

2024/2025 Clubs and Activities List

****Please Note That There May Be Changes Throughout The School Year
Please Contact The Moderator For Up-To-Date information and With Questions**

Art Club

Students will meet in Benet's Art room and may do projects that include: painting murals, setting up large scale art displays, making Benet crafts to be sold at the Christmas Drive, and creating drawings, paintings, sculptures, and other small projects. Students also have the opportunity to lead the group in art techniques and skills that they have learned. Sometimes we coordinate an art show in conjunction with the Guitar Club's guitar show and Muse's creative writing readings.

Meetings : Most Tuesdays after school 3:10PM

Location : T116

Communication : Through daily announcements, email, and Remind app

Moderator: Mr. Blaney kblaney@benet.org

Asian-American Club

An extension of the DLC that will celebrate and promote awareness of various Asian cultures, including their traditions, holidays, daily customs, world contributions, and food. All ethnicities are welcome.

Meetings: One a month on Thursdays after school at 3:10 pm

Location : IDEA Studio

Moderator : Mr. Oconer goconer@benet.org

Bass Fishing Team

IHSA competitive bass fishing meets in the spring. All fishing ability levels are welcome. There is one sectional tournament in which the top three boats advance to the state final tournament. Four top fishers can compete to represent Benet at the sectional meet in May.

Meetings: Early spring skills prep meetings; weekly fishing outings; sectional meet; and possible state tournament if we advance. Spring season: April - May

Sectional Location 2023-2024: Cal-Sag Channel; Worth, IL

Moderators : Mr. Matthew Grigas mgrigas@benet.org and Mr. Michael Maggio mmaggio@benet.org

Benet Buddies

Benet Buddies is open to any student interested in working with neurodiverse people and/or people with special needs to promote inclusion in our nearby community. We have developed partnerships with Turning Pointe Autism Foundation, South East Area Special Parks & Recreation (SEASPAR), and Special Olympics Region C.

~ Benet volunteers at Turning Pointe spend one Saturday a month at a respite event hosted at Turning Pointe where they develop trust and friendships with students who have Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD.) We also participate in various social events at Turning Pointe to include a pumpkin derby race, and spring outdoor clean-up.

~ Benet volunteers at SEASPAR assist adults 18 and older at Benet hosted social dances and some SEASPAR sponsored athletic events.

~ Benet Buddies volunteers have the opportunity to work at five Special Olympic events including bowling, basketball,

Polar Plunge, soccer, and spring games.

Board Meetings : Most Friday Mornings

Meetings of members at large: TBD

Location : T108

Communication : Through daily announcements, email, Google Classroom, and Remind app

Moderator: Mrs. Gina Maras gmaras@benet.org, Special Olympics' Polar Plunge: Mr. Christopher Perez cperez@benet.org

Benet Herald

The Benet Herald is a student written, edited and run, adult moderated, school newspaper. The Benet Herald provides students with journalism aspirations the opportunity to write and research topics to inform the community.

Communication : Through daily announcements, email, Google Classroom, and Remind app

Moderators: Matt Grigas

Benet Theatre Association

BTA is open to any student interested in theater. Whether it is performing on stage or as part of the production team or working tech, there is a place for you to meet great people and have a lot of fun exploring theater. The season includes student-directed One-Act Plays, Showcase performances, Fall Play, Musical, Spring Play, a Children's Theatre production, as well as weekly workshops & trips to see local and professional performances.

Communication : Through daily announcements, email, Google Classroom, and Remind app

Moderators: Mr. Brian Wand bwand@benet.org, Mrs. Kelsey Peceniak, Mr. John Leffler, Mr. Ramon Marth, Mrs. Ashley Alcorn, and Ms. Maura Bates

Bible Cafe

To enrich the Benet student population through Scripture, conversation, and community by providing a welcoming space to discuss our faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. This is a student led club.

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (7:10 AM)

Location: J-404

Membership: All are welcome, attend when you can

Moderator: Mr. Marty Ford mford@benet.org

Book Club

Student-led semi-monthly club. Book club is a great way to read something enjoyable that's not school related, talk about it/make connections, and socialize with your peers. Books will be chosen at the first meeting (early September) and then every few meetings as books are read/discussed.

