and community a resource for video productions. It is a group of hardworking, dedicated students interested in the planning and producing of audio and video productions. Students learn to plan, set-up, script, shoot video footage, edit and make final video productions as planned. Media Productions Club is also responsible for the pre and postproduction of our school's QTV morning show. This requires occasional time after school to shoot and edit video footage for use on the program.

Eligibility: Open to all interested, dedicated students who want to learn more about video productions that have taken a video or graphics-related technology education class or receive special permission from the advisers

Meetings: Weekly and as needed for productions. QTV staff will be required to have homeroom in Media

III and work on the morning show daily.

Special Events: TBA

Medical Career Interest Group

Adviser: Mrs. Feldman

Medical Career Interest Group (MCIG) is a collection of students who are pondering careers in the medical field. Future nurses, doctors, pharmacists, and anyone else who is interested in learning about opportunities that exist in the healthcare industry should plan on joining us. Representatives from local medical schools will be visiting to teach us about the educational opportunities that exist at their institutions and give us some tips for the high school years that will help with the collegiate application process

Mock Trial

Adviser: Mr. Janas

The Mock Trial Club focuses on developing skills as courtroom participants. Students will be actively involved in the learning of courtroom procedures by practicing trial techniques. Members are provided with the opportunity to prepare as witnesses or attorneys for a court case and then to compete as a team against area schools in a state role-playing trial based competition.

Eligibility: All well-motivated students interested in law

Meetings: Time and days vary; busiest time is December to March

Special Events: Fundraising, team preparation, team tryouts for positions, case preparation and presentation, team field trip, and picnic.

Model United Nations

Adviser: Mrs. Calder

Model United Nations is committed to developing oratorical excellence in students at OPHS. Each year, club members will prepare for and participate in a national Model United Nations. Students are trained to research and write legislation. At Model Congress, students will debate proposed legislation, both in committee and in full sessions of the House and Senate with students from across the country. Fundraisers will be held to help defray trip expenses.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Weekly

Special Events: Participation in a national Model Congress.

NHS (National Honor Society)

Adviser: Mrs. Karalus

Tutor Adviser: Mr. Drake

Selection to the NHS is an honor, not a right. This honor is awarded by a faculty selection committee, which is endorsed by the principal and acts on behalf of the entire high school faculty. In the spring of each year, junior students with a five semester average of 90% or higher are notified of their initial eligibility. Students must be in attendance at Orchard Park High School for at least one full semester before the selection. Qualified students interested in being considered for membership are asked to fill out evaluation forms with information about themselves. These are given to four recommenders, two must be high school teachers with whom they are familiar. In addition, all faculty members are invited by the selection committee to make comments about eligible students. Students are selected for NHS membership by a majority vote of the five-member faculty selection committee. The following are the criteria for evaluation: **scholarship, service to school and community, leadership in school and community, and character**. This is a confidential process subject to only limited review. The NHS candidates agree to abide by the licit decisions of the selection committee. There is no quota. Inducted students are expected to be active in a peer-tutoring program sponsored by NHS and community service hours their senior year. Parents and students may request detailed copies of the national and local rules of the National Honor Society, as well as the faculty committee's selection criteria, from the appropriate House principal.

OP Impact

Adviser: Mrs. Grossman

This club is all about “impacting” the school and community in a positive manner. We are an all-inclusive and diverse group of students that want to make people smile. We promote random acts of kindness in and outside of school. Our goal is to inspire creativity, positivity, and gratefulness. The club meets twice a month to organize “fun”raisers, wellness activities, and school spirit events. We want to brighten the days of staff and students. If you are looking to have fun and impact people, this is the club for you. “We rise by lifting others” - *Robert Ingersoll*

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

Special Events: Gratitude tree, pumpkin painting for staff, office decorating, carnation sale, food drive, wellness events, egg hunt, and much more.

