Clubs & Activities Descriptions

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ROCKY HILL
HIGH SCHOOL

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Community Awareness / Social Justice:

Animal Advocacy - This club meets twice per month and works on understanding human-animal interaction and its role in society. The club will focus on bringing awareness to animal welfare issues both locally and nationally, and will be a fun way for students to interact with each other while supporting local animals and animal welfare!

Club Advisors: Stephanie Malkin, Maureen Krauss

Bracelets for Benefits - The purpose of this club is to make bracelets, sell them, and use the money for charity. We will donate to a different charity each quarter of the school year.

Club Advisors: Lisa Urso

Environmental Club - This club is for students who are interested in creating public awareness of our ongoing environmental issues, as well as work as a team to help leave our world a little cleaner than we found it. Previous projects include can & bottle drives, park clean ups, & monthly informative displays.

Club Advisors: Eileen Schnyder

Girl Up! - This club is open to all gender identities! This is a group dedicated to promoting gender equality, with an emphasis on women's rights. Members will participate in fundraisers, group discussions, and possible collaborations with other clubs such as Justice For All.

Club Advisors: Lisa Urso

Justice for All - A safe place for individuals to discuss social justice issues regarding racism, gender inequality, emotional issues (etc). Ultimately, we will discuss ways to implement diversity and inclusion into our school while also making people more aware of the emotions of their classmates and current events within our society.

Club Advisors: Viviana Guzman

Red Cross Club - Student led, American Red Cross affiliated club. Community outreach about disaster preparedness.

Club Advisors: Catherine Mader

Honor Society:

National Art Honor Society - The National Art Honor Society was created for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art. The RHHS Chapter of the National Art Honor Society is open to students in 10th, 11th and 12th grade who have taken 1.5 credits of art and earned a B+ or better. Membership is awarded to students who meet the criteria set by the NAEA. Membership is based on four areas: Art Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service to promote the Visual Arts. A yearly membership fee and requisite community service hours are required for induction. Seniors earn their honor cords for graduation by completing a senior project. Weekly planning and check in meetings are required of all members.

Club Advisors: Eileen Schnyder

National Honor Society - The Stepney-Stiles Chapter of the National Honor Society at Rocky Hill High School follows national guidelines for the selection of its student members. In addition, the local chapter has guidelines in place to assist in objectively awarding membership to students. Membership in the National Honor Society is based on four areas: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. All Students with a GPA of 3.67, who have attended RHHS for at least three semesters, and have conducted the required leaders and service activities will be notified by mail of their scholastic eligibility and invited to a meeting with the NHS Faculty Adviser.

Club Advisors: Jillian Barry, Kristen DeLucia

Tri-M Music Honor Society - Students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade that have participated in a high school music ensemble for one year are eligible to apply for membership to the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Applications are distributed in the fall. The criteria for membership includes the following: Exceptional musicianship, Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.

Club Advisors: Keith Traver

World Language Honor Society - This organization is for French, Spanish, and Latin students who have earned a 3.2 overall GPA and three consecutive semesters of a 90 or above in their world language classes. Once inducted, members are required to maintain a 3.2 GPA and complete 15 hours of community service before graduation. Each student inducted into the honor society is eligible to wear a special cord at graduation and receives recognition in the graduation program for this achievement.

Club Advisors: Lisa Urso

Miscellaneous:

Book Club - A student-led group that meets to discuss selected books. We meet once each month to discuss a selected novel. At the end of each meeting, we vote on the next month's novel.

Club Advisors: Jillian Barry

Badminton Club - Badminton club is where people play badminton casually with friends, or competitively. It's fast, exciting and memorable.

Club Advisors: Catherine Mader

Crochet Club - We create various crocheted crafts over the course of the year. Our first project is a scarf for donation.

Club Advisors: Mary Oberndorfer

Dungeons & Dragons Club - Dungeons & Dragons Club provides students with an opportunity to collaborate, use creativity, and build problem-solving skills through tabletop role-playing games. Students will create characters, participate in adventures, and work together as a team in an inclusive and engaging environment.

Club Advisors: Matt Bennett

Entrepreneurship Club - A student-led organization designed to foster an innovative mindset, develop business skills, and turn creative ideas into actionable ventures. Members collaborate on real-world projects, learn fundamental concepts like marketing and pitching, and often participate in competitions.

