



Clubs @ WEST
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2025-2026 Club Offerings

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A Capella Club

Do you like to sing? This club focuses on rehearsing a cappella music and performs numbers at choir concerts.

Advisor: Mr. McCloskey mmcloskey@dasd.org

Academic Team

This competition team requires enthusiasm, broad knowledge in academics and academic excellence, assertiveness, commitment, diligence and willingness to do much outside reading and research. There are two or more practices per week after school. There are two teams which compete: Junior Varsity and Varsity.

Meetings: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays-2:30-4:00. Students need to have transportation home.

Advisor: Mr. Soler dsoler@dasd.org

Aavidum

Loosely translated, Aavidum means "I've got your back." This club raises awareness for mental health, ensuring no student feels left out or ostracized by their peers. Find more information at:

<http://aavidum.com/cms/>

Aavidum meets monthly in room 155.

Advisor: Mr. Carrig (rcarrig@dasd.org)
Dr. Simmons (bsimmons@dasd.org)



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Best Buddies Club

Best Buddies Club is an inclusive organization that builds friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. The club promotes acceptance, inclusion, and kindness through fun activities, events, and peer support. It's a great way to make new friends and create a more connected school community.

Advisor:

Mrs. Immel rimmel@dasd.org

Mrs. Ruzzi mruzzi@dasd.org

Mrs. Herrmann mherrmann@dasd.org

Black Student Union

Black Student Union (BSU) is a community that works to inspire and empower black students to achieve higher levels of academics, engage in positive social interactions, and participate or lead in community based activities. While this group is tailored toward minority groups, our mission is to support the overall feeling of belonging at Downingtown West.

Advisor: Mr. Mack jimack@dasd.org



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Computer Science Honor Society

You qualify to become a member of the CSHS if you are taking or have taken a computer science course. Each year we complete at least one coding workshop outreach to DMS students, promote computer science interest at West during Computer Science Education Week and compete in coding competitions. We meet every other Monday in room 152.

Advisor: Dr. Speirs sspeirs@dasd.org

Crochet Club

Hang out and crochet with us. We teach people how to crochet or just practice. This year we are focusing on crocheting items for different charity organizations.

Thursdays 2:45-3:45PM Advisor: Ms. West dwest@dasd.org



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Culinary Club

Learn new recipes, master kitchen skills, cook with friends and try your creations. No experience needed. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity and join us today!

Advisor: Mrs. Kottmeyer akottmeyer@dasd.org

DAWG Pack (PBIS Student Team)

The DAWG Pack is our student leadership team for PBIS. This group works with faculty and staff to implement our positive behavior plans here at West. We make the big decisions about the prizes and system related to PBIS. This is a great opportunity to be involved in our school community. Meetings take place monthly during the school day and students must be selected to join the team.

Advisors: Mrs. Weaver - wweaver@dasd.org and Mrs. Kada - mkada@dasd.org

DECA

DECA is a business competition where students get to show off real-world skills. You can either do roleplay events (quick, on-the-spot presentations) or prepared events (a project with a paper and presentation). With over 297,000 members worldwide, DECA competitions happen at the district, state, and international levels.

Advisor> Mrs. Rutchauskas arutchauskas@dasd.org

Drama Club at Stage West



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Through this club, students have an opportunity to gain theatrical experience in direction, acting, stagecraft, and production by producing two school-wide dramatic plays a year. (One in November, one in January). Meetings are Mon-Thurs 2:30-4:45, from early September to mid-January.

Advisor: Mr. Osborne gosborne@dasd.org; Mrs. Ker cker@dasd.org

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Step into Adventure! Join the Dungeons and Dragons Club and become the hero of your own story. In our club, you'll create unique characters, team up with friends, and explore epic quests full of dragons, treasure, and danger. No experience? We'll teach you everything you need to know.

Wednesdays 3PM-4PM in the Library

Advisor: Mr. Sandberg gsandberg@dasd.org

Ecology Club

This club is focused on increasing student interest and knowledge in the science of ecology and ecological systems. Students are involved in a variety of activities, field trips and outdoor pursuits. This club meets every other Thursday in room 229.