Orchard Park Educational Outreach

Advisers: Ms. Adel & Mrs. Holtermann

Our mission statement is very simple. OPEO is committed to "lending a helping hand at home and in the global community." To that end, we are a student volunteer organization that has regularly served at the City Mission, Buffalo area women’s shelters and done extensive work at Vive La Casa, a halfway house and refugee center in Buffalo as well as set up homes for refugees through Journey’s End. Our Outreach members have also worked with local Orchard Park retirement homes teaching the residents technology. In addition, we make favors for special dinners for homeless shelters, soup kitchens and retirement homes and collect clothing and funds for area foster children. Our international efforts have been directed toward such projects as supporting a Bosnian orphanage, providing school supplies for students in El Salvador and schools for girls in Afghanistan. Our volunteer activities can vary from year to year depending on the needs of the community and the special interests of our members.

Eligibility: All current students in grades 9-12

Meetings: 2 meetings per month from September to June and additional meetings as needed.

Special Events: Fundraisers to support our projects throughout the school year.

Pep Club

Advisers: Mr. Botticelli and Mr. Graffeo

The main purpose of Pep Club is to promote school spirit throughout activities such as the Homecoming parade, Pep Rally, Powder Puff football game and Homecoming Carnival. Pep Club supports additional special events to promote school spirit as initiated by club members.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: As needed, depending on the event

Special Events: Organize Homecoming activities and events, sponsor school/community spirit activities.

Pulse (Literary Magazine)

Adviser: Ms. Perillo

Pulse is the Orchard Park High School literary magazine and is dedicated to publishing the work of talented writers and artists at Orchard Park High School. Students in **Pulse** are responsible for soliciting and selecting works to be published and doing all typing, layout, and paste-up work required to publish the magazine. **Pulse** is published under various deadlines.

Students must have good organizational skills and be able to work under pressure.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Vary

Special Events: Poetry Readings, Open Mics, Art Workshops.

Quaker Marching Band (QMB)

Advisers: Mr. Bean & Mr. Brignone

The Quaker Marching Band is an organization of students who wish to further their musical capabilities. Marching Band competes in various parades and field shows. They also participate in the New York State Field Band Conference/Competition.

Eligibility: Open to all students. Wind and percussion performers must be in Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble or Orchestra. Not a requirement for Color Guard.

Meetings: Two meetings each week plus competitions

Special Events: Local parades, local competitions, and the NYS Field Band Competition.

Racial Equality Alliance Club

Advisor: TBD

Racial Equity alliance exists to promote tolerance and equity among students of all races or cultural background through educational efforts, awareness building and celebrations of all cultural and racial backgrounds. We hope to inform members and the student body of issues and events affecting the lives of different races or cultural backgrounds while creating a safer, more respectful learning environment for all students. Additionally, we hope to foster a safe, welcoming space for a diversity of students to socialize and talk together about issues they hold in common.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Every other Monday

Special Events: Celebrate Black History Month as well as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

S.A.V.E

Advisers: TBD

Students Against Violence Everywhere is a club of passionate students who want to make a positive impact on the world! Our goal is not to admire social justice and human rights issues, but to effectively act to help eliminate them. We will bring in speakers that can educate our members and other students about social justice and human rights issues at home and around the globe, along with their potential solutions. We will provide students with the means to effectively advocate for the causes while also organizing demonstrations and raising funds for a variety of local and international humanitarian organizations.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Monthly

Special Events: Guest Speakers, Periodic fundraising events for non-profit organizations in need to support justice issues.

Science Club

Co-Advisor: Mrs. Chopra

Co-Adviser: Dr. Rominger

Science Club is a group of students interested in different areas of science. Students meet to do activities, present ideas, and discuss current scientific topics. They attend various field trips to local sites of scientific interest, listen to guest speakers, and participate in science competitions.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Weekly

Special Events: TBA

Senior Class

Advisers: Mrs. Connors & Ms. Rodemeyer

The Senior Class unifies the twelfth grade and raises funds for functions of the class. It develops class leaders and participants for class-related activities. Representatives from this class attend various school activities.

Eligibility: All seniors are members

Meetings: Varies

Special Events: Participation in Homecoming events, Class Picture, Senior Picnic, Senior Banquet, and Graduation

Sign Language Club

Advisers: Miss. Adel

This organization is designed to teach American Sign Language to the students of OPHS with an emphasis on an education about the ASL community as well as the creation of a more inclusive environment where communication is possible for all.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Twice per month

Special Events: Movie screening; Guest speakers involved with the deaf community.

