

CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

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Our co-curricular clubs and organizations exist to provide all at NCHS opportunities to pursue their interests, express their creativity and learn about or try something new, as well as a way for students and staff to find others within the high school community who share those interests and are eager to work collaboratively while having fun. *This listing will be updated throughout the year as new clubs are begun and interest in an established club wanes.*

When an activity or club has regularly scheduled meetings, that time and location are provided. If there is no meeting time provided, then you should listen for announcements, check the TV monitors, and watch for posters around the building. Adviser and student leader names are provided for e-mail communication and can be contacted through first.last@ncps-k12.org, unless noted otherwise. If you have any questions or would like to start a new club, contact Mr. Rothman in the Main Office.

This list is designed to provide you with ideas and contact information for any of the activities listed below and will be updated regularly as new groups form. For your convenience, it is organized into the following categories: ***Interscholastic Academic Competition, Cultural & Personal Awareness, Interests & Hobbies, Service, and Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities.***

There is no fee for participation in any co-curricular organization, club or activity at New Canaan High School. However, to offset costs associated with some of these groups or activities, members or participants may be solicited for contributions and/or asked to participate in fundraising. If doing so in whole or in part proves burdensome to any NCHS student and their family, the school will cover such costs so that no student should be excluded from participating. Please contact the club adviser, your child's School Counselor or grade-level administrator if this is an issue and arrangements will be made discreetly.

Lastly, to ensure everyone's safe participation, we expect that the student and/or parent take seriously the responsibility to inform the club adviser of any medical information pertinent in an emergency.

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Debate Team

Wednesday from 2:40 - 4:00 PM in Room 207

Emma Hassan, Ayush Dave, Sophia LaMagna, Kashvi Parashar - Student Leaders

Mr. Paul Phillips – Coach

The award winning NCHS Debate team gives students the opportunity to explore current, controversial issues in politics and society, while competing in monthly, parliamentary competitions against other high schools in the Connecticut Debate Association. Additional tournaments may be added throughout the year. Whether they're looking to overcome a fear of public speaking or perfect their rhetorical technique, members will gain valuable speaking, listening, and analytical skills in a supportive environment. For more information, please visit the Connecticut Debate Association website (ctdebate.org).

DECA

Tuesdays at 2:30 PM in the Math Office

Henry Chandra, Ayush Dave & Lisa Mallozzi - Presidents

Mr., Kevin Devine - Advisor

DECA is a high school program for students interested in business, preparing emerging leaders/entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Members typically choose one of these clusters to specialize in for various competitive events, including annual competitions and project-based activities at the local, chartered association and international levels. The competitive events can be grouped into three broad categories— role-plays and case studies (sometimes including a career cluster exam), prepared events and online simulations. Members even have the option to work in groups or with a partner for most events/projects. One of DECA's flagship events is the annual International Career Development Conference (ICDC). More than 22,000 high school students, teacher-advisors, business professionals and alumni gather for several days of DECA excitement. Currently, there are over 222,628 high school DECA members around the globe and about 3707 high school chapters. During club meetings, members will be informed about upcoming opportunities, review case studies, look at project exemplars, or simply prepare/practice for upcoming events within their prospective clusters.

Math Team

Tuesday at 2:30 in the Library Maker Space

Aksh Juneja – Captain

Ms. Jennifer Lee – Advisor

Each Tuesday after school, the Math Team prepares for competitions that take place on the first Wednesday of the month from October through March. All matches take place at NCHS this year. Topics change monthly. Based on performance in tryouts and prior competitions, students are then selected for A and B teams. NCHS participates in the Fairfield County Mathematics League and has qualified for competition in the Connecticut State Association of Mathematics Leagues for the past several years. We welcome students from any grade and any math class. For more information about competitions, go to fcmath.org.

Model Congress Club

Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 102

Victor Ding – President

Mrs. Amy Rothschild – Advisor

In preparation for conferences, the Powers of Congress will be reviewed, and students will simulate the writing of a bill. As a delegate, students will have the opportunity to debate, amend, and pass mock legislation. It is the expectation that members will attend one local scrimmage in the fall and one offsite conference.

Model United Nations Club

Monday at 2:30 PM in Room 215

Emma Hassan & Jeremy Schubert - Captains

Mrs. Zeeshaan Arastu, Mr. Michael Forcucci, Mrs. Allison Freeman & Ms. Jordan Crinieri – Advisors

The NCHS Model United Nations Club has an active and growing membership, which meets each Monday after school to prepare for competitions at Ivy League colleges and other venues, and plans activities involving the wider high school, local and global communities. The NCHS Model UN Club will only succeed if members both enjoy themselves and succeed in achieving their personal and team goals. As such, the club positions itself within the school community as an academic “sport,” with the following goals: promoting a world view that respects divergent national priorities, developing skills in research, critical thinking, persuasion, and collaboration, providing a platform for club members to compete at the highest national and international level, giving back to the school, local and international community and, ultimately, preparing members for leadership positions at college and beyond.

Science Team

Tuesdays at 2:45 in Room 307

Niyathi Iyengar – Captain

Mr. Mathew Apgar & Mr. Michael LeDuc – Advisors/Coaches

Welcome to the Science Team! At our weekly meetings (day of the week TBD), we approach the fascinating field of science in a variety of ways. These range from learning about and discussing intriguing science concepts, to inviting guest speakers with expertise in different areas of science, to preparing for statewide competitions like the National Science Bowl. If you’re looking for a community of people who love science just as much as you do, this is the club for you!

Technology Student Association

Monday & Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 120

Colleen Murphy – Student Leader

Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor

The Technology Student Association (TSA) fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs. Over the past few year we have been focused on the VEX Robotics competition.

VEX Robotics Team

Monday & Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 120

Colleen Murphy & Madelyn Kinsley– Captains

Mr. Jim Zambarano – Coach & Manager

The Vex Robotics Club or Robotics club is a club where we build robots to compete in the Vex competition. Every year Vex Robotics (a robotics/educational organization to promote stem topics to students) creates a competition and this club aims to compete and participate in these competitions. This competition is essentially a game where we need to complete tasks and solve problems using a robot that we’ve built. In this club we are analyzing the problems, designing solutions in the form of robots, fabricating those robots, and programming them as well. This is very close to the engineering design process and is a club that many students who like engineering will also enjoy as what we do here is along the same lines as engineering.

CULTURAL & PERSONAL AWARENESS

Academia Romanorum (aka Latin Club)

Tuesday or Wednesday at 2:30 PM, Room 115

Andrew Kim & Nolan McLaughlin - Student Leaders

Magistra Corona - Advisor

Latin Club is an organization open to anyone interested in the language, culture, and history of ancient Rome. Members will be invited to hone their Latin skills and bond with fellow members in an exciting, inclusive environment through meetings and celebration of Roman-themed holidays, games, and events. Latin Club also provides a helpful avenue to immerse in the study of Latin and increase proficiency by bounds, helping students prepare for the various exams offered by the National Junior Classical League (NLVE, NCEE, NRCE, NME), *certamen* competitions, and the National Latin Exam.

American Sign Language (ASL) Club

Every other Tuesday at 2:40 PM in Room 225

Tilly Doak & Cambree Plater – Student Leaders

Mrs. Susan Steidl - Advisor

Are you passionate about learning new ways to communicate and connect with others? Join the ASL Club, where we explore the beautiful world of American Sign Language and Deaf culture! In this club, you'll learn the fundamentals of ASL through fun, interactive activities; practice signing with peers and native signers; gain insight into Deaf culture and advocacy for accessibility and inclusion; and build meaningful connections while breaking down communication barriers. By the end of the year, you'll know how to sign a song! Whether you're a beginner or already know some ASL, this is a welcoming space for everyone! Come sign with us and enrich your communication skills.

Art for Change / Food Sphere

Zane Tickoo – Student Leader

Michelle Santelli - Advisor

Art for Change / Food Sphere is a student-led club dedicated to reimagining our connection with food and sparking social change through creativity. We combine educational and hands-on initiatives, such as creating and maintaining school gardens, hosting workshops on healthy eating, and raising awareness about the benefits of local and sustainable food sources, with artistic expression that brings these issues to life. From garden projects to advocacy-driven art displays, we aim to empower students to see food not just as sustenance, but as a lens for health, community, and justice.