Advisor: Ms. DiSantis ddisantis@dasd.org

French Club

This is a club for students to practice using the French language, explore French/Francophone culture, and promote the benefits of being multilingual. Members should be current French students or former French students with at least two years of French study experience. Meetings are held the third and/or fourth Tuesday of each month in room 225

Advisor: Mrs. Bigelow cbigelow@dasd.org



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Gaming Club

Gaming Club is an inclusive club designed to provide students the opportunity to explore, share, and engage in the world of gaming. Driven by student interests, Gaming Club will provide a safe and fun space for students to explore the worlds of board games, video games, trading card games, tabletop roleplaying, creative writing, TV/movie discussions, and more.

Meetings: Weekly

Advisor: Mr. Brassard- sbrassard@dasd.org

GSA: Gender and Sexuality Alliance

This club will provide connection, celebration, and support for those who identify as LGBTQIA+ and allies.

Advisors: Ms. Ker cker@dasd.org; Mrs. Carre dcarre@dasd.org; Ms. Phillips ephillips@dasd.org

Generation 4 Change

Generation 4 Change (G4C) works to raise awareness about various issues that affect both our local and global communities, focusing on helping animals, people, and the environment. In addition to community service, G4C hosts a variety of events throughout the school year to raise funds for different organizations.



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Advisor: Mrs. Perez aperez@dasd.org.

German Club

Furthering any students' interest and knowledge of the German language and cultures of places where it is spoken. Open to anyone interested in German language and culture.

Meetings: monthly

Advisor: Mr. Schauer- eschauer @dasd.org

Girls SPARK

Girls Spark is an organization created by teen girls for teen girls! Our mission is to provide middle & high school girls with a safe, supportive empowering environment where they can learn, collaborate and overcome adversity in facing today's social issues.

We are guided by a passionate teen leadership board of high school girls and an adult board with a shared vision of helping girls navigate the challenges social issues they face in today's world.

Our events are designed to Ignite Awareness, Overcome Adversity and Inspire Others! Become part of the greater good in helping girls feel connected, inspired, and ignited while gaining valuable community service hours. We are always recruiting for Spark Influencers.

Advisor: Lauren Taylor - ltaylor@dasd.org Room 135

Graphics Club

To expand student knowledge of Graphic Arts through real life scenarios while using industrial equipment.



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Advisor: Ms. Distasio- cdistasio@dasd.org

HYPE

Our club has a strong focus on utilizing PAYS (Pennsylvania Youth Survey) data to drive our initiatives. We work in collaboration with the CTC (Community Transformation Consultants) and the Wellness Committee to develop monthly programs aimed at fostering Healthy Youth Positive Energy within our school community.

Through our efforts, we actively engage in promoting health and positivity among the youth in our school and the wider community. One of our flagship events is Red Ribbon Week, during which we partner with local organizations, including the middle school, to encourage healthy choices and positive lifestyles among our youth.

Join us in making a meaningful impact on the well-being of our school and community. Together, we strive to create a nurturing environment where our youth can thrive and make positive choices.

Advisors: Mrs. Tancredi stancredi@dasd.org Mrs. Weaver wweaver@dasd.org



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Latino Student Union:

Latino Student Union (LSU) is a community started by students to make a safe space for everyone, not just Latinos. We meet twice a month and do a variety of activities. We want our school to know more about our culture and be able to get people together who can relate each other! We do activities throughout the year like sell bracelets, holiday activities, bake sales, and more! We would love if you join our community to make it brighter!

La Union de Estudiantes Latinos es una comunidad la cual los estudiantes comenzaron para crear un espacio seguro. Es un club para representar los latinos en West y traer la comunidad latinos juntos. Queremos que todos se sienten cómodos con personas que se pueden relacionar. No solo es para latinos, es para todos! Hacemos actividades como vender pulseras, juegos, y eventos. Nos encantaría que fueras parte de el club y hacerlo mas brillante!

Advisor: Sra. Pérez

Meetings: After School in Room 22

Library Club

This club is a club for any student interested in anything related to books, reading, and writing. We host student book clubs, a student writers' group, a reading olympics team, and participate in various school spirit events and volunteer opportunities throughout the school year.

Meetings are Tuesdays after school.