Club Advisors: Jeffrey Mertens

PreMed/HOSA Club - The purpose of the premed/HOSA club is to educate, support, and prepare students for careers in medicine and other healthcare fields through activities like guest speakers, volunteer opportunities, skill-building workshops, and community service to foster informed and responsible future healthcare professionals. The HOSA arm of this club is focused on empowering leaders in the global health community through affiliation with the International HOSA community. Through HOSA students can communicate with students from around the state, develop skills, compete with and receive recognition for their efforts.

Club Advisors: Eileen Schnyder

RH Youth Coalition - Our MISSION is to empower youth through prevention education, to promote healthy & positive alternatives and to develop strong leaders committed to making a difference. Through team building, community service and advocacy, we inspire young people to grow, connect and create lasting impact in their community.

Club Advisors: Lori Stanczyc

SkillsUSA Club - A student-led organization designed to foster an innovative mindset, develop business skills, and turn creative ideas into actionable ventures. Members collaborate on real-world projects, learn fundamental concepts like marketing and pitching, and often participate in competitions.

Club Advisors: Andrea Monaco, Anne Nguyen, Jordan Szczygiel

STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics):

Art/Steam Club - The art/STEAM club provides a fun, hands-on environment for students to participate in creative endeavors, promoting artistic expression within a supportive and inclusive community of creators who share a passion for art and its application in design, science, technology, and engineering. This club has a workshop element for those who desire structure as well as a self directed exploration element for those who wish to explore the equipment from the STEAM cart that will be available to them. Sometimes it is just about being around creative energy.

Club Advisors: Eileen Schnyder

Coding Club (Competitive) - Coding club is a place for students with and without coding experience to explore different coding challenges.

Club Advisors: Gabrielle Brzozowski

Math Team (Competitive) - The RHHS math team competes with about 20 math teams from public and private schools in the Greater Hartford area. We meet weekly to practice and we travel to competitions monthly during the regular October-March season. We sometimes qualify for the State meet and for the New England meet in Boston. Students work on specific topics to prepare for each meet. The problems encompass high school math only – arithmetic, algebra (basic and intermediate), geometry, trigonometry, statistics, probability, and pre-calculus topics. There is no

calculus involved. The faculty advisor and co captains manage the practices and attention is given to new students, especially freshmen and sophomores. Overall, the atmosphere is friendly as well as math-y and we are excited about having new members who share our interest in math.

Club Advisors: Brian Graca, Dan Czuchta

Science Team (Competitive) - The goal is to get students ready for a regional Science Bowl Competition held at UConn in the spring.

Club Advisors: Matt DeBacco

Student Government:

Model United Nations - The Model United Nations club allows our students to simulate the United Nations discussions and debates. Students are provided with a member country and examine various contemporary issues, which simultaneously are examined by the United Nations member countries. Students will enhance their critical thinking skills by evaluating problem solving strategies and studying the impact of world politics upon our country and community.

Club Advisors: Mike Dudis

Student Council - The RHHS Student Council helps plan activities throughout the school year, including spirit events, fundraisers, dances, and more. The Student Council works to increase school spirit by hosting activities and programs designed to engage the student body. Anyone is welcome to join the Student Council at the beginning of the school year. There is an elected board that oversees all Student Council sponsored events. Some specific recent activities include the Homecoming Dance, Spirit Week, Pictures with Santa, the Red Cross Blood Drive, and the Scholars' Breakfast.

Club Advisors: Jackie Schlosser, Emily Davis

Mock Trial - Students will go through the proceedings of gathering data and acquiring precedence as well as selecting a jury before simulating trials.

Club Advisors: Ryan Ellis

The Arts:

Watercolor Club - This is a relaxing club, where we play some music in the background and work with watercolors every other Thursday. From beginners to experts, everyone is welcome

here. You'll just need to bring basic supplies like a sketchbook, a watercolor palette and some brushes. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where students can feel free, relax and chill out after school while learning a beautiful new skill.

Club Advisors: Mary Aunce-Oberndorfer

World Language:

French Club - The French Club is an organization meant to organize events and gatherings to foster French culture and language. The club is open to any and all students, and explores French culture through films, sports, traditional games, food, trips to culturally significant places, socializing (in French and in English) and other fun events. Every May we venture to NYC to have lunch at a French Bistro and see a Broadway Show!! AllezViens!

Club Advisors: Lisa Urso

Writing:

Paper Soul - Literary Magazine - The Literary Magazine features creative student work in an annual publication. Members of the Literary Magazine Club design the format of the magazine, select and edit submissions, and distribute the magazine. The Literary Magazine includes various forms of creative work such as photography, poetry, short stories, and sketches, among others. The club meets after school about twice monthly and more frequently as publication draws near.

Club Advisors: Heather Morgan