Asian Pacific Islander Club

Meetings once or twice a month in Room 115

Claire Chen & Elle Thompson - Student Leaders

Mrs. Cristina Corona - Advisor

The Asian Pacific Islander Club is a welcoming group focused on celebrating the rich cultures, traditions, and histories of Asian and Pacific Islander nations. Our club allows students of all backgrounds to discover and enjoy all types of cultures from East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. We will also aim to raise awareness of social issues aimed at the Asian community. There will be fun activities, snacks, and new discussions every month.

Campus Cleanup Initiative

Abigail Johnsen – Student Leader

Ms. Amanda Baghdady - Advisor

The Campus Cleanup Initiative (CCI) is a student-led group committed to improving our school and the world around us. Our main goal is to reduce litter and create a cleaner, healthier environment. Members will design posters to spread awareness about the harmful effects of littering and ways to prevent it. We will organize mini projects that encourage students to think creatively about waste reduction. Regular campus clean-ups will help keep our school

looking its best. Beyond cleaning, CCI focuses on building a sense of pride and responsibility in our community. We aim to inspire others to take part in keeping shared spaces clean and green.

Chinese Culture Club

Ryan Shih - President & Grayson Ladley - Vice President
Ms. Hsuan-hui Wang - Advisor

The purpose of the Chinese Culture Club is to enrich students with aspects of Chinese culture through speaking, listening, and writing characters through various activities. Students of all levels of experience will participate in virtual seminars, where they will be expected to contribute on topics such as traditional holidays, travel, food, history etc. In addition, the club hopes to incorporate seasonal activities, Chinese films, and guest speakers.

Christian Bible Study Club

Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 303

Emerson Miller & Sofia Patterson – Student Leader
Ms. Linda DiGiambattista – Advisor

The purpose of this club is to provide a supportive and open-minded Christian community where students can come together to explore the teachings of the Bible, engage in meaningful discussions, and grow in their faith. Whether a lifelong Christian or someone simply curious about what the Bible has to offer, anyone is welcome to join. The club is designed to bring others closer to Christianity, and because it is a special interest club, would only cover and study topics of Christian faith. Meetings will consist of (but are not limited to) character studies, book studies, and family tree studies, all while incorporating scripture regarding themes and lessons in the Christian faith. These studies will address the challenges that Christian teenagers face in today's world.

French Club

Jenna Vigano - Student Leader
Mr. Josh Zmarzly - Advisor

The French Club is open to anyone, no matter their background. Our goal is to connect people throughout the high school with different fun activities that highlight French's distinct culture. Members can expect French food, music, movies, and more. We will meet in room 111; emails will be sent out the week of with more information.

Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Meetings after school once or twice a month in Room 238 (listen for announcements)

Ms. Maggie Pennoyer & Ms. Bethanie Sawyer – Advisors

The first GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance, formerly Gay Straight Alliance) was founded in Massachusetts in 1988. Since then, GSAs have evolved and are present in educational institutions across the world. The NCHS GSA is a student-led school club that aims to create a safe, welcoming and accepting school environment for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Open to all students, the group meets once or twice a month to work on activities in a safe space to bring awareness and acceptance of the LGBTQIA+ community to the school community.

Italian Club

Grace Pellicci & Sophia Sibilis – Student Leader
Ms. Rebecca Buonopane - Advisor

Buongiorno! The "Italian Club" is a place for students to come together and learn more about Italian culture and heritage. In this club, we will be celebrating/learning about Italian holidays, playing classic games, eating traditional foods, listening to music, watching movies, and more! Anyone interested in learning more about this culture is welcome. We will be meeting once a month after school in one of the science rooms (details will be specified).

SALT

Sofia Brooks & Victoria Tremblay - Student Leaders

Mrs. Nancy Stevens - Advisor

SALT stands for Sound Action for Local Teens (in Connecticut). Our mission is to empower local teens to raise awareness, educate the community, and take action to protect the Long Island Sound. We'll do volunteering in the form of beach cleanups and raising money for current initiatives to save the Long Island Sound from the effects of single-use plastics, climate change, and more. SALT isn't just a club, it's a movement. Join the initiative!

Spanish Club

Ella Ferrer and Isabel Vaccaro - Los Presidentes

Ms. Jacqueline Aldrich – Advisor

To give students more opportunities to experience the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world, our members engage in cultural activities, provide peer tutoring, and participate in other activities including games, crafts, listening to Spanish music, making and eating Hispanic foods, and watching movies in Spanish. Membership is open to anyone who seeks a deeper understanding of the Spanish language and culture. Students can join at any time throughout the school year.

Teen Pause

Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 230

Scarlett Stewart & Kaitlyn Knowles – Student Leader

Mrs. Kerry Hamara – Advisor

Teen Pause is a safe space where students can come together to share their experiences, learn coping strategies, and build a sense of community. We plan to hold weekly meetings on Wednesdays after school, offering a range of activities such as guided discussions, mindfulness exercises, and creative expression sessions. These activities will be designed to promote relaxation, reduce stress, and foster emotional well-being.

Voices for Change

Priti Mathur & Kathryn Iacono – Student Leaders

Ms. Michelle Luhtala - Advisor

Our podcast is called *Voices for Change*. It's student-led and focuses on global issues and what teens can do to make a difference. We plan to publish one episode each month on a new topic/global issue. Our first episode is about youth activism and leadership. As a club, we'll meet once a month (with flexible scheduling) to brainstorm, record, and take action. Beyond the podcast, we'll run projects like food drives, hat and glove collections, and more! If you're passionate about speaking up, helping others, and making an impact, this is the club for you!

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

A Chance to Dance

Sofia Boccaccio & Claire Hellmann - Student Leaders
Mrs. Tara Thomas - Advisor

This club will share the joy of dance with children in underprivileged communities who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to take dance classes! Our plan is to teach various styles such as jazz, hip hop, and ballet depending on the week, to keep things fun and engaging for the kids. These classes would be informal, casual and easy! On Tuesday when we are not teaching, the club will meet to reflect and plan for upcoming weeks. We will discuss what went well, what needs to improve, in order to make the next classes more engaging, fun and something to look forward to!

AI Club

One Monday a Month in the Library
Pierce Parkhill & Alexia Rees - Student Leaders
Mrs. Monica Sheehan - Advisor

The AI club will dive into the effects of artificial intelligence on various industries, while also examining the policies that control its application. By engaging in research and discussions, we will evaluate how AI is being utilized at local (NCHS), national, and global levels, and will suggest ethical and responsible approaches for its future development.

Alternative Investment Club

Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 304
Julian Doshi – Student Leader
Ms. Amanda Baghdady – Advisor

Did you know that your old card collection or LEGO set could potentially be a goldmine? At the NCHS Alternative Investment Club, students have the opportunity to explore and expand their knowledge in non-traditional asset classes. We delve into markets such as trading cards, LEGO, watches, sneakers, and more. In our meetings, we discuss potential investments to collectively develop our research and analysis skills. Additionally, we curate a mock portfolio comprising various investments that we track across meetings. Whether you're looking to profit from what you already have or analyze different investment opportunities, the Alternative Investment Club is the perfect place for you!

Art Club

Tuesday at 2:40 in Studio Art Room 237
Peter Belov & Isabelle Kelley – Student Leaders
Ms. Abigail Duncan – Advisor

Students are invited to exercise their creativity in producing student inspired original work. The time is also used for open studio for art students to use the facilities provided by the art department and for working on NCHS Gallery exhibitions. Students may choose topics for group art murals that relate to contemporary events and issues. The digital photo lab and the 2D and 3D art studios will be available for student use. The club will also be going on after school field trips to local galleries and artist's studios. Open to all students, who wish to explore A WIDE RANGE OF MEDIA: Photography, Fine Art and Craft. Students can join at any time during the school year. If you are interested in joining, email Ms. Duncan at abigail.duncan@ncps-k12.org.

Astro Club

First and Third Friday of each month in Room 318
Michael Telesco & Tyler Bleil - Student Leader
Mr. Jeffrey Brentson - Advisor

The Astrophysics Club meets regularly for experimentation and also monthly for "Star Parties" and DOME presentations. In the fall and spring months the club meets outside of Waveny at night to view celestial objects on telescopes and enjoy snacks. During the winter months the club utilizes the DOME to present to NCHS/greater town

community on astronomy topics (exoplanets, the solar system, star life, black holes, NEOs (near earth objects), dark matter. These presentations are open to 2 sign-ups/presentations, allowing everyone in the club to have an opportunity to research and present their knowledge to curious audiences. In the mix of our monthly events, the Astrophysics Club participates in an astro-biological experiment involving quantum dots.