Advisor: Mrs. Nass mnass@dasd.org



LINK (Leaders Involved in Networking Kids)

This club strives to break down barriers among students and develop connections and a network of peers and support.

Advisors: Dr. Simmons bsimmons@dasd.org; Ms. Disantis ddisantis@dasd.org; Ms. Farnesi sfarnesi@dasd.org

Lit Mag. (HOWL)

The Howl is a digital literary magazine for the students at West. Students act as editors and designers to publish works submitted by West's student body.

Advisor: Mr. Daulerio fdaulerio@dasd.org

Mock Trial

Mock trial meets each Friday after school in 152. We learn about trial law and analyze a case that is written each year the PA Bar Association. Students choose a role of either a lawyer or a witness one either Prosecution/Plaintiff or Defense. We analyze the case, prepare our open, close, direct and cross then argue our case. We compete in practice tournaments at LaSalle and UPenn and with the PA Bar Association at the Chester County Justice Center. Great for those that love to argue or have a flair for drama.

Advisor: Dr. Speirs sspeirs@dasd.org



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Model UN Club

Come learn about international relations, diplomacy, and global issues, while fostering the development of debate and public speaking skills through practice sessions, debates, and simulations.

Advisor: Mrs. Bosco, sbosoc@dasd.org

Morgan's Message

Morgan's Message is an organization dedicated to eliminating the stigma surrounding mental health in the student-athlete community. At West, our goal is to help student-athletes recognize that they are more than just athletes. We aim to empower them to stand up, speak out, and work together to break the stigma.

Reach out to Ms. Curran to join our Schoology page to find information about meeting times and events!

Advisor: Ms. Curran dcurran@dasd.org

National Art Honor Society

NAHS strives to aid members in attaining the highest standards in art scholarship, character and service. Students in NAHS work with the community by participating in art related community service. Students must be enrolled in an art course and maintain a 3.0 GPA. This club typically meets on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Advisor: Mr. Sidorick tsidorick@dasd.org



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National French Honor Society

The Société Honoraire Française is open to students in French III and above who meet the academic requirements. Meetings are held 1-2 times per month, and SHF members also serve as the leaders for the French Club, which is open to all levels of French. In addition, there are service opportunities both on and off campus. Induction to SHF is held every year in April, and senior members are recognized each year at graduation.

Advisor: Mrs. Bigelow- cbigelow@dasd.org

National German Honor Society

Delta Epsilon Phi ($\Delta E \Phi$) National Honor Society for High School Students of German recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of learners of German. The organization was founded in 1968 by Käthe Wilson at Coral Gables High School (FL), a devoted AATG member, to reward scholastic achievement in the study of German and to promote interest in the study of German language, literature, and civilization. To be a member, students must be enrolled (or have completed) German III or higher, 3.3 grade point average in German, and have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Advisor: Mr. Schauer- eschauer@dasd.org

National Honor Society

To be a member of the National Honor Society, students must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA, have active participation in at least 2 DHS activities, and have a recommendation from 6 DHS teachers. This club is for students in grades 11 and 12. Applications are accepted in the Spring of Sophomore year. NHS meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at 7 PM.

Advisor: Dr. Mapes - jmapes@dasd.org



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National Spanish Honor Society

Requirements: Students need to be in 10th-12th grade and be currently taking Spanish 3 or higher.

Advisor: Mrs. Mahan- mimahan@dasd.org

Peer Mentors

Peer Mentors are selected through an application process that typically takes place during January and February. Peer Mentors serve as support for our incoming freshmen class and gain leadership skills as they mentor and deliver content to freshmen groups throughout the school year.

Advisors: Ms. Haleigh Williams - hawilliams@dasd.org and Mrs. Nass - mnass@dasd.org

Ready Day

The purpose of READY Day is to foster the development of healthy relationships between incoming 9th graders and current West students through a “move-up day” experience. West students who are a part of READY Day volunteer their time to make the 8th grade transition day a positive experience for rising freshmen. The objectives of the program include giving students a greater sense of ownership within their high school community, increasing the level of acceptance among peers, improving school spirit.

