

Roslyn High School
Clubs
Activities and Programs for Students
2009-2010

CLUBS are an integral part of the Roslyn High School experience. With nearly all of our students participating in after-school activities, clubs provide a meaningful extension of the school day under the supervision of faculty advisors. Clubs enable students to explore areas in which they have a special interest, as well as to discover new activities and ideas. We encourage parents to discuss the many opportunities provided by the more than 40 clubs described in this brochure with their children and to call Assistant Principal Carol Murphy (801-5100) or their child's guidance counselor if they have any questions.

AIDS Awareness Club is comprised of students who wish to become educated about HIV/AIDS and to educate others about the disease and how to avoid it. The club also participates in an annual AIDS Fashion Benefit Show.

Art Club provides opportunities for students who have an interest or aptitude in art to gain additional exposure and practical experience in art production, appreciation and presentation as well as providing service to the school.

Astronomy Club members explore this exciting field through the use of the Internet, videos and CD-ROMs, becoming involved in the study of astronomy as well as the actual supervised aspect of astronomical observation.

Athletes Helping Athletes (AHA) is a peer leadership program that emphasizes positive behaviors in sports and abstinence from the use of controlled substances. They also stress the importance of education and participation in sports as well as other positive activities.

Auditorium Crew members assist with the technical aspects (sound, light, etc.) at auditorium-type events such as shows, assemblies and special programs.

Chess Club members meet on a weekly basis to discuss and implement chess-playing strategies. They also take part in regional competitions.

Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) encourages students to become acquainted with the business world. Students are involved in business operations, competitions, and state and national conventions. DECA also runs the High School Bookstore.

Eclectic Electric Club is an ensemble at Roslyn High School made up of an electric string quintet, rock rhythm section, the chamber orchestra and the chamber singers. The students in the group perform a wide variety of styles and genres from rock and roll to traditional fiddle music to legitimate classical repertoire.

Environment Club offers students a means by which they can help to promote the conservation and improvement of our environment both locally and globally. The club sponsors recycling and cleanup projects and addresses current environmental issues. Trips are taken throughout the year to conduct club community service and to learn about the ecology. The club also sponsors musical events to raise funds for local and national environment groups.

Foreign Language National Honor Society promotes students' facility with, and interest in, the languages and cultures of the countries in which French, Italian, Japanese and Spanish are spoken.

Forensics offers an opportunity for students to compete in interscholastic speech and debate tournaments. Students compete in original oratory, extemporaneous speech, oral interpretation of literature, dramatic and humorous performance and declamation, in addition to one-on-one Lincoln-Douglas debates. There are local tournaments as well as state and national competitions.

Freshman Orientation Committee consists of students in grades 10–12 who help 9th-grade students make the transition from eighth grade to the high school during the months of September, October, and November. Welcome letters, tours, opening day activities, and an Extra-Curricular Fair are among the programs planned.

Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) works to create a more accepting and tolerant environment, specifically to end homophobia in the high school. The club's goal is to eliminate stereotypes and prejudices.

Global Awareness Club meets to discuss a variety of current events in an informal manner. Students also have the opportunity to compete with student from other schools.

Habitat for Humanity for Suffolk is a nonprofit housing organization. Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with those who lack adequate shelter. Students participate in fundraising activities and volunteer labor through Student Builds: "Everyone deserves to have a place they can call home."

Harbor Hill Light is the yearbook, published by the students and sponsored by the Board of Education, depicting the various sports, clubs, events and activities of the school year. Students are given the opportunity to work on photography, layout, graphics, writing, art, business and organization. The yearbook is sold during the school year and distributed in June.

Hilltop Beacon is the student newspaper, sponsored by the Board of Education, published throughout the year under the direction of a student staff who are supervised by a faculty advisor. The newspaper contains editorial features, interviews, columns, sports, photographs and advertising.

Industrial Arts Club provides opportunities for students to learn and develop skills and create projects in the industrial arts areas.

Jewish Studies Union (JSU) is open to all students of Roslyn High School. Students are given the opportunity to explore different aspects of Jewish culture. Activities may include guest speakers, multimedia presentations and special projects.

Junior Scope is a club dedicated to raising funds for sick children hospitalized at Schneider Children's Hospital. The club's goal is to raise funds by organizing toy drives, fashion shows, bake sales and other activities in order to donate money to the hospital. In addition, club members decorate the halls of the hospital and spend time with young patients. Our motto is: "Caring is the first step in curing."