During the Spring of 2024 the club was accepted to send their experiment to space via NASA's partnered "Cubes in Space" Program where they had the opportunity to make conclusions on QD's exposure to higher ionizing radiation in the suborbital sounding rocket trajectory. The club will continue to experiment with quantum dots throughout this year in similar program opportunities. The Astrophysics Club is an exciting opportunity for any STEM-enthusiasts looking to collaborate on chemical/biological/astronomical experimentation and to learn about the universe in interactive and leadership roles.

Bike Club

Alexander Booth & Tyler Santiago - Student Leaders

Officer Shane Gibson – Advisor

The BIKE CLUB will bring riders from all over the school to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, getting off electronics and away from the stress of life. Our club will offer riding in town and on trails. Our goal is to inspire others to bike around New Canaan and bring them a healthy alternative rather than taking the bus or their car around town. The club will meet once a week to decide which trails/paths we will ride the following week. To participate students should come to meetings to research trails and paths and vote on the one for the ride the following week.

Business Consultants Club

Wednesdays at 2:40 PM in Room 301

Valentina Fuentes & Clare Fields – Student Leaders

Ms. Ariana Perrino – Advisor

The Business Consultants Club (BCC) is dedicated to equipping students with practical business experience and essential skills. Our mission is to create a collaborative environment that empowers members to delve into the world of business and exercise skills they learn—all aimed at preparing them for successful future careers. Our activities include analyzing local businesses, crafting strategic recommendations, participating in workshops to learn about different topics, hosting guest speakers, and engaging in real-world consulting experiences. The club meets weekly throughout the school year and welcomes all students, regardless of experience level.

Car Club

Owen Ditlevsen & Thad Burley - Presidents

Mr. Jim 'The Original Pep Boy' Zambarano - Advisor

The NCHS Car Club is a community for students who share an interest in cars, from classic models to modern performance vehicles. The club provides a space for members to discuss automotive topics, learn about car maintenance and modifications, and explore the broader car culture. Activities may include group discussions, hands-on workshops, visits to car shows, and collaborative projects. While some members may own cars, ownership is not required—anyone with an interest in automobiles is welcome. The club fosters a shared appreciation for cars while promoting learning and teamwork.

Chemistry Club

Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 313

Eliana Savelli - Student Leader

Ms. Clare McLellan - Advisor

Chemistry Club is a place for aspiring chemists to come and learn the basics with hands-on experiments using the school's supplies. We will learn about the mathematical aspects of chemistry, and we will explore different types of chemical reactions including precipitation, Redox, exothermic reactions, endothermic reactions, and much more.

Creative Writing Club

Every other Tuesday at 2:45 PM in Room 222

*Eva Alexander, Valentina Fuentes Jimenez and Eva Reynolds – Student Leaders
Mrs. Susan Steidl – Advisor*

The Creative Writing Club aims to foster a community of writers who can support and motivate each other! We will meet on Tuesdays right after school. Each week, students will have the opportunity to receive feedback from peers and share their work. Students can bring their laptops or notebooks and share any short stories, poems, personal narratives, play scripts, or song lyrics that they have been working on. Depending on how many people want to share we will either read aloud or do a gallery walk. Then we will have a chance to collaborate on our writing and assist each other with editing and revising. Regardless of your skill level as a writer, Creative Writing Club creates a safe space for everyone!

Digital Marketing & Product Assembling

Nicholas Almasan – Student Leader

Mr. James Zambarano & Dr. Nikolai Gruzdev - Advisors

Long week at school? No problem! Our club offers an immersive & intuitive experience into the “real world” of finance, marketing and product assembling for any highschooler out there. Members will have the opportunity to think strategically, collaborate with others & or bring their unique ideas to life. From brainstorming & designing a product to sourcing materials & integrating market strategies, students will learn how to be prosperous & position their ideas throughout today’s market. Throughout the activities, we will help each other as we explore business concepts & advance together as a whole, not a part. More vividly this is a space where creativity is encouraged, teamwork is valued & every idea is appreciated. Spoiler: Get ready to meet new people, build valuable skills & have lots of fun along the way! On a side note, profits generated from our projects will go towards various charities which allows us to make a great impact whilst learning & pursuing real-world skills. If you’re interested, please email me so we can create a participant list + what you may bring to the table. We welcome everyone & their distinctiveness to the table!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Wednesdays at 2:40 in the College & Career Center

Apurv Sahay & Kelly Vance – Student Leaders

Mrs. Erica Schaedler & Mr. Joey Summa – Advisors/Dungeon Masters

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a tabletop roleplaying game where a group of player characters go on adventures into fantasy worlds. Their dungeon master will guide them through their adventures giving details on the world around them, helping make the world feel alive, and running encounters with dangerous enemies. During our first meeting we will go over how to create characters, review our campaign, and go through the game rules, which we will go over as we play. After that we will get into the bulk of the game where we’ll start roleplaying! [DND Sign Up Form](#)

Embroidery Club

Eleanor Clarke – Student Leaders

Ms. Kelly Zilly – Advisor

The Embroidery Club is an opportunity to release creative ideas while stitching and eventually complete a project that you are proud of. It will also give members a chance to grow relationships with people they otherwise wouldn’t. We will meet monthly to continue progress, socialize, and show off projects.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Summer Campo – Student Leader

Ms. Kelly Zilly – Advisor

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life such as planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication. It is centered around Family and Consumer Science education which allows for work-based learning as well as business and industry experiences. Along with developing lifelong skills, the club also provides several other opportunities such as competing in events from fashion design, early childhood education, culinary arts, entrepreneurship, and nutrition. For anyone interested in pursuing a career within the Family and

Consumer Sciences, this is a perfect place to become familiar with the field and the aspects involved within it. The organization also provides many other opportunities such as participating in local service projects. Every year, there is also the possibility to attend National Conferences across the US and apply for one of many of their scholarships! For more information, check out <https://fcclainc.org/>

Fantasy Book Club

Jackson Singer & Saras Sikhani - Student Leaders
Ms. Arri Weeks - Advisor

Do you love fantasy books?? Are you a fan of Harry Potter, Eragon, A Court of Thorns and Roses, The Lord of the Rings, Red Rising, or any other Fantasy or sci-fi series? If yes, then find your “people” at Fantasy Book Club! We will meet once per month and discuss the selected book in our meeting and our shared passion for fantasy books. We plan to meet monthly on the third Wednesday of every month. Meeting location at NCHS TBD. Leadership opportunities available!

Film Club

Tuesday, 2:30, Room 123/124
Teddy Blanc, Michael Telesco, Jordan Alexander – Student Leaders
Ms. Jennifer Sinski – Advisor

The Film Club is an opportunity for any student interested in film, video production, music, and movies in general to participate in “unique film experiences” after school. Students will experience screenings, in-depth discussions and short film productions, both independent and collaborative. This could include documentaries, PSAs, music videos, narratives, animations, and much more. Later in the year, the film club works together to prepare for the annual NCHS “New Age Film Festival” in which schools from across Fairfield County enter into a juried competition for their chance on the big screen. All are invited to join after school. Stay alert for special movie screening announcements.

Fishing Club

Jack Karczmit, Reid Maggio & Thomas Tchakarov - Student Leaders
Ms. Kelly Zilly - Advisor & Baitmaster

This club’s aim is to teach the NCHS student body about fishing and outdoor recreation. This can be for new or experienced fishers to share the love of the hobby, or to expand their knowledge. At meetings, there will be discussions about techniques for fishing, equipment, and locations.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Every other Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 207
Catherine Ticsa & Marjorie Nurzia – Student Leaders
Mr. Paul Phillips - Advisor

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is a national student organization that prepares students for careers in business through leadership development, academic competitions, and networking with business professionals. Members participate alone or in groups at regional, state, and national competitions in events like objective tests, presentations, roleplays, and more. FBLA offers over 70 events nationally, so whether you’re interested in public speaking, business management, or data science, there’s an event for everyone!