Advisor: Mrs. Farnesi: sfarnesi@dasd.org and Ms. Dawson: cdawson@dasd.org



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Red Cross Club

This club is an extension of a local Red Cross region or Service to the Armed Forces Station. Serve the community with your friends, training and leadership development opportunities, deliver services like blood drives and disaster preparedness education: plan and implement projects that can save hundreds of lives.

Advisor: Mr. Byrnes sbyrnes@dasd.org

Club meets bi-monthly in Room 245

Rock Club

If you want to learn or further develop your skills at guitar, bass, drums, or other rock instruments, meet and collaborate with other musicians, or just come hang out, join us at Rock Club! We meet every D day during Lunch & Learn in the Band Room. You are welcomed and encouraged to bring your own instrument.

Schoology Code: 2B3K-X5FW-F5VTD

Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Sandberg, and Mr. Bitzer

Science Fiction & Fantasy Club

Room 204 | E Days Learn 2 - See Mr. Sandberg - gsandberg@dasd.org

Love dragons, time travel, epic quests, or galactic battles? Whether you're obsessed with fantasy books, binge-watching sci-fi shows, crafting your own stories, or just want to nerd out over the latest movie trailer—we've got a seat for you.

We dive into fandoms, debate villains, play worldbuilding games, and create stories of our own (only if you want to!). From writing flash fiction to designing fantasy maps or battling in trivia showdowns, every meeting is a new adventure.

Join us to explore new worlds, meet fellow fans, and unleash your imagination. Schoology Group Code: [FQ7P-Q6CB-FG58X](#)



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Science Olympiad Team

The Science Olympiad Team will meet in room 184 on the last Thursday of each month to begin preparations for the regional competition held each spring. Interested students must complete the registration form so that we can add you to the Schoology course:

<https://forms.gle/5azx6mqDwmDEvNnJ9>

Students who competed last year should plan to attend a brief meeting on September 19th, 2024 to begin planning for officer elections.

Advisor: Mr. Floreck - mfloreck@dasd.org

Ski/Snowboard Club

Interested in a sport that can last a lifetime, challenges you, and is a ton of fun? Join us for Saturday trips to Elk, Camelback, Blue, and Montage mountains starting in mid-late January. You can also join us for our annual 3 day/night trip to Vermont. Let's go conquer those mountains—WEST style—Where Every Skier/Snowboarder Triumphs.

Club meets annually in late September. All participants going to Vermont must attend a mandatory meeting closer to the date of departure. Meetings may occur over Zoom.

For more information, join our Schoology group using the following access code.
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Advisor: Mr. Saddler ssaddler@dasd.org website: westskiclub.com



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South Asian Student Alliance

Promote cultural awareness and diversity, while promoting inclusion of everyone in the larger school community.

Advisor: Mr. Lawton jlawton@dasd.org

Student Council

Student Council is responsible for planning a number of school events including Homecoming, Mr. West, and A Day Without Hate. Additionally, Student Council hosts events that help benefit charities and other local community groups. Members must maintain 5 credits a marking period to retain membership. There are mandatory meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Advisor: Mrs. McGregor bmcgregor@dasd.org

Advisor: Mrs. Weisbecker sweisbecker@dasd.org

Throwdown Pottery Club

The Pottery Throwdown Club encourages students to engage in their love for pottery by learning new techniques and practicing ones that were learned in class. Come work on current assignments or try something new and exploratory! For students enrolled in an art course past or present.

Advisor: Lauren Lawrence - LLawrence@dasd.org



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Technology Student Association (TSA)

The Technological Student Association (TSA) aims to bring together students of all grade levels who have an interest in topics such as engineering, robotics, science, and so much more! We aim to foster skills like leadership, communication, and teamwork. Throughout the year we will meet to work on individual and collaborative projects, ultimately traveling to participate in regional, state, and national level competitions. Come join us and explore all that TSA at WEST has to offer!

Advisor: Ms. Distasio - cdistasio@dasd.org

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Interested in a fun, frisbee-filled after school hangout? Join Ultimate Frisbee Club where we learn the skills to play, scrimmage, and have a blast!

Advisor: Mr. Soler - dsoler@dasd.org

Whippet Studios

Whippet Studios meets before school daily at 7:30 and during Learn 2. Content creation, podcasting and news for and by students.

Advisor: Mrs. Maalouf - imaalouf@dasd.org