Key Club activities include school, community and special interest service. Members participate in fundraising activities for a variety of worthwhile charities. They also supply the support services necessary to run many of our school's activities.

Math Team A is open to all 11th and 12th grade students. Club members participate in the Nassau County Interscholastic Math League and the New York State Math League. There are eighteen competitions during the school year. Outside mathematicians or club members lecture the students on an unusual problem or concept or present their own papers. The purpose of the club is learning and sharing.

Math Team B is open to all 9th and 10th grade students. Club members participate in the Nassau County Interscholastic Math League and the New York State Math League. There are eighteen competitions during the school year. Outside mathematicians or club members lecture the students on an unusual problem or concept or present their own papers. The purpose of the club is learning and sharing.

Medical Explorers Club exposes students to various fields of medicine. Medical professionals speak to members about their specialties and there are visits to local hospitals. Students may also be involved in ongoing medical research projects.

Mock Trial Team competes in the Nassau County Mock Trial competitions in which club members act as attorneys and witnesses in mock trials argued before actual judges.

Model Congress enables students to participate in congressional-type activities in school and in interscholastic tournaments. In these competitions, students are assigned in committees to prepare legislation/bills for debate and eventual enactment. The club offers research opportunities as well as public speaking practice.

National Honor Society, Roslyn Chapter, is an organization dedicated to honoring excellence in scholarship, leadership, character and service. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 95. The GPA, however, does not automatically entitle one to membership. Students must complete an application form, be recommended by the faculty, and be evaluated on three additional criteria: service, leadership and character, which are nationally, established criteria.

Organization of Class Councils (OCC) is the school's elected student government. The OCC is led by its elected officers and is comprised of the councils from each class. The OCC meets weekly to plan and implement school-wide events and respond to issues and problems. Committees meet twice a month or more often as needed.

Principal's Advisory Council for Preventing Prejudice (PAC) discusses and educates the youth of Roslyn on issues of racism, discrimination and tolerance. Prejudice reduction workshops and interactive drama are techniques used to convey its message to the students of our community. The Anti-Bias Task Force is an outgrowth of this group. It also addresses all forms of discrimination.

Roslyn Film Society provides students with the opportunity to study the art of film. Students watch and discuss classic films and create original films.

Roslyn Marching Bulldogs is a competitive marching band which performs at the N.Y.S. Championship, competitions on Long Island, as well as parades on the east coast. Anyone who is in the Roslyn band program is eligible for this exciting group. The Marching Bulldogs is a precision show of marching and music to a different theme each year. The Marching Bulldogs rehearse outside of the school day and all members are required to attend all rehearsals and events. The color guard, a group within the marching band who perform dance moves with flags, is open to anyone who can perform a brief audition after being taught a simple flag routine.

Royal Crown Players Drama Club (RCP) is a theater company that performs two plays per year. In addition to offering opportunities for students to perform on stage, the organization comprises all aspects of production: set design & construction, stage management, lighting design & execution, sound engineering, makeup, props, pit orchestra, costuming, publicity, advertising sales & playbill publishing, ticket printing & sales, ushering and refreshment sales.

Royal Crown Players Stagecraft works closely with the Royal Crown Players in creating sets, executing lighting, moving scenery, gathering props, and running backstage operations.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is a chapter of a nationwide organization designed to increase awareness of the dangers of driving while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and other destructive behaviors. Assemblies and activities are planned throughout the school year.

Science Olympiad Club trains students in all grade levels in problem-solving, practical application of classroom scientific principles, and brainstorming innovative ideas in addition to rehearsing for actual team competition.

Sewing and Fashion Club members explore the areas of fashion design as well as learn the "how-to" of creating and making designs and projects.

Step Team Club is a precision drill team which performs synchronized step routines and sophisticated dance moves. Students qualify through an extensive tryout period. The Step Club performs at a variety of school activities.

Stock Market Club offers students the opportunity to learn about the stock market by following market trends and studying about investments.

Student Prints is the literary magazine published each year. Students and their advisor meet weekly throughout the year to read and select literary material submitted by students for publication.

Students for Social Responsibility (SFSR) meet to gain information and to stimulate other students to be better informed on issues pertaining to the survival of the human race. The club is also dedicated to helping the hungry and homeless of Long Island. The group pursues its aims through lectures, debates, speakers and fundraising.