Geography Club

Aria Babayev & Jamie Farrell – Student Leaders
Mrs. Courtney Greco – Advisor

The mission of the Geography Club is to educate students on locations of countries across the globe and how this affects their culture and interactions with the world around them, whether that be political, economic, or social. The club provides an opportunity to engage in fun interactive activities, discussions and debates, and collaborative projects that highlight the interdependence of societies across the world. Examples of culture-focused activities include ‘Food Day’ (where members bring snacks from different cultures or research dishes or share recipes) and

'World Festival Fair' (where members prepare mini-presentations/tables about a culture or country, like a mini "world expo").

Girls in STEM Club

Monday at 2:30 PM in The Workshop@nchs

Serra Savasoglu & Maddy Peterson – Student Leader

Mrs. Susan Steidl - Advisor

The Girls in Stem club is a space where girls who are interested in any and all fields of STEM come together and work on launching a new publication. The goal is to have a quarterly virtual magazine that features articles, interviews, and art with real life updates in STEM fields, highlighting women with successful careers. We aim to reduce the gender gap of women in STEM by providing an environment where we can learn from each other, and prepare for a future in STEM.

Girls Who Code

Every other Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 231

Kashvi Parashar - Student Leader

Mrs. Rachel DiGioia - Advisor

Girls Who Code is a club dedicated to teaching coding skills and fostering a supportive community for young women interested in technology. The club focuses on providing a space where students can learn programming, build projects and explore careers in computer science. Members will work on real world projects, collaborate with peers and develop skills in languages like Python, Java, and more. Activities include hands-on coding sessions, workshops and guest speakers.

Hack/Coding Club

Friday at 2:45 PM in Room 120

Arihanth Pharshy & Sidhanth Pharshy – Student Leaders

Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor

The Hack/Coding Club is a club where students can come together and either code or learn to code in various programming languages, such as Python, C++, or Java. The students will be able to meet, code, learn, debug, build, and bounce ideas off each other.

Hiking Club

Jane Morgan & Sofia Patterson – Student Leaders

Mr. Paul Phillips - Advisor

Hiking club is all about community and conversation for people interested in the outdoors. We meet to share routes, plan trips, and talk about our experiences, gear, and future adventures. Hiking club is a space to connect with others who share the same passion for exploring the local trails. Whether you are an experienced hiker or just starting out, Hiking Club is a welcoming space to build friendships and exchange ideas.

Inside Out Club

Luchi DiDodo & WHitney Hoegstedt - Student Leaders

Mr. Bryson Wilson - Advisor

The Inside Out Club is a place for kids to meet and discuss their thoughts with college professors and fellow students. Centered around the humanities, it covers questions regarding psychology, sociology, anthropology, and any other topics surrounding the social sciences that members may be interested in learning more about. It's a great way to form connections and participate in healthy debates and discussions while discovering the reason behind our behaviors. The club meets once a month after school and provides snacks as well as many leadership opportunities.

Marketing Club

Every other Tuesday at 2:40 PM in Room 117

Heath Barry, Leo Baroni - Presidents

Ms. Hsuan-hui Wang – Advisor

The NCHS marketing club gives students the opportunity to explore skills and tasks associated with marketing. Members will work on a plethora of marketing related projects, including promoting school events and student-run activities. These projects could include advertising fundraisers, sports and other school related events, allowing students to get experience and explore skills in marketing.

Medical Careers Club

David Marz – Student Leader

Mr. Mathew Apgar - Advisor

The Medical Careers Club will act as a place where students who have an interest in the medical field can meet. Since it is a very large commitment to study medicine, the club's goal is to alleviate the uncertainty about the field and help students find opportunities, while also creating a fun space for like-minded students to meet and hang out. Anyone aspiring to study or practice medicine, or even with just a general interest, is welcome to join! During club meetings, we will hear from speakers, learn about aspects of the field and career paths, discuss extracurricular opportunities, and plan visits to hospitals or other health care facilities to provide help. We will also learn and practice various medical procedures (Blood pressure, CPR/AED, Tourniquet & Shock treatment, Glucose Meter, etc.).

Motorsports Engineering Club

Monday and Wednesday at 2:45 in Room 120

Cormac Flaherty-Lovy & Michael Telesco - Student Leaders

Mr. Jim Zambarano - Advisor

Motorsports Engineering Club is committed to being the next step for engineering students toward racing in Formula SAE and other design competitions. We meet weekly after school in room 120, and are building an electric go kart to race at local events. Join if you want a new engineering challenge, think you're the next Ricky Bobby, or just love motorsport and want to get closer to racing.

National High School BBQ Association

Gavin Dinning & Nathan Dinning - Student Leaders

Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor & Pitmaster

Join the National High School BBQ Association, home of the High School BBQ League and possibly compete, and win scholarships, prizes, school trophies, and bragging rights representing your community in the newest and coolest School Sport! We invite your school to say - "COME EAT OUR HOMEWORK!" This club is where the term project-based learning comes from. It will inspire the next generation of Junior Pit Masters, Kids Que Cooks, Backyard Grillmasters and Youth BBQ Cookers on your campus. This club offers opportunities for certification, showcase CTE, feed staff and students, eat well, ignite school spirit by tailgating at sporting events and develop a fundraising/catering experience at your school.

NCHS Book Club

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Library

Cora Huang & Yeva Pankova – Student Leader

Ms. Michelle Luhtala & Ms. Monica Sheehan – Advisors

New Canaan High School Book Club meets in the library to talk about a preselected book from the library collection. Students discuss their reactions and insights into the book selected in an informal, friendly atmosphere where opinions and ideas are respectfully shared.

NCHS Buddies Club

Maggie Dooney, Savannah Delany, Henry Stein, James Vaccaro and Owen Ditlevsen – Student Leaders
Mrs. Eileen Donellan & Mrs. Suzanne Heckt – Faculty Advisors

This is a club for any NCHS student who is interested in meeting new people and having fun. Members are devoted to creating lasting friendships with young people with physical, intellectual, or social challenges. Club values of acceptance, inclusion, setting up a welcoming atmosphere and most importantly, having fun are always in the forefront. Beyond monthly club meetings that are held in the evenings, members often meet for lunch, attend school functions and hang out beyond school hours.

New Canaan Globe

Tuesdays at 2:30 in Room 102

Graham Jackson - Editor-in-Chief
Mr. Michael McAteer - Advisor

Welcome to the New Canaan Globe! This is a fascinating team where students can learn about the important issues and events around the rapidly changing world as well as how they affect our daily lives. Students can bring light to important issues and showcase their writing (or possibly cartooning) skills with our newspaper The New Canaan Globe. Whether you are interested in anything from economics, diplomacy, or the sciences this is the club for you. If you are curious or interested about the club please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Origami Club

Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 120

Wajid Habib - Student Leader
Mr. Jim Zambarano - Advisor

Origami Club is a place where you can give your ideas a physical form by folding paper. Here, as a group, we collaborate and develop projects of your own choice - be it a transforming post-it note ninja star, a space satellite, or a dragon. You're free to learn and explore the opportunities of folding a sheet of paper. If you're looking for a place where you can empty your mind, chill out, and create cool stuff, Origami Club is where it's at.

Page to Page

Every other Tuesday at 2:40 PM in Room 213

Juliet Axtell – Student Leader
Ms. Ellen Fitzpatrick – Advisor

Our book club focuses on reading books that explore current global issues, including those that directly impact our community. A mission of ours is to elevate the discussion surrounding reading during the teenage years and, hopefully, bring about a greater enjoyment of books in our school atmosphere. We will partner with local businesses and give back to charities, while also addressing the issues presented in our reading material.

Physics Club

Monday at 2:30 in Room 309

Anthony Westhead & Luca Pisant – Co-Chairs
Mr. David Cadugan – Advisor

All too often, fascinating and interesting physics phenomena get shielded by the tediousness and difficulty of high school physics. NCHS Physics Club hopes to give students of any grade or science class the ability to learn and spark interest in advanced physics phenomena through interactive experiments, activities, and intuitive explanations. We hope to partner with the Yale Society of Physics Students to host guest speakers monthly, and will spend some time to help any students interested in participating in the F=ma exam (Physics Olympiad Placement Test); additionally providing assistance with any AP Physics 1 and Physics C material.

Poetry Workshop

The first Wednesday of each month at 2:40 PM in Room 212

Mariia Nestertseva & Cora Huang - Student Leaders

Mr. Robert Darken - Advisor

Poetry Workshop is an opportunity for student poets to further explore poetry, as well as for those new to poetry to try their hand at something new. Each meeting will consist of an introduction to a published poem. Students discuss the poem in question and then are given a prompt or theme to write their own poem, which will be shared and feedback offered.

Popcorn and Politics

Charlotte Lee - Student Leader

Ms. Kristine Goldhawk - Advisor

Popcorn and Politics is here for students who want to engage in meaningful discourse about the current issues of today. Here, students will be able to discuss issues without any stigmas associated with particular sides. Students will explore current issues through debate and look at issues from a different perspective. The club will help facilitate true understanding of the political issues of today and train students to be open to new ideas and different perspectives on important issues. Meetings will be monthly, using Google Meets during the fall, then in-person the rest of the year

Rock Climbing Club

Eliana Savelli – Student Leader

Ms. Kim Palmer – Advisor

New Canaan High School's Rock Climbing Club will be a safe space for students to explore a lesser-known sport and become part of a community. The rock-climbing community is one of the most accepting and diverse communities and this club intends to spur interest. Meetings will be held to explore the world of rock climbing, learn more about the sport and help each other organize and plan individual trips outside the school day.

Skating Club

Riley Scherer – Student Leader

Mrs. Kerry Hamara – Advisor

The New Canaan Skating Club will aim to provide students with the opportunity to come together through a shared interest in skating — a sport that has limited recognition and opportunities in this high school community. The club will host group skating sessions and small fundraisers, such as bake sales, to help cover the cost of ice time. The club's mission is to create an inclusive and supportive environment that celebrates both the athletic and fun aspects of skating while fostering connections within the school and the wider community.

Ski and Snowboard Club

Victoria Greer, Saira Isfahani, and Morgan Pitts – Student Leaders

Jean-Claude Bloss – Adviser

The Ski and Snowboard Club travels together after school to Mohawk Mountain on Friday nights during the January and February winter season. It is open to all students who are looking to ski and snowboard as a recreational activity! Our goal is to foster friendships while shredding the mountain. We strive for a stress-free noncompetitive environment welcoming all levels.

Space Economy Club

Dariel Ortiz & Benjamin Thomas – Student Leader

Ms. Amanda Baghdady - Advisor

A club that looks beyond the usual conversations about space, stars and the planets, and instead focuses on the economics of potentially one of the greatest opportunities of our lifetime. The opportunity to make money both on earth and in new space-based arenas is massive. This club will look at new space-based technologies that will transform government and consumer markets for decades to come. We will discuss entrepreneurial ideas worth exploring, careers worth pursuing, and investments worth making, in the new Space Economy. We will also explore

what SpaceX's new rocket (Starship) will do to transform the cost of this market and lead to new startups with less cost.

Spectator Literary Magazine

Wednesdays at 2:30 in Room 210

*Anna Vertin, Logan Roen, Sofia Brooks, Emily Telesco, Victoria Tremblay, Aria Babayev & Isla Roen – Editors
Ms. Maggie Hamill – Advisor*

Spectator is NCHS's literary magazine of published student writing and artwork. This student-run organization meets weekly on Wednesdays at 2:30 in room 210 at NCHS to discuss submitted written and visual art work. In the spring the group organizes accepted work and creates an annual digital magazine for public publication on our website. This annual publication has been created by NCHS students for about 60 years! *Spectator* is a great opportunity for students who like visual art and writing, especially poetry and short stories. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and converse with other students who love to be creative in a casual, inclusive and welcoming setting.

Spikeball Club

*Fearghus Hillmann, Dylan Buschmann & Charlie Koch - Student Leaders
Mr. Sean Killelea - Advisor*

The Spikeball Club is a fun and inclusive community where students of all skill levels come together to play one of the fastest-growing sports. We host weekly games, skill sessions, and tournaments that encourage friendly competition and teamwork. The club is all about staying active, building friendships, and creating school spirit through high-energy play. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, everyone is welcome to join the excitement!. Meeting place: Aux or Main Gym, if open to play. If not, Mr. Killelea's classroom. Once a month.

Students Voices for Civic Impact Collective

*Casey Bumbulis - Student Leader
Ms. Kacey Gormley - Advisor*

Students Voices for Civic Impact Collective is a student-led initiative that creates a structured, inclusive environment for engaging with politics, advocacy, and community issues. The collective emphasizes skill-building—debate, media literacy, critical thinking, and active listening—while focusing on recognizing and outlining biases, including our own. By examining how perspectives and analysis can be shaped by bias, students learn to evaluate information more carefully, understand complex situations more fully, and grow as responsible civic participants and leaders. Areas of focus include both global humanitarian crises and broader themes such as climate change, healthcare reform, racial and social justice. Supplemented by group readings of foundational texts, the collective aims to connect informed discussion with meaningful action, offering students a chance to both learn and contribute positively to the school community.

Theatre Club

Christopher Myers - Advisor

The NCHS Theatre Club needs you to help create our next big production. Whether you are an actor, stage manager, technician, designer, crew member, director, or just looking for your tribe, we have a place for you. Currently, the theatre produces 3 musicals, one play, and DramaFest. DramaFest is an evening of one-act plays that is completely student driven (student playwrights, directors, designer, actors). Meetings for our club, also sometimes known as rehearsals and work sessions happen all the time! In the first year of our official club, you'll have the chance to participate in our shows, fundraisers, create our handbook, vote in our first officers, and more! Email for more information, follow us on Instagram @nchstheatre or check out our website www.newcanaanhighschooltheatre.com See you on the boards!

Theory and Politics Club

Fridays at 2:40 PM in the Library

Nicholas Plasencia – Student Leader

Dr. Nikolai Gruzdev – Advisor

The Theory and Politics Club is a space for open discussion and exploration of ideas related to politics, philosophy, social issues, and other thought-provoking topics. It's meant to be a relaxed, respectful environment where students can share perspectives, and engage in meaningful conversations about the world around us.

TV Broadcasting Club

Jason Generalis, Avery Jakovic & Nicholas Plasencia - Student Leaders

Mr. Roman Cebulski - NCTV Advisor & TV Broadcasting Teacher

Ever watch your favorite shows and wonder how they're created? Have you always wanted to announce a sports game live? Or create your own podcast? Or do you just like technology and video equipment? If so, come join NCTV after school as they rehearse for the bi-weekly live show in the TV studio. Not only will you meet fun, new people, you'll get to use the state-of-the-art TV equipment while helping NCTV produce their award-winning news broadcast. On top of that, you can also help stream live events to NCTV's YouTube channel.

Unified Sports

Monday at 2:30 PM in the Auxiliary Gym

Ms. Kim Palmer & Mrs. Priscilla Schulz - Advisors

Unified Sports is an inclusive sports program that joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It promotes social inclusion through shared practice, games and competition experiences. Athletes with varying abilities come together to improve skills, build confidence, and develop teamwork. Unified Sports is a part of the Special Olympics and emphasizes the idea that playing together on the same team is a powerful way to promote understanding and unity in our school community. You do not have to be an athlete, or even good at sports to participate. We typically play soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter. If you want to have fun, meet new people, and have a positive impact with our special needs community, this club is for you!!! If you are interested in participating in the fall, winter, or both, please see Mrs. Schulz.

Upcycle Fashion Club

Tuesdays at 2:30 PM in Room 236

Summer Campo - Student Leader

Ms. Kelly Zilly - Advisor

Upcycling in Fashion is a fun and creative space to sew, thrift, learn, and more! In this club, we would meet every other Wednesday from 2:30 to 3 in room 236. These times may change depending on what projects we start! We will take occasional trips to thrift stores to find something old and make it as good as new! Whether designing new outfits or making something new out of something old, this place is a creative sewing outlet. This club will also include guest speakers who will come to talk about their experience in the fashion industry and discuss sustainability topics. So, if you are interested in pursuing a career in fashion or just love all things fashion, this club is for you!

Women in Business

Julia Cereghino & Serena Peterson - Student Leaders

Mrs. Sarah Gleason - Advisor

The Women in Business Club is committed to empowering and educating girls at NCHS who are interested in exploring the business world! "WIB" welcomes all girls who want to expand their knowledge of business and gain valuable experience—whether you're already well-versed or just beginning! Our club will operate in three quarters of the school year, each focusing on a different area of business with input from our members. Some options include but are not limited to: entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, operations, and more! Each quarter will feature engaging activities that pertain to our current quarterly focus, such as simulations, contests, charity projects, guest speakers, as well as the support to submit your work to real business competitions. We'll meet weekly in person after school and offer numerous leadership opportunities available to active members throughout the school year!

Young Investors Society

Isabelle Pound – Student Leader

Mr. Paul Phillips - Advisor

The Young Investors Society provides financial literacy education and programs to teach finance and investing skills through over 50, 45-minute lesson plans, YouTube videos and other content to help students learn the basics of investing, personal finance, economics and accounting. We will hold a 20-minute meeting one day after school every other week, and one longer meeting held once a month on zoom/in the library where we will bring in guest speakers and go through longer lessons. During these meetings, we will run through mock investments, listen to podcasts provided by the YIS, compete in class competitions, and more. Throughout the year, we may go on trips such as the Global Youth Investment Summit, and participate in programs provided by YIS such as the “Dollar a Day” program.

Zine Club

Tuesdays at 2:40 PM in Room 237

Amira Mitchell – Student Leader

Ms. Abigail Duncan - Advisor

The goal of having a zine club at the High School is to grant students the opportunity to get their work published. Although, we already have two publications at the school where you can send in your work; students will be able to submit all types of art as well, not just writing. Art, collages and photography amongst more will be accepted. If we can find a way to put it on paper or digitally, then it's in. I would also like students to be given the opportunity to vote for the topics they want or to send suggestions. I want to make a space where people can talk about their passions comfortably without fear of judgement.

SERVICE

Book Pals

Book/letter drop off once a month (drop off location TBD)

Jonah Heirshberg – Student Leader

Mrs. Susan Steidl - Advisor

Book Pals is a social action program based in Stamford, Connecticut, founded in 2023. The program provides books to Stamford elementary school students whose families have an economic disadvantage. We hope to get volunteers from the club to each provide a book on a monthly basis along with a letter (with a self-addressed stamped envelope) to an assigned student. The assigned student will send a letter back to the volunteer in the envelope every month to maintain a written correspondence. Anyone can join Book Pals to make a lasting impact on a child's life through the joy of reading and friendship.

Books are Magic

Giuliana Giantasio & Anna Vertin - Student Leaders

Mr. Mike McAteer - Advisor

Books Are Magic aims to expand literacy as well as children's love for reading. Members will have the opportunity to both interact with children and help foster a love for reading within them as well as hold book drives and other fundraising events to help provide reading materials and support to kids who might otherwise not have access to books. We will hold both on-campus and off-campus meetings after school. On-campus events include the planning and execution of fundraisers, as well as the planning of read-alouds and subsequent arts and crafts activities/games. Our off-campus meetings would include trips to the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford to read to and work with the kids on their reading. We would also work in smaller groups or individually with children to strengthen their reading skills. We want to create an environment where kids can enjoy reading through engaging story times, working with kids to strengthen their independent reading skills and holding book drives for those in need of a new book.

Brain Exercise Initiative

Marlena Ericsson – Student Leader

Ms. Laura Cascioli - Advisor

The Brain Exercise Initiative is a service-based club where students visit residents with dementia or Alzheimer's at Waveny Care Center to lead simple, engaging mental activities. These sessions, focused on memory, math, and word exercises, are designed to help stimulate cognitive function and provide companionship. Through consistent interaction, students build empathy and form meaningful connections with residents while supporting their mental well-being in a compassionate environment.

Building 1 Community Club

First Thursday of the month at 2:40 PM in Room 231

Jordan Alexander & Teddy Blanc – Student Leaders

Mrs. Rachel DiGioia – Advisor

The Building 1 Community Club meets the first Thursday of every month in Room 231. It works alongside the Building 1 Community in Stamford to help integrate immigrants into the community. Some of the activities will include running a toy drive in the school and volunteering at B1C's events

Cans For a Cause

Natalia Cota & Emma Carlton – Student Leaders

Mrs. Linda DiGiambattista – Advisor

The purpose of this club is to set up boxes around NCHS where students can dispose of their cans and bottles. Each can or bottle carries a return value of 5 or 10 cents, and members collect them at meetings and exchange them at local stores such as Acme. Over the course of three months, the club saves the collected funds and donates the total to a nonprofit organization chosen by the group. As the club grows, members hope to invite guest speakers from the

supported organizations to share their mission and explain the impact of their work. This effort not only helps reduce waste at NCHS but also channels the community's recycling into meaningful contributions to charitable causes.

Carver Kicks Club

Charles Burges & Morgan Hull – Student Leaders

Ms. Anna Hendry - Advisor

Carver Kicks Club is a student-led service club that partners with the Carver Center of Norwalk, a community-focused nonprofit organization dedicated to close opportunity gaps and help kids succeed in life. Members will serve as recreational coaches and mentors; providing after-school soccer sessions that promote athleticism, leadership, confidence and friendship for youth K-8.

CharityLink

Tuesday at 2:45 PM in Room 223

Adelise Tauber - President; Giuliana Giantasio, Natalie Hamilton, Lindsay Hanlon & Chloe Perkins - Vice Presidents

Ms. Kristen Brown and Ms. Arri Weeks - Advisors

CharityLink is a community service and fundraising club that works hard to improve both local and global communities. CharityLink raises funds and provides volunteer services to advance the goals of a variety of charitable organizations, such as Save the Children, Toys for Tots, Doctors Without Borders, Silver Hill Hospital, Yale Children's Hospital, and the American Cancer Society. The most popular fundraisers include the Talent Show, Coffee House, Valentine's Day Candy Grams, and our annual teacher costume fundraiser. In addition to raising funds for good causes, CharityLink members also take direct action to help the community themselves. Service events have included Clean Your Mile and food drives. CharityLink is a great club for passionate students eager to help out the community and have fun at the same time.

Crochet for a Cause

Yuqing Jiang – Student Leader

Ms. Hsuan-hui Wang – Advisor

Our main purpose will be to make crocheted items for donation. We'll have sales at lunch, as well as a website available at all times for sales. All profits will be donated to various charities. Additionally, you are more than welcome to come crochet for yourself, or learn how if you're looking to get started.

Disaster Relief Club

Jake Lettera – President, Harlow Munoz – Vice-President

Mrs. Kacey Gormley - Advisor

The Disaster Relief Club is dedicated to providing support for communities affected by natural disasters across the United States. Our mission is to raise awareness and organize fundraisers to assist with recovery and rebuilding efforts. This club is a great way for students to learn more about environmental issues our country is facing, while also making a meaningful impact in the lives of those affected.

Fashion Forward

Eloise Tuff – Student Leader

Ms. Ellen Fitzpatrick - Advisor

Fashion Forward is a student-led program in partnership with Open Doors Shelter in Norwalk. The program was created by a New Canaan high schooler and is an extension of Feeding 500. The purpose of the program is to provide teens of low-income families and clients of Open Doors the same lifestyle opportunities that teens in our New Canaan community are fortunate to purchase. Whether it's stylish, trendy clothing or beauty and wellness products and even prom dresses during prom season we want all teens to be able to feel good about themselves and express themselves through fashion. There will be multiple clothing drives and fundraisers throughout the year and fashion forward will collect donated clothes to fill the community closet at open doors and host pop-up events for teens in that community. The club members will be responsible for collecting gently used clothing and various other items and attend 3-4 annual pop-up events at Open Door throughout the year.

Feeding 500

Graysen Handler & Dante Marsili – Student Leaders

Mrs. Marianne Cohen - Advisor

Founded in March of 2021, Feeding 500 is a youth non-profit organization managed and run exclusively by high school age students dedicated to supporting local communities through fundraising and volunteerism. Having raised over \$75,000 in the last 18 months, Feeding 500 has become an established philanthropic organization in the state of Connecticut, gaining recognition from public figures such as Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Rep. Jim Himes, and First Selectman Kevin Moynihan. Feeding 500 is the perfect opportunity for students looking to develop their leadership skills while giving back to the community. As a Feeding 500 member you will have opportunities for unique hands-on volunteering and will learn what it takes to be part of the fastest growing student-led nonprofit organization in Connecticut. More information can be found on our [website](#) and a sign up form can be found [here](#).

Filling in the Blanks

Emma Barnard, Lyla Cody, Dallas George & William Morawa - Student Leaders

Mrs. Donna Sapienza - Advisor

Filling in the Blanks is a non-profit organization based in Norwalk, Connecticut. FITB's goal is to fight childhood hunger by providing children in need with food on the weekends. From this club we hope to get volunteers to help with the packing events that typically take place on the weekends. We also plan to host food drives and fundraisers to support the organization in any way we can. This club is open for anyone to join and plans to meet twice a month. Be sure to look out for our flyers in the hallways!

GotSneakers Club

2nd Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise announced) at 2:40 PM in Room 213

Willem Wrede – Student Leader

Mr. James Chesbro – Advisor

Seventy-percent of NCHS students participate in at *least* one sport during the year. That translates into a lot of athletic shoes, not to mention the sneakers they might wear to school during the day. The purpose of the GotSneakers Club is to encourage NCHS athletes to donate their used athletic shoes (sneakers and trainers only) rather than throwing them away, so that they can be recycled or reused, and all money raised will be donated to a local charity that is selected by the club members. In addition to selecting a charity for the proceeds, members will set up designated pickup boxes and collect shoes for packaging and shipping.

Hearts United

Vlera Sejdaj & Gia Servidio – Student Leaders

Ms. Kelly Clark & Mrs. Kacey Gormley - Advisors

Hearts United is a student-led club dedicated to spreading kindness, hope, and joy to children in hospitals. Through heartfelt handwritten cards, uplifting messages, and community-driven initiatives like bake sales, we strive to bring smiles to young patients facing difficult times. Our mission is to remind these children that they are not alone—and that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Together, we're uniting hearts to brighten lives, one card and one cause at a time.

KIVA Club

Graydon Sieghart & Samuel Schoonmaker – Student Leaders

Ms. Amanda Baghdady – Advisor

KIVA is a non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. KIVA acts as a micro-lending platform, or a place where people who need a loan and people who want to loan money can find and connect with one another. The KIVA Club aims to empower individuals and communities worldwide by supporting microloans that promote economic independence. Members will have the opportunity to research potential borrowers on the KIVA platform, select individuals or groups to support, and organize fundraising events to fund these loans. Activities will include hosting in school events such as bake sales and donation drives to raise awareness about global poverty and microfinance.

Krafts for Kids

Serena Johnson & Katherine Ulrich – Student Leaders
Nurse Betsy Imbrogno & Nurse Kim McNamara - Advisors

Krafts for Kids aims to bring creativity and comfort to children receiving care at Stamford Hospital through monthly craft sessions and donated craft kits. Our club will organize fundraisers—such as car washes, bake sales, and other creative events—to raise money for supplies. One Saturday each month, we plan to visit the hospital and lead fun, engaging craft activities with the kids. For those we can't meet in person, we'll provide ready-to-go craft kits and host virtual Zoom sessions so they can still participate. In addition to providing a meaningful service to the community, this club will also help members build real-world skills in economic responsibility. Students will take part in planning and running fundraisers, managing a budget, purchasing supplies wisely, and organizing resources to ensure we're using funds efficiently. These are valuable life skills that will serve members far beyond high school.

Malta House Club

Meetings monthly (listen for announcements)

Skyla Warren - Student Leader
Mrs. Sara Drexel - Advisor

The Malta House Club is committed to helping mothers and children in need. We work with the Malta House in Norwalk, a nonprofit that helps young, single, or homeless mothers transition into a healthier and more supportive environment. It acts as a transitional living program that provides a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to mothers and their young children. Our club will help with local events, work with the mothers and children in the house, do hand-on projects to help out, and hold fundraisers and drives for the amenities needed in the Malta House. This club is a great opportunity to directly help local community members in need!

Math Buddies

Chandler Wagner & Katie Caamano – Student Leaders
Mrs. Katie Marhefki - Advisor

Math Buddies is a student-led tutoring club designed to provide additional math support outside the classroom for students at Saxe Middle School. Working with our advisor and the district's K-8 Math Coordinator, club members will offer in-person tutoring sessions at the New Canaan Library twice a month either on a Saturday or Sunday. Sessions could be added weekly if demand is there. Tutoring sessions will also be offered during the week before the mid-term and final exams. High School students who enjoy math and working with younger students should sign up for as many tutoring sessions as their schedule allows and definitely follow us on Instagram at @mathbuddiesnc

Morgan's Message

Brooke Garcia & Julia Fittipaldi - Student Leaders
Mrs. Sara Drexel - Advisor

Morgan's Message is a student-led club focused on raising awareness about student-athlete mental health and breaking the stigma that surrounds it. Inspired by the life and legacy of Morgan Rodgers, a former Duke University lacrosse player, the club creates a safe and supportive environment for open conversations about mental health. Through meetings, events, and peer-led discussions, we aim to empower students to speak up, support one another, and become mental health advocates within our school community. Whether you're an athlete or simply passionate about mental wellness, all are welcome to join and help us make a difference.

Music Outreach Club

Emily Telesco & Soraya Breed – Student Leaders
Mrs. Sarah Gleason – Advisor

Music Outreach Club offers NCHS students the opportunity to perform in music programs at senior centers in our community. We welcome students with musical interests such as singing or playing an instrument. We meet in the choir room to rehearse before our monthly performances. If you are a student who likes music and finds joy in sharing it with others, join the Music Outreach Club! We hope you enjoy being a part of this club as much as the seniors enjoy the music.

New Canaan Neighbors Club

Anne-Eva Ritter & Claire-Helene Ritter – Student Leaders
Mrs. Tammy Roberts – Advisor

The purpose of the New Canaan Neighbors club is to provide all students (including those with many sports commitments) with opportunities to contribute to and act in a neighborly way towards the community whilst getting volunteer hours. These opportunities are available all throughout the year and in past years we have decorated bags for Person to Person, handed out hot chocolate to Christmas tree shoppers at the Exchange Club, Christmas Tree sale at Kiwanis Park, helped out at a clothing center in Darien, filled Christmas bags with goodies for people at the Waveny Care Center, volunteered for the Walk to End Lupus Fundraiser, and fundraised for PAWS (a no kill animal shelter in Norwalk). Students who join the club will be expected to participate in at least 2 volunteering events per year. Furthermore, we don't have meetings often, so as to not inconvenience athletes who have practice after school; however, in previous years, when we have met occasionally, it has been in Conference Room A. Most events are on the weekends, which should make them easier to attend by club members.

New Canaan Smiles

Every Other Tuesday at 2:40 PM in Room 210

Caitlin Neville – Student Leader
Mrs. Darcy Smith - Advisor

New Canaan Smiles is a club dedicated to ensuring that underprivileged individuals can receive dental care. It revolves around fundraising and volunteering for two different organizations: Connecticut Mission of Mercy which provides free annual dental clinics across the state, and Operation Smile, a nonprofit that delivers cleft lip and palate surgeries to people around the world.

NCHS Community Outreach Mentor Program

Emma Ridolfi - Student Leader
Ms. Elizabeth Caamano & Ms. Jacqueline Aldrich - Advisors

In this program, we will be collaborating with students in grades PreK-12 across the district. We will be working with and engaging these students on various tasks, including games, homework help/tutoring, and answering any questions they may have. Any hours you complete will be recorded and can be signed off on as needed. We will be going to the elementary/middle schools every other week after school.

Norwalk Housing Authority Tutoring Club

Emma Greenhut - Student Leader
Mrs. Amy Rothschild - Advisor

The Norwalk Housing Authority Tutoring Club is a club that exists to connect New Canaan High School students with an opportunity to be a math tutor at an after-school program run by the Norwalk Housing Authority. Tutors will help elementary aged students in this program learn or catch up on math. Tutoring occurs over Zoom, two nights of the week in half-hour time slots from 4:30-6:30 PM. This club seeks to make a difference locally by empowering students in Norwalk to reach their full potential in math. Tutors will undergo training to learn how to effectively support their assigned students.

Outside the Bubble Club

Marlena Ericsson – Student Leaders
Mrs. Kristi Carriero – Advisor

The goal of this club is to develop a better understanding of issues outside New Canaan. As students in New Canaan, we tend to worry about only our lives and forget about the wars and suffering happening outside the world. With that being said, we plan to fundraise for FAFU (like prior years) but also non-profits like the ASPCA, Against Malaria Foundation, Educate Girls, etc. We plan to fundraise each quarter for a different organization in different ways; Bake Sales, Donations, Gift Card Drawings, etc.

Pacific House Club

Jacob Silveer & Nickolas Natsvlshvili - Student Leaders

Ms. Tara Thomas - Advisor

The Pacific House Club is dedicated to supporting Pacific House, a homeless shelter in Stamford that provides meals, shelter, and essential services to men experiencing homelessness. Through fundraising, donation drives, and volunteer efforts, our club works to support the shelter's mission and raise awareness about homelessness in our community. We aim to bring students together to make a meaningful impact and help provide support to those who need it most.

Paws United

Meetings once or twice a month at 2:40 PM in Room 313

Elle Thompson & Charlotte Sawyer - Student leaders

Clare McLellan - Advisor

Paws United is a club where students have the opportunity to work with Strays and Others, a local animal shelter. Members will participate in volunteer activities, such as organizing donation drives for food and supplies and raising awareness about pet adoption. Our club aims to enrich the lives of the shelter pets and help them receive the loving homes they deserve.

Peer Tutor Club

Emerson Miller & Pruthvi Nukala – Student Leaders

Mr. Michael McAteer - Advisor

Peer Tutor Club aims to help students who are struggling in STEM or humanities with peer-to-peer tutoring. Students challenged in these areas can sign up to be tutored by their peers who excel in these areas either after school in the school library or with their tutors in a different, pre-planned location. Tutees are encouraged to fill out a survey before meeting with their tutors so that we can best match them with a tutor who can best teach the subject. Overall, Peer Tutor Club is an excellent way to learn and make new friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

Person-to-Person Club

Tuesdays at 2:30 PM in Room 230

Emerson Miller - Student Leaders

Ms. Kerry Hamara - Advisor

Our club provides students with the opportunity to volunteer with Person-to-Person, a local non-profit organization that helps local families in need by providing them with food, clothing, and financial assistance. Person-to-Person has several locations; however, we will mainly be working with the Darien location. Our club will also hold fundraisers and clothing/food drives specifically to support Person-to-Person. This club is a great opportunity to directly help local community members in need.

Planet New Canaan

Eva Alexander & Emma Prior - Student Leaders

Ms. Clare McLellan - Advisor

The mission of the Planet New Canaan club is to educate students on environmental issues and to inspire changes that increase the sustainability of our town and our school. This club presents an opportunity for students to collaborate, meeting primarily in Zoom or in Room 313 (as announced). Planet New Canaan Club aims to take multiple trips to the local transfer station as well as help out with planned clean ups at the New Canaan Land Trust.

Red Cross Club

Tuesday at 2:45 PM in Room 202

Gabriella La Magna & Audrey Pittaro - Student Leaders

Nurse Betsy Imbrogno - Advisor

The Red Cross Club is a club branching from and registered with the *American Red Cross Society*. We will be working towards holding various fundraising events, blood drives, and more based on what we decide together. The money raised will go towards supporting disaster victims. Each club member will have a volunteer connection account through the Red Cross where they can log their hours and learn more about the organization. Joining this

club is a meaningful way to get involved and make a difference helping those affected! We hope to see you every other week after school on Tuesday in room 202!

SAVE Promise Club

Mrs. Sara Drexel, Mrs. Lindsay McGarrity & Mrs. Erica Schaedler - Advisors

The SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Club will work to create an inclusive school culture where students are looking out for each other. It will sponsor activities, events, and projects that will promote kindness and connections. Ultimately, these activities make our school safer as the more students feel a sense of belonging, the less likely they are to choose to harm themselves or others. The SAVE Promise Club is a part of the Sandy Hook Promise initiative and is a part of a national movement to keep schools safe.

The SOUP Kitchen

Selena Lee & Antonia DeGuzman - Student Leaders

Ms. Julie Rossini - Advisor

Welcome to The SOUP Kitchen, where we try to fight hunger one bowl at a time! In this club, members will be able to obtain volunteer hours at soup kitchens, as well as other organizations, such as filling in the blanks. We will organize food drives and fundraisers to help support the community. In addition, we will organize walks and events to help spread awareness. While this issue is not immediately apparent in New Canaan, it is a huge problem elsewhere. We all love food, it really is one of the joys of life, and everyone should have access to it. Come join us, and together we can all help to feed all those in need!

Students Against Cancer

Tuesdays at 2:40 PM in Room 225

Sophia La Magna & Victoria Vaccaro - Presidents

Ms. Susan Steidl - Advisor

We partner with local cancer centers in order to provide support for patients in the form of needed supplies and other gestures. As a club we hold fundraisers and donate to different charities that fight against cancer.

Tutor Time

Bella Caamano – Student Leader

Mrs. Donna Sapienza - Advisor

The purpose of the Tutor Time Club is to offer academic support in reading, writing, and math to students in grades K-5 every other weekend at the New Canaan Library or a nearby community room. New Canaan High School students will work with parents and teachers of K-5 students to create a tutoring plan and compile engaging resources for tutoring sessions.

Waveny Care Club

Megan Stewart – Student Leader

Kerrie Filippone, Director of Volunteers at Waveny - Advisor

The Waveny Care Club offers a rewarding experience for students wanting to make a meaningful impact on their community. By volunteering after school every Friday at the Waveny Care Center in New Canaan, students will have the opportunity to set up games and crafting activities, as well as provide assistance for the residents as needed. Student involvement is essential for creating a vibrant and fulfilling environment for the residents. If you are looking for a way to make a difference within this community, then the Waveny Care Club is the right place for you!

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Police Club

Teddy Bradley & Nico Caruso – Student Leaders
Officer Shane Gibson – Advisor / Shift Commander

Students are invited to experience the training Police Officers go through to achieve their certification. Students will learn about law enforcement issues and aspects of police work including accident investigation, radar, search and seizure, tasers, local enforcement issues and also have an opportunity for hands-on training. Tours will be offered at the Police Department and at area judicial court buildings. Students will also have an opportunity to volunteer with our Officers in the community.

RAMbassadors

Mrs. Sara Drexel, Mrs. Lindsay McGarrity & Mrs. Erica Schaedler - Advisors

The mission of the NCHS RAMbassadors is to foster a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive school community by serving as student leaders, advocates, and mentors. Through compassion, connection, and leadership, RAMbassadors empower their peers, promote a culture of kindness and belonging, and help every student feel seen, supported, and valued. RAMbassador roles and responsibilities vary throughout the year but include giving tours, mentoring new students, volunteering at school-wide events, and planning monthly RAMplify NCHS initiatives.

Student Coalition

Wednesdays at 2:45 PM in Room 204/205

Mrs. Veronica Astacio & Mrs. Priscilla Schulz – Advisors

President – Jordan Alexander

Treasurer – Jeremy Schubert

Vice President – Charlotte Lee

Secretary – Serra Savasoglu

This is the student governing body of the school with elected members covering three leadership areas: Executive, Political, and Social. Officers take responsibility for recruiting class delegates and committee members, and suggesting new ideas or improving past events. Advisers and officers for each class are:

Class of 2026

Class President - Natalia Cota
Political Board President - Molly Shimmeck
Social Board President - Emma Grzymiski
Delegates - Reagan Thom, Madeleine Peterson
Michael LeDuc & Erica Schaedler - Advisors

Class of 2027

Class President - Whitney Hoegstedt
Political Board President - Jason Generalis
Social Board President - Emerson Miller
Delegates - Evelyne Han, Caitlin Neville, Anna Makar,
Lucy Bench, Victor Ding, Emma Greenhut
Anthony Bloss & Rachel DiGioia - Advisors

Class of 2028

Class President - Eloise Tuff
Political Board President - Chandler Wagner
Social Board President - Sophia Cain
Delegates - Abigail Dunlap, Abigail Johnsen, Christian Ivanov, Eleanor Schlipp, Eliza Van Amburg, Ella Ferrer, Madeleine Frisch, Mia Ross, Nick Lee, Nishant Shenoy, Olivia Aronson, Raina Shah, Sophia Dunlap,
Ellen Fitzpatrick & Amy Rothchild - Advisors

Class of 2029

Class President - Luke Cannon
Political Board President - Chloe Hoegstedt
Social Board President - Russell Gaudreau
Delegates- Eliza Paschalidis, Zoe Skrelunas, Madeline Jones, Alexa Burroughs, Holly Hogan, Cate Panagrossi, Jules Alexander, Brooke Walsh, Abigail Greenhut, John Morawa, Dylan Brown, Emma Oliveira, Twila Norton, Olivia Sprosta, Olivia Takach, Avery Boyce, Sagresse Kosche, Louise Bretschger
Sara Drexel & Nancy Stevens - Advisors