Society of Science Scholars (SSS)

Advisers: Mrs. Stady & Ms. King

Eligibility: A student is eligible to apply for membership if they are enrolled in a full year chemistry course, or have formerly completed a full year chemistry course. At the end of the second quarter of each academic year, students with an overall average of 90% or higher across all classes at the time of application and a cumulative average of 95% or higher in all high school science courses are notified of their initial eligibility. Eligible students must complete an application and must turn it in on or before the due date. Applications will be collected and verified by The Society advisors. Acceptance letters will be distributed with an induction ceremony to follow. Inducted students continue their membership by

- Maintaining an active role in science related activities such as:
 - Active membership in at least one science club at OPHS (Sustainability Club, STEM Club, Medical Careers Interest Club, Science Club, Math/Physics Society) which may include:
 - Attending lectures sponsored by one of the above clubs
 - Participating in an OP Elementary or Middle School “Science Nights”
- Each year members must engage in society sponsored activities including:
 - Inauguration event recognizing new members
 - Attendance at society meetings
- A member must maintain behavior that is acceptable to the guidelines as outlined by the school’s code of conduct.
- Members must maintain an overall academic average of 90% or higher

Meetings: Quarterly member meetings

Special Events: See above eligibility requirements.

Sophomore Class

Advisers: Mr. Botticelli & Mrs. Lexner

The Sophomore Class unifies the tenth grade, and raises funds for functions of the class in the present and in the future. It also develops class leaders and participants for class-related activities.

Representatives of the class attend various school activities.

Eligibility: All sophomores are members; homeroom reps are selected.

Meetings: Two per month or as needed, must attend select STAP COMM meetings.

Special Events: Participation in Homecoming events, fundraising, class and school activities, community events and community service.

Spanish Culture Club

Adviser: Mrs. Connors

The purpose of this club is to allow the members to share their knowledge and appreciation of the Spanish culture and language with each other and the general school community.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month

Special Events: Participation in Spanish culture activities with other clubs and community members.

Spanish National Honor Society

Adviser: Mrs. Holterman

The Spanish National Honor Society is a nationally chartered organization. Being nominated for membership is an honor and a privilege that is reserved for the very best foreign language students in the country.

Eligibility: Students are nominated by their Spanish teachers if they have earned a 90% cumulative average in Spanish III and Spanish IV Honors. Seniors are eligible for the recognition of excellence if they maintain these grades and continue on with the Spanish Language at the AP level. Upon completion of an application, must agree to become an active member in the Spanish National Honor Society Club. Induction takes place in the spring of the Level 4 Honors Spanish course. Students also participate in activities to enhance their knowledge of and celebrate the cultures of the Spanish Speaking World.

Meetings: Will be announced

Special Events: The Spanish National Honor Society Club collects money/items that are contributed to various charitable organizations.

Stage Crew

Adviser: Mr. Bella

Stage Crew is a group of students responsible for learning to operate and run the auditorium equipment. This includes building scenery, running lights, coordinating back stage activities, and running the sound equipment. All of these activities are done during the school play and musical.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Varies

Special Events: High School Play and Musical

STAP Comm (Students, Teachers, Administrators, Parents Committee)

Advisers: Mrs. Maciejewski, Mr. Bove & Mrs. Feldman

STAP Comm is Orchard Park High School's unique form of student government and one of the shared decision-making units at the high school. STAP Comm is a group of students, teachers, administrators, and parents, who address student

issues, serve as a forum for discussion, develop leadership skills, and promote school spirit.

Eligibility: Open to all students. Student officers are elected by their peers. Other student members include Homeroom Representatives and Extension officers. Teacher representatives are selected from the high school faculty. All high school administrators are members. Parent representatives are selected from parents of currently enrolled high school students by the high school PTO.

Meetings: Open meetings of the Executive Committee are held one Monday of each month beginning at 7:00PM in the high school Commons.

Special Events: Leadership Conferences, Staff Appreciation Events, Winter Homecoming Dance, Inauguration of Elected Class and STAP Comm officers, and Charitable Fundraisers.

S.T.E.M. (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH)/ Rocket Club

Adviser: Mr. Betrus

STEM Club is a forum for the discussion and application of science, technology, engineering and math disciplines with an emphasis on real-world projects and competitions. Our principle areas of interest revolve around rocketry, drone flight, and whatever aspect of STEM interests you the most.

Eligibility: Open to all OPHS students

Meetings: To be determined based on the availability of students and adviser

Special Events: Possibly competing in the TARC Model Rocketry Competition.

Sustainability Club

Adviser: Mrs. Bastedo

The purpose of this organization is to make Orchard Park a more sustainable and environmentally friendly Organization. This will involve the management and Work towards recycling and light conservation, Informational flyers, the implementation of a compost system, and safe disposal of technological waste.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Every other Monday

Technology Club

Adviser: Mr. Erlandson

Technology Club is an organization of students who enjoy working with wood, metal, plastics, tools, and computers. Members lead the discussion and direction of the club throughout the year, leading to several projects that could include the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of items.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Weekly

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Adviser: Mr. Bean

Tri-M Music Honor Society is an Academic and Music Scholar program that prides itself in this simple motto: **Perform, Lead, and Serve**. This international organization is accredited by the National Association of Music Education and uses its motto to better enrich the Orchard Park Community and School District. Tri-M Music Honor Society is a group of High School Music Student Members that are selected through an application process. Successful applicants will be inducted and perform at the Annual Tri-M Chamber night (usually in April).

Eligibility: A student's overall GPA must be 85 or higher and their music classes must be 95 or higher.

Meetings: Monthly membership meetings are held throughout the school year.

Special Events: Annual Chamber Night Concert in April.BA

The VOICE (School Newspaper)

Adviser: Ms. Rodemeyer

The Voice is the student newspaper. *The Voice* won 1st place in a nationwide contest sponsored by the Associated Scholastic Press in 1999/2000, and 1st Place from the Western New York School Press Association in 2004/2005. This professional-like newspaper is published monthly featuring news, features, and sports geared to inform and entertain the student body. The club meets bi-weekly. Writers, photographers, artists, and layout designers are needed.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Bi-weekly

Special Events: Competitions, field trips, professional speakers

Varsity Club

Adviser: Mr. Graffeo

Varsity Club is open to any student that has earned a Varsity Letter in any sport. It is an opportunity for student athletes with common interests/goals and challenges to meet and discuss these topics. The club offers the chance to foster leadership and camaraderie and provides opportunities for community service and outreach. The club is a way to connect to our school community. It strives to promote school spirit and provide ways to become part of something bigger than yourself. In an effort to recognize the importance of high character and good values on and off the playing field, the club sponsors an annual Senior Sportsmanship Award.

Eligibility: All varsity letter athletes

Meetings: Once a month

Special Events: Varsity jacket sale, OPIE mascot, letters to veterans, breakfast with Santa, Winterfest, Valentine cookies for seniors, team-building activity.

Wellness

Adviser: Ms. Mohler

Wellness is an organization that promotes responsible choices and decision-making in life. A variety of activities will be planned for students to make a difference within their community. This group will address a number of student needs relating to student wellness and opportunities to help all students within the school community.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Meetings: Monthly, with additional meetings as needed.

Special Events: Red Ribbon Week, Prom related activities, Big Brother/Big Sister, visits to the middle school, and awareness campaigns

Yearbook

Advisers: Mr. Baldauf & Mrs. Baker

The Yearbook staff is a group of hardworking, dedicated students interested in publishing and marketing a yearbook for the school. Students learn how to publish a book through desktop publishing methods. Layout skills, photography, photo cropping, copywriting, and other general publishing skills are learned. Meeting deadlines and working as a team are very important qualities of yearbook staff members.

Eligibility: Open to all seriously committed students who are willing to put in a lot of time.

Meetings: Twice a month

Special Events: Yearbook sales, patron sale

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