Tri-M Music Honor Society recognizes musical achievements and encourages instrumental and vocal students to work together toward reaching their full musical potential. To be eligible for membership, students must meet nationally established criteria including academic, performance and participation requirements and be recommended by a member of the music faculty.

Tzuh-ling (Chinese YoYo) Club offers students the opportunity to learn the skill, discipline, sport and exercise of the Chinese yoyo. The Tzuh-ling differs from the traditional western-type yoyo because it is not attached to a string. Students will improve their coordination, flexibility and stamina as they master the art of the Tzuh-ling.

Varsity Cheerleaders cheer at home and away sporting events and special events such as Homecoming and pep rallies. There are both junior varsity and varsity squads. Tryouts for the squads are held in the spring of each school year.

Volunteers for the Education of Developmentally Disabled Adults (VEDDA) are dedicated to bridging the gap between Roslyn High School students and developmentally disabled people whose social contacts are somewhat limited. The club sponsors numerous functions throughout the year, including holiday parties and Carnival Night.

Walking on Water members meet to learn about the aspects and beliefs of Christianity. (The Roslyn Public Schools does not endorse this club but permits its activities, as required by the Federal Equal Access Act.)

Youth Against Cancer Club members work to instill awareness and raise funds for health issues concerning cancer. They participate in walk-a-thons, a Cancer Benefit Fashion Show and other events.

2009-2010 RHS Clubs/Activities and Advisors

Aids Awareness Club	Dot McHugh
Art Club	Laurie Schoenberg
Astronomy Club	Thomas Kundmueller
Athletes Helping Athletes (AHA)	Colleen Mastriano
Auditorium Crew	Brad Frey
Chess Club	Matt Andresen
Class Advisor – Freshmen	Jean Bishop
Class Advisor – Sophomores	Cathy Lenoci
Class Advisor – Juniors	Alison Bange/Jennifer Sheehan
Class Advisor – Seniors	Jolene Segal
Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)	Phyllis Granat
Eclectic Electric Club	Michael Coffey
Environment Club	Bobbie Jo Austin/Michaela Morales
Foreign Language Honor Society	Jessica Valente
Forensics	Jeri Malloy
Forensics (Assistant Advisor)	Maryam Tazari
Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)	Lisa Daniels
Global Awareness Club	Marc Davis
Habitat for Humanity	Bill Coggin
Harbor Hill Light (Yearbook)	Michael Swanson
Hilltop Beacon (Newspaper)	Sara Lehn/Lawrence Reiff/Matthew Vogt
Homecoming	Andrea Pearlman
Industrial Arts Club	Michael Swanson
Jewish Studies Union (JSU)	Karen Leon
Junior Scope	Galia Weiser
Key Club	Cathy Lenoci
Math Team A	Iftimie Simion
Math Team B	Guy Barnett

Medical Explorers Club	Cathy Lenoci
Mock Trial Team	TBA
Model Congress	Sophie Kim - Allyson Weseley
Musical Director	Brad Frey
National Honor Society	Jean Bishop
OCC Coordinator/Constitution & Elections Committee	Andrea Pearlman
OCC Activities	Andrea Pearlman
Principal's Advisory Council for Preventing Prejudice (PAC)	Phyllis Granat
Roslyn Film Society	Thomas Kaufman/Lawrence Reiff
Roslyn Marching Bulldogs	Pat Patterson
Royal Crown Players Drama Club (RCP)	Brad Frey
Royal Crown Players Stagecraft	Ron Weaver
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)	Dot McHugh
Science Olympiad Club	Vincent Kreyling
Science Olympiad Club	William Marvin
Science Olympiad Club	Irena Tsarevsky
Sewing and Fashion Club	Phyllis Granat
Step Team Club	Jennifer Sheehan/Jessica Valente
Stock Market Club	Bill Coggin
Student Prints (Literary Magazine)	Scott Segal
Student Treasurer	Mel Levitan
Students for Social Responsibility (SFSR)	Lorraine Huzar
Tri-M Music Honor Society	Michael Coffey
Tzuh-ling (Chinese Yo Yo) Club	Mardi Braun
Varsity Cheerleaders	Mariantoinette Morello
Volunteers for the Education of Developmentally Disabled Adults (VEDDA)	Mel Levitan
Walking on Water	Bill Coggin
Youth Against Cancer Club	Matthew Vogt