Meetings: Every other Thursday after school (3:10-4:00)

Location: M125

Communication: Through Google Classroom and periodic announcements

Moderator: Ms. White mwhite@benet.org

Bowling Club

Benet Bowling Club functions as a weekly intramural league with most members attending when they can. It's a great way to wind down after a long week of school. No previous bowling experience is required. Transportation is not provided, so make friends with one of our junior or senior bowlers! Cost to bowl: One-time registration fee of \$10 pays for scorekeeping, weekly prizes, and pizza parties;; \$10 weekly fee for each week bowled includes 3 games plus ball

and shoe rental.

Meetings: Friday afternoons 3:30pm

Location: Lisle Lanes (on Route 53 just south of Ogden Ave. and the train tracks)

Communication: Through weekly announcements, with standings posted on the bulletin board near the link between St. Martin's and St. Joseph's Halls on the first floor.

Moderator: Mr. Wash mwash@benet.org

Car Club

Car club is a place where the car enthusiasts of Benet Academy can get together and have a conversation, a fun debate, or learn new things from each other. ALL are welcome regardless of knowledge and experience of vehicles. Any student who enjoys cars (from Toyota to Infinity and beyond) --- the CAR CLUB is a great place to start!

Meetings : Approximately 1-2 times per month Listen to announcements.

Location:

Moderator:

Career Exploration Club

A place to investigate careers you might be interested in, and look for colleges that offer programs in that field. In addition, the group will host speakers from various careers.

Communication : Through daily announcements, email, Google Classroom, and Remind app

Meetings : Approximately 1-2 times per month Listen to announcements.

Location: tba

Moderator: Mr. Wand bwand@benet.org

Careers in STEM Club

Careers in STEM Club focuses on introducing Benet students to the world of STEM through presentations, guest speakers, and fun hands-on activities. Attendance isn't mandatory and food is almost always provided, so stop in and join us to learn more about one of the most diverse and profitable job-fields there is!

Communication : Through daily announcements, email, Google Classroom, and Remind app

Meetings: Usually twice a month. There is a meeting every regular late-start day at 8:45 before school starts

Location: IDEA Studio

Moderator: Mrs. Maras gmaras@benet.org

Certamen

Certamen is a Scholastic Bowl type competition that challenges students' memory and knowledge of numerous topics relating to the ancient Romans and their language. The competition involves individual and team effort. Practices start in September. Three regional meets are scheduled from October to February, with a state competition held later in the spring. Members must make a commitment to participate in weekly practices and regional meets.

Meetings: Weekly - TBD, usually before school

Location: B204

Communication: Through daily announcement and email

Moderator: Dr. Lefebvre klefebvre@benet.org

Chess Team

The Benet Chess Team is comprised of ~15 players (Freshmen – Seniors), where the top 8 (with substitutes) will compete in a number of 1-1 school vs. school after-school meets and several Saturday multi-school tournaments, beginning in October 2022 and continuing through January 2023. The chess season then culminates at the IHSA State Chess Championship in Peoria on February 10-11, 2023. We welcome students of all levels and even those

who merely wish to play chess for fun but not compete. We anticipate that practices will start ~mid-September. Students interested in playing chess at Benet should listen/watch for upcoming announcements in September and throughout the chess season. Hope to see you there!

Meetings : 2x/wk after school (~3-5pm); specific days of week are TBD

Communication: Announcements and 'The Latest News from Benet Academy' weekly emails

Location: TBA

Primary Point of Contact: Dan Spiegel (dad to Kyle '23 & Cole '26) // 630-327-7128; dan.spiegel@mastercard.com

Coding Club

In the Benet Coding Club, we strive to teach students the basics of coding so that one day they may be able to complete any coding task! We are currently coding Discord Bots, and hope to one day make an app/game.

Experience or not, we will accept you!

Meetings : Every Thursday ~ either before/after school (please listen to announcements)

Communication: Through Discord, Google Classroom, and Announcement over intercom.

Location: T115

Moderator: Dr. Gimmell jgimmell@benet.org

Colorguard

Colorguard is an auxiliary group that adds a visual element to the Marching Band. Using flags & other equipment combined with dance/movement, these performers give motion to the music. No experience is required for this aspect of the Marching Band.

Meetings : after school as needed & Thursday evenings 6-9pm, 1wk. Camp in Aug.

Location: St. Daniel Hall

Moderator: Ms. Rausch erausch@benet.org

Current Events Club:

Stay informed! Topics discussed include World, United States, Benet, Entertainment and Sports. All grade levels welcome!

Meetings: Every Thursday 7:20 am

Location: B-104

Moderator: Mr. Fitz jfitzgerald@benet.org

Debate Team

The Debate Team is a great way to improve your reasoning, research, and public speaking skills. It's a lot of work, but it's an excellent opportunity to learn how to think on your feet and communicate in an efficient and persuasive manner. No prior experience is necessary!

Meetings: Practices will take place once a week after school for about an hour. A majority of preparation for competitions will be done on your own time. Debate competitions take place on one Saturday a month from September-March.

Location: B202

Moderator: Mrs. Savage lsavage@benet.org

Disc Golf Club

The Disc Golf Club meets at various local outdoor disc golf courses to play friendly games of disc golf. It's perfect for brand new players and experienced players alike. Transportation is not provided by Benet.

Meetings: Generally once a week, weather permitting. Day of meeting is based on student availability

Communication: Student email, social media, announcements, GroupMe

Location: Informational meetings, S202: games are at local disc golf courses (transportation not provided by school)

Moderator: Mrs. Grant: cgrant@benet.org

Diversity Leadership Council

An inclusive organization open to ALL Benet students that advocates and promotes cultural awareness, community outreach and leadership development.

Meetings: Monthly (typically before school)

Location : M26

Moderator : Mrs. Haas khaas@benet.org

EmpowHER

Empowher is a women's leadership group. Activities include discussing current events, listening to guest speakers, and bringing more awareness to the school community.

Meetings: Twice a month

Location: TBD

Communication:announcements and emails

Moderator: Mrs. Lauren Butera lbutera@benet.org

Environmental Club

Activities include improving outdoor habitats, going on field trips and hikes, service projects, special speakers, and nature-related crafts. Join us as we enjoy the environment around us and make a positive impact at Benet and in our community!

Meetings: Every other Thursday at 3:15 pm

Location: S119

Communication: Environmental Club webpage, emails to members, daily announcements

Moderator: Mrs. Angela Hassan ahassan@benet.org

Food Allergy, Insulin and Respiratory Club (FAIR)

An informative and engaging club discussion focusing on critical health topics affecting high school students: food allergies, diabetes, and respiratory issues. This club aims to raise awareness, share knowledge, and provide support for students dealing with these conditions

Meetings: Tuesday mornings 7:15 am

Location; B-104

Communication: Announcements

Moderator: Mr. Fitz jfitzgerald@bene.org

French Club

French Club is a social club for students interested in participating in culture-related activities beyond the classroom as well as meeting other students who enjoy the study of French. All students may participate. Student volunteers bring food for the monthly breakfast and plan occasional cultural outings. Attending events and meetings, bringing food to the breakfasts, planning events, and representing the club at Open Houses are ways to be an active member.

Meetings: Monthly cultural activities TBA

Location: M021

Communication: Daily announcements, flyers, and in French class

Moderator: Ms. Crosby bcrosby@benet.org

Friends of Imiliwaha Junior Board

The Friends of Imiliwaha Junior Board is an organization that will seek to provide Benet students with excellent leadership training while solving real world problems with Friends of Imiliwaha and the Benedictine Sisters of St. Gertrude in Imiliwaha, Tanzania. The leadership of the board is constituted of up to 15 Benet students who apply and are approved by the larger board in the fall and serve until graduation or they resign. Any student may attend meetings and join Friends of Imiliwaha as a member-at-large.

Meetings: every other week; days of meetings are agreed upon by board members at the beginning of the year.

Communication: Announcements, Remind App and Email

Location: St. Joseph Conference Room (J200) or IDEA Studio

Moderator: Mr. Myers wmyers@benet.org

Gaming Club

Gaming club was founded as a means of connecting members of the student body through their shared love of video games. We hold bi-weekly meetings in which we have friendly competitions and information about competitions.

Meetings: Wednesday, Bi-Weekly, after school till 4:30

Communication: The discord Server (<https://discord.gg/zsvuSb87nM>) , Emails, Daily announcements

Location: T116 - Mr. Blaney's Room (2D Art Room)

Moderator: Mr. Blaney kblaney@benet.org

German Club

German Club is a fun way for German students to get together to learn more about the culture of the German speaking countries. We have monthly cultural outings and themed parties. The upper class board members meet to plan the activities.

Meetings : Monthly cultural outings and themed parties TBA

Communication: Through daily announcements

Location: M24

Moderator: Mrs. Sterner lsterner@benet.org

Guitar Club

A collection of musicians who meet every other week to talk music, learn new songs, and form new bands.

Participants play all types of instruments and are not necessarily limited to guitars. Groups split up into different classrooms by ability level, so anyone can join. We have both winter and spring concerts at which members can perform for their family and friends.

Meetings: Every other Thursday 3pm

Location: T106 (and other classrooms)

Communication: Through daily announcements and Google Classroom

Moderator: Mr. Wash mwash@benet.org

Human Rights Club

The Human Rights Club meets to discuss and act on social justice issues that require attention across the globe. Student club leaders present to club members to inform them of current events and consider ways to make a positive change in our world.

Meetings: before school in B305, about once a month

Location: Benet Hall #305

Communication: Through daily announcements

Moderator: Mr. Corrigan jcorrigan@benet.org

Investment Club

The Investment Club learns about the stock market and investment strategies. Each team picks a stock portfolio. Earnings are tracked and a winning team is determined in the late spring.

Meetings: Thursday mornings 7:10 am -7:40 am Bimonthly

Location: St Jude S207

Moderator: Dr. Riedy lriedy@benet.org

Jazz Bands

The Jazz program offers students interested in Jazz a place to learn and perform this genre in both a big band setting (Jazz Band) and small group improvisation based setting (Jazz Combo). Students who play a Wind or Percussion instrument must be enrolled in Wind Ensemble or Percussion to participate. Piano, Guitar, & Bass do not have to be enrolled in one of these classes.

Meetings: Before school 7:00-7:35 AM a few times a week for Jazz Band, After school once a week for Jazz Combo

Communication: Through daily announcements, email, and Google Classroom

Location: Rehearsal Room (SDH)

Moderator: Ms. Rausch erausch@benet.org

Latin Club

The Latin Club is open to all students who are currently taking Latin or have taken Latin in the past. It is a social club for those who are enthusiastic about Roman culture/ history/language and are interested in sharing their enthusiasm with others. Monthly meetings often correspond to Roman holidays, including Christmas/Saturnalia, Lupercalia/Valentine's Day, the Ides of March, and Rome's birthday. The Latin Club also serves as Benet's chapter of the Illinois Junior Classical League and National Junior Classical League and participates in events sponsored by these groups, including a yearly convention. \\\

Meetings: TBA - usually monthly and before school

Location: B204

Communication: Through daily announcements and in class

Moderator: Dr. Lefebvre klefebvre@benet.org

L.I.F.T. (Living In Faith and Truth)

Campus Ministry strives to bring people with common values regarding faith, friendship, and fun together on a regular basis to share stories, grow in relationships, deepen one's knowledge and convictions of faith, and to serve others. Campus Ministry sponsors service events, hosts weekly meetings, organizes the sacraments, facilitates retreats, and offers mission trips and pilgrimages among other things.

Meetings: Tuesday after School from 3:00-4:00 (Other events and meetings as scheduled)

Location: Tuesday Meetings in J302 (Other events and meetings as scheduled)

Moderator: Deacon Christopher Weiland cweiland@benet.org

Marians

Marians invites all Benet women to join their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior Marian group to come together to share conversations, outreach, and faith together. Marian meetings take place once a week. **Meeting times and locations: TBA**

Communication: Through daily announcements and email

Moderator: Mrs. Nadolski tnadolski@benet.org

Mass Choir

Mass Choir is a student run organization that provides music for liturgical services throughout the school year. Any student who wishes to sing for any of the liturgies or services during the school year is welcome to sing with the mass choir. There is also a liturgical orchestra for any instrumentalists who wish to participate. No prior singing experiences needed.

Meetings: 2 or 3 days before each mass

Location: St. Daniel Hall

Communication : Through daily announcements, email, Google Classroom, and Remind app

Moderator: Mr. Wand bwand@benet.org and Ms. Rausch erausch@benet.org

Math Team

The Benet Math Team is comprised of freshmen through seniors. We prepare for local NSML contests and in-house IML contests. The year culminates with the Illinois State Math Competition in May. Our weekly meetings consist of practicing problems which cover assigned topics outlined by the NSML(North Suburban Math League). We divide into groups based on your year in school.

Meetings : Thursdays after school until 4 pm

Location: TBD

Communication: Through daily announcements

Moderator:

Medical Club

The Medical Club is open to any student who is interested in pursuing a career in the health sciences. We typically meet once or twice a month before or after school and we try to have guest speakers from various healthcare areas.

Meetings: Once or twice a month before or after school

Location: S117

Communication: Through daily announcements

Moderator: Dr. Blaney eblaney@benet.org

Men of Benet

This men's group acts as a forum for the male students of Benet to support each other in dealing with the stresses and challenges that face them during their time at the Academy. The mission of *Men of Benet* is to promote brotherhood, solidarity in the Catholic faith, and a service orientation in the male students of Benet Academy

Meetings: Thursdays from 7:15 a.m. to 7:40 a.m.

Location: J405

Communication: Through daily announcements

Moderator: Mr. Veselik & Mr. Kazlauskas (kveselik@benet.org and mkazlauskas@benet.org)

Model UN

Open to all Benet students. This activity runs from October through early February and culminates in our delegation's participation in the Chicago International Model UN held in February. See the [cimun website](http://www.cimun.org) for information: www.cimun.org

Meetings: Before school every other week from Mid-October as necessary.

Location: B402

Moderator: Mr. Leffler jleffler@benet.org

MUSE Literary Club

The club meets weekly for "write-ins": an opportunity to explore creative writing prompts and share original work in an environment that fosters positive feedback and inspiration. We do activities that allow creative freedom in all different mediums: short stories, poetry, black out poetry, music lyrics, movie scripts, etc. A Creative writing contest is sponsored by Muse once a school year. The club contributes to, edits, designs, and publishes the annual Benet

literary magazine which consists of student creative writing (poetry, short stories, and some art/photography). Muse tries to hold at least one "open mic" night during the school year to share *original* poetry and music. All grade level students are welcome.

Meetings: Mondays, 3:15-4:00 pm

Location: M125

Communication: Through MUSE Google Classroom, announcements, and email

Moderator: Ms. White mwhite@benet.org

National Honor Society

NHS is a national organization which recognizes and promotes the following four characteristics among its members: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Students must apply to the National Honor Society. A cumulative, weighted, all-subject GPA of 88.00 or better and a conduct grade of 88 or better is required for membership in the Benet Chapter of NHS. In addition, a minimum of 12-15 Benet-sponsored service hours are required for sophomore applicants, and a minimum of 18-21 Benet-sponsored hours are required for junior applicants. **Service hours toward the application can start during your freshman year!** Applications can be printed from the Benet NHS Edline page starting Feb 1st of the year you wish to apply (sophomore or junior year).

Once inducted into the NHS, meetings for all active members are mandatory.

Meetings: The first Wednesday of each month at 7:10am

Location: Alumni gymnasium

Moderators: TBD

Newspaper

The Benet Herald is printed (twice a year) and online newspaper (throughout the year) for Benet Academy. The articles, pictures, and layout are produced by our student staff. Editors/Board Members meet weekly for brainstorming sessions and article assignments during the F2 period. Editors oversee, collect, and edit articles. Any student may sign up to be a writer for any section of the newspaper. Students select an article from a predetermined list created by the editors. Writers can contribute to each issue, OR students can write occasionally as their schedule allows.

Meetings: weekly section editors' meeting, students sign up at the beginning of each semester to write for a section

Location: St Joseph conference room

Communication: Through daily announcements and emails

Moderators: Mr. Grigas mgrigas@benet.org

Nuclear Club

The Nuclear Club learns about nuclear power uses and safety.

Meetings: Tuesday mornings 7:10 am -7:40 am Bimonthly

Location: St Jude S207

Moderator: Dr. Riedy lriedy@benet.org

Orchesis Dance Company

The Orchesis Dance Company rehearses and performs various styles of dance including jazz, hip hop, contemporary, lyrical, ballet, pointe, and tap. The company includes students from all grades, selected by audition of technique, skill, and performance. The program provides a unique opportunity for students to choreograph for the Orchesis Dance Company Showcase in January as well as perform at Fox Valley Dance Showcase in November and Benet Academy's Dance for The Drive in December.

Meetings: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm; August through February

Location: St. Daniel Hall & St. Jude Commons

Communication: Email correspondence with company members; Updated information on the Fine Arts Website.

Moderator: Mrs. Kelsey Peceniak kpeceniak@benet.org

Ornithology Club

Ornithology Club is a group that meets every other week to discuss and learn more about the birds in our area and the world. We hold discussions and presentations to learn more about birds and go on multiple bird walks throughout the year to encounter and enjoy the multitude of birds in the area around us.

Meetings: Thursday mornings before school (7:20 am)

Location: S119

Communication: Emails to members, daily announcements

Moderator:

Political Club

The Political Club is dedicated to promoting awareness and discussion of current political issues among the student body. The club is non-partisan and is open to all. Discussions and occasional debates sponsored by the club present opinions from all sides in a respectful environment that promotes education and understanding rather than hostility and polarization.

Meetings: 2-3 times per month on Friday mornings before school. Listen to announcements for meeting information.

Location: Benet Hall, room 301

Moderator: Mr. Noel enoel@benet.org

Recycling Club

Students collect recyclable products around campus weekly and at the end of the school year. Rescued recyclable and repurposable materials (books, gently-used notebooks, and writing instruments) are donated to S.C.A.R.C.E. in Addison, and locker shelves are sold at Frosh Fest to raise money for the club. NHS service hours can be earned.

Meetings: Every Thursday at 3pm; Year-end locker cleanout festival immediately following the last final of the spring final exam week.

Location: St. Thomas T115, Doc Gimmell's room

Communication: Through daily announcements, Recycling Club Google Classroom (class code: **eeahxlt**)

Moderator: Dr. Gimmell jgimmell@benet.org

Retreats:

Catalyst

Catalyst is a retreat for juniors held at Benet Academy. Students participate in large and small group icebreakers, listen to faith talks given by their classmate leaders, share feelings and ideas in small group discussions, and have time for prayer in addition to some free time to shoot hoops and hang out. The theme of the retreat is for juniors to reflect on their relationships with God and with their peers. The experience encourages them to break out of the small social cliques that are common in adolescent life. The retreat happens 3 times a year: fall, winter, and spring.

Communication: Through daily announcements and emails

Moderator: Mr. Rawls mrawls@benet.org

Lenses

A retreat offered for sophomores twice a year: once during the Fall semester, and once in the Spring. Sophomore students join us for a Friday of prayer and reflection, lifting up the way God communicates to us through nature, art, music, people, FOOD and scripture. The experiences are hands on, fun, and reflective, opening our eyes to how God is all around us every day.

Communication: Through daily announcements and emails

Moderator: Ms. Bovat dbovat@benet.org

Logos: A retreat offered for seniors five times throughout the year. This retreat program is called "Logos", Greek for Word, the word of God, the /Christ. Since 1990 four to five times a year, forty candidates, five student leaders, and five adult leaders take two and a half days at an off-campus retreat center to be together to invite the Spirit to dwell with them, to laugh, to pray, to reflect, to relax, to cry, to build new relationships and to strengthen old ones. We sing. We laugh. We write a letter to God. We share our strengths and our weaknesses. We celebrate the Eucharist. We leave tired with hearts filled with gratitude.

Communication: Through daily announcements and emails

Moderator: Ms. Alcorn Alcorn@benet.org or Mr. Veselik kveselik@benet.org

Robotics Club

Robotics Club competes in the Vex Robotics competition. We compete in 4 to 5 events between November and March. We will be competing with 2 or 3 teams depending on interest. All skill levels are welcome. Knowledge in RobotC is an advantage but experience with any programming is helpful. The goal is to allow students to explore both programming and engineering in a fun and competitive environment.

Meetings: Mondays & Wednesdays at 3:15 starting in September

Location: T112

Communication: Web page, Email, announcements

Moