

2017-2018 Co-Curricular Clubs

CLUB	ADVISOR	DESCRIPTION
ACADEMIC DECATHLON	Mr. Cann Mr. Nilsen	The United States Academic Decathlon® is a ten-event scholastic competition for teams of high school students. Students hone their academic, speech, and interview skills via regional competitions for individual and team recognition.
ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB	Ms. Jerome	The Animal Rights Club is an exciting and beneficial as it raises money for animal care and promotes awareness about animal cruelty. The club provides students with information regarding animal rights and allows them to voice opinions.
ART CLUB	Ms. DiGiacopo	Art Club provides students with an open studio environment where students can develop their own art projects with the teacher's guidance. Group projects based on basic art skills are also offered.
ASIAN CULTURE CLUB	Ms. Jerome	The Asian Culture Club offers an opportunity for students to explore the many different cultures that span the continent of Asia. This student-led club offers different members the opportunity to teach the group about an aspect of their own Asian culture or a culture that interests them within Asia. Music, cuisine, art, and literature are some of the areas that the club will explore. The club invites students of all nationalities to attend club meetings to learn more about Asian cultures.
AUDIO VISUAL CLUB	Mr. Sherman	AV students are trained to provide assistance at all events in the auditorium during the day and evening. Student provide sound, lighting, run videos by computer to the projector, and assistance with the projection of powerpoint presentations.
BRO SQUAD	Ms. Safari	This auditioned a cappella vocal ensemble is open to any male students in grades 9-12 who love to sing a variety of songs in different styles. Boys meet once a week after school for 2 hours and

		perform at all major school events, as well as outside of school and around the country/world.
CAMP RASPBERRY	Ms. Rossig Ms. Flannery	The goal of Camp Raspberry is to provide opportunities for recreation and socialization to special needs students. Students will also benefit from volunteering as they learn more about students with special needs and gain understanding and ability to interact with them.
CHEMISTRY OLYMPICS	Mr. Nilsen	Students participate in a variety of chemistry events, such as performing research, delivering chemical demonstrations, and solving problems using advanced laboratory techniques. The team practices regularly in preparation for the New Jersey Chemistry Olympics competition, in which schools from around the state compete against each other at the NJIT campus.
CHESS CLUB	Mr. DeSanto Mr. Kibala	PV Chess club operates to offer the opportunity to learn and play chess. The meetings run on a weekly basis and provide instruction on chess as well as bughouse chess, nightmare chess, and other variations of chess.
CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY	Mr. O'Neill	
CHOIR	Ms. Safari	This club is open to all PV students who are currently enrolled in a choir class and would like to get more involved in planning and organizing various fundraising events as well as various performances in the community and beyond. An active Choir Board, which is selected by students, works to promote all activities and performances which in the past included trips around the country and even abroad. Chamber Choir and Bro Squad travel every year to compete and participate in festivals. Chamber choir has won numerous awards and has been recognized nationally.

COMPUTER CLUB	Ms. Ricca	Computer club provides opportunities for students to share knowledge, experiences, and discuss topics of interest to club members. The club is open to all students who are interested in expanding their knowledge of technology. Various events are hosted throughout the year such as the "Hour of Code" and senior citizen technology workshop.
DEBATE TEAM	Ms. Johnson	<p>The debate team is a great place for students to explore the art of "organized arguing." Speech and debate skills help students to thrive academically and provide them with an advantage in college and in their careers.</p> <p>The club's purpose is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Teach and train students in the fundamentals of debate, research, and public speaking. · Develop research, reasoning and organizational skills · Foster confident public speaking skills · Help students build leadership skills and improve individual responsibility · Compete with other high school debate teams in the area
DECA CLUB	Mr. Schulien Mr. Rose	DECA is a competitive business club that focuses in the area of marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Students have the ability to compete in different business events to solve problems for local businesses.
FALL PLAY	Ms. Lupfer* Mr. Lupfer*	PV Theatre produces a Fall Play during the month of November (rehearsals September-November). Recent productions have included: Letters to Sala (NJ Premiere), The Dining Room, Don't Drink the Water, and Romeo and Juliet. www.pvhstheatre.org
FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. DelGiudice	(Antoine de St.-Exupéry Chapter) This is a National Honors Society for seniors currently enrolled in, and have taken French all four years of high school, while maintaining a 3.7 GPA.

<p>GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE</p>	<p>Mr. Jasper Mr. Buchanan</p>	<p>Gay/Straight Alliance is a student run program that fosters discussions focusing on equality and acceptance for all Pascack Valley students, regardless of one's race, background, sexual orientation, or beliefs. GSA is dedicated to creating a more welcoming school climate.</p>
<p>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</p>	<p>Mr. Cleary Mr. Guinta</p>	<p>Habitat for Humanity aims to raise funds for the underprivileged in Bergen County. In addition, the club attempts to go on one or two building and/or site cleanup trips during the school year including one in fall and another in spring. Habitat for Humanity is open to the entire student body, however only members 16 year of age and older are allowed to attend building trips. Underclassmen are encouraged to join the club and help with the various fundraisers sponsored throughout the year.</p>
<p>HARVESTERS' CLUB</p>	<p>Mr. Zeller</p>	<p>Pascack Valley Harvesters is a non-denominational, student-led, organization whose mission is to provide a comfortable place for students who wish to share their faith and/or explore Christianity. Weekly meetings usually consist of a combination of bible studies, song singing, fellowship, and discussions - we encourage students to come and share their faith as they are comfortable.</p>
<p>HUMAN RIGHTS</p>	<p>Ms. McKenna</p>	<p>Human Rights Club seeks to raise awareness of human rights issues in the school and surrounding community by spreading information, and by planning activities and events designed to educate and raising money for worthy causes. The members of HRL also hope to build a coalition of interested and like-minded organizations at PV in order to effectively accomplish the goal of creating greater numbers of "global citizens" in the school and community. In making distant and abstract issues personal and immediate, it is hoped to encourage classmates and friends to "think globally and act locally," bringing PV into the global village.</p>

INTERACT	Ms. Andersen	The Interact Club is a community service based club affiliated with the Rotary Club, helping local families in need. The club motto is "service above self." Club members participate in several projects throughout the year including, but not limited to: Food Drives, Bag a Bunch, Help a Bunch Project, Bake Sales, Baking Cookies for the National Honors Society Thanksgiving Day Food Baskets, Toy Drive for the Center for Hope and Safety, Eva's Village Bagged Lunch Project, the Dr. Sapienza 5k, and Relay for Life.
INVESTMENT CLUB	Mr. Grier	Everyone wants to take the money they currently have and turn it into more. The Investment Club is designed to teach the fundamentals of investing in a fun manner. Students will not only learn about different types of investments, but what investments are right for them.
ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Borghi	Oriana Fallaci Chapter . This is a National Honors Society. The academic honor can be noted in any college or scholarship application. Membership is open to seniors who have completed -or are currently enrolled in - the highest level of Italian offered at Pascack Valley HS. Applicants and Members must maintain 3.7 GPA
JAZZ ENSEMBLE	Mr. Zajac	The Jazz Ensemble is an after school-performing group whose members must belong to the Marching Band and are interested in learning to play big band jazz. The PVHS Jazz Ensemble performs at the evening Band concerts with the other bands throughout the year and at the Bergen Teen Arts Festival in the Spring.
LITERARY MAGAZINE	Mr. Morone	Outside/In, PV's Literature and Art magazine, works throughout the year to solicit, evaluate, and present creative student work through a variety of formats: The traditional annual print magazine, delivered every fall; the new digital magazine www.outsideinmag.com , which provides text, video, music, and graphic art on a rolling basis; and through Lit Out Loud (LOL), the annual "coffee-house" style event, which provides an opportunity to see and hear these artistic creations in a live

		setting. Outside/In encourages all PV students to submit their creative writing, photography, visual art, original music, and films to the digital and print magazine of the school.
MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR	Mr. Zajac	The Marching Band is open to any students who would like to play an exciting variety of popular musical styles on a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. The Marching Band performs at all varsity football games, band festivals and parades. Experience is preferred but not required. Students interested in becoming members of the Flag Squad are also encouraged to join the Marching Band. The PVHS Marching Band meets both as a class and after school. After school practices are during the fall football season only in the first marking period. For the remainder of the year, the students in the Marching Band class perform as the Wind Ensemble at all the evening Band Concerts.
MATH LEAGUE	TBD	The Pascack Valley Math League takes part in mathematics competitions with other schools. Questions in the competitions include a variety of mathematical topics from algebra to geometry to discrete mathematics.
MODEL U.N.	Mr. Quinlan	Model UN provides students the opportunity to research, analyze and better understand world issues. Students participate in competitions in which they replicate the United Nations and represent various nations on issues ranging from nuclear proliferation to immigration to international trade.
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Santo	The National Honor Society is a group of model junior and senior students who are involved in community service, fundraising and academic services directed towards the betterment of the PV community as well as surrounding towns. Juniors who have a 3.7+ GPA in the middle of their junior year will be invited to apply. NHS students provide academic support for their classmates through drop-in tutoring

		<p>sessions during the Pascack Period as well as during private sessions as well. In October, NHS works in collaboration with other groups to run the Pink and Denim fundraiser. NHS collects, shops and creates full Thanksgiving meals to approximately 12 families in the immediate community each November. Students raise money through various holiday candy gram sales to donate to the Dr. Sapienza Scholarship Fund and help fund the Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging Event which is done in collaboration with the Hills NHS each March. NHS students are expected to act as a model for the underclassmen in the four pillars of the group: character, leadership, scholarship and service.</p>
NEWSPAPER	Mr. Rawson	<p>The Smoke Signal is Pascack Valley’s student-run newspaper. The publication’s primary focus is its website, pvsokesignal.com, which is committed to providing new and timely news, sports, arts, and other relevant content every single day and in a variety of different media, including written articles, video content, blogs, podcasts, infographics, and the like. The Smoke Signal also publishes occasional (usually themed) print issues.</p>
PEER LEADER PROGRAM	Ms. McSpirit-Grier Ms. Marchiano	<p>Juniors and seniors work together to discuss various issues that affect teens, and adults, today. Groups then work with freshmen to help acclimate the students to high school and to school’s culture. The Peer Leaders act as advocates for the underclassmen and as moderators among the students. Peer Program advisors work a guide for the students, helping plan activities and workshops.</p>
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Ms. Doherty	<p>The public relations advisor Identifies news opportunities, writes and edits press releases, and obtains related photos and confirms photo authorization. Other responsibilities include distributing news to local and county newspapers and monitoring media coverage and collecting</p>

		media clips for posting on the “news” bulletin board.
P.V. NETWORK	Ms. McSpirit-Grier Ms. Errity	This is a community based club that raises funds and awareness for specific organizations within the local community. Some of these organizations are Center for Hope and Safety; a shelter for battered women and their children, Spoil Me Pink a local charity that provides breast cancer survivors a day of beauty. In addition our club members run an annual toy drive for the shelter during the Holiday Season and create baskets of beauty and love for the women on Mother’s Day.
SCIENCE LEAGUE	Mr. Nilsen	Students are invited to represent PV at regional competitions related to their knowledge of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at the advanced level. Students are eligible for scholarships and individual awards.
SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Reese	Seniors are invited to the society based on national charter rules. The goal of science national honors society is to investigate or analyze a section of the school that the students feel needs improvement or refining. This year the students are creating an experiment to determine the wait time on the lunch lines at different parts of the lunch period. They will compile their results and make suggestions for improvement of wait time if necessary.
SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB	Dr. Healey	The Science Research Club is a club where students work on authentic research projects of their own design and learn modern laboratory techniques. In the first year of membership, students also work on a project in collaboration with Rutgers University in the Waksman Student Scholar Program where they use modern molecular genetic techniques and bioinformatic software for data analysis. Enrollment in the Research in Molecular Genetics Class is required for membership into the club.

<p>S.E.A.A. (Students for Environment Advocacy & Action)</p>	<p>Ms. Lindstrom Ms. Piccoline</p>	<p>The Environmental Club focuses on raising awareness of important environmental issues that impact the daily lives at PV. The club will host speakers, volunteer to do garden cleanups, take care of the courtyard pond, and join together the student body in changing some unhealthy habits.</p>
<p>SENIOR PROJECTS COORDINATOR</p>	<p>Ms. Mattessich</p>	<p>This program affords interested seniors the opportunity to opt out of a class during second semester in order to pursue an independent study project under the tutelage of a faculty mentor chosen by the student. The projects culminate in a research paper, journal and 20-minute oral presentation to a panel of faculty volunteers who award the final grades to the projects. Past projects have included everything from building a 3-D scanner to writing a symphony and having it performed to making an original film to publishing original books and selling them on Amazon.com, to name a few.</p>
<p>SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY</p>	<p>Ms. Farrell</p>	<p>(Esmeralda Santiago Chapter) This is a national honor society for seniors who are currently enrolled in, and have taken Spanish all four years of high school, while maintaining a 3.7 GPA in the language. Students participate in community service and fundraising activities, which help promote the Spanish language and culture.</p>
<p>STUDENT GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>Mr. Buchanan</p>	<p>Student Government enables students to be leaders on the class, as well as school level. Through elected and appointed positions, students can get involved with helping shape the building climate and goals. Class Council members raise money and awareness for their Class Causes, in addition to hosting fundraisers to help offset class expenses, including the Junior and Senior Proms. Class Council members work directly for their grade. Executive Council members organize programs for the entire building, including Valley Cup competitions, the Blood Drive, Senior Citizen Day, and all elections, plus many other school wide activities. Executive Council members are the voices for the entire school. Elections for both Class and</p>

		Executive Councils are held in the spring each year, except for the incoming Freshman Class Council, which has its own election in the fall.
THIS WEEK IN POLITICS	Mr. Jasper Mr. Sarajian	This club focuses on current events as well as the most up to date issues of the day. Open discussion will take place with topics announced in advance.
TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY	Ms. Safari	This is a Music National Honor Society which is recognized by all colleges and universities around the country. Members of this society are current members of Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Concert Band or Wind Ensemble, and have been actively involved in all music school activities for all years of their high school career. These are the most advanced and dedicated band and choir students who regularly perform in school as well as around the community to spread the awareness of quality music around their peers and the community and to promote the PV's music program. Tri-M members participate in various honors bands and choirs on a county, regional, state and even national level. To be accepted, students must audition to demonstrate a high level of musical talent and possession of certain performing skills. They must have an A average in their music class and maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
VOLUNTEER CLUB [J.A.C.] (also, Glamour Gals)	Ms. Marchiano	Students work with members in the community, specifically the elderly. Through JAC, student frequently visit the Hillsdale House for movie nights, manicures, holiday activities, etc. JAC also fundraises for various causes and is seeks to help the less fortunate by working with various organizations. Glamour Gals provide manicures and conversations to the elderly at various assisted living homes.
WORLD CULTURE CLUB	Ms. Silvano Ms. Leal-Drago	Students engage in activities/events that promote the cultures of countries around the world, and

		expand students' views of foreign cultures and traditions.
YEARBOOK ADVISORS	Ms. Rowan Ms. Vicinanza	Students meet weekly to plan, design, and construct the school yearbook. The committee is comprised of students from all grade levels.
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Mr. Lupfer*	PV Theatre's musicals are perennial nominees and winners in local award competitions. Rehearsals take place December-March on Monday-Friday afternoons and Saturdays. Recent shows include: Urinetown, Anything Goes, Cabaret, Curtains, The Pajama Game. Learn more about PV Theatre by visiting www.pvhstheatre.org
MUSICAL COSTUME DESIGNER	Ms. Lupfer*	Interested in Costumes? Props? Hair and Makeup Design? PV Theatre's crew designs and builds all of these elements for the Fall Play and the Spring Musical each year.
MUSICAL ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR	Mr. Mahadeen*	Pit Orchestra students learn the score of the Spring Musical, performing alongside professional musicians.
MUSICAL SET CONSTRUCTION	Mr. Lupfer*	PV Theatre's crew is responsible for designing, building and painting the award-winning sets for the Fall Play and Spring Musical each year. Production photos can be found at www.pvhstheatre.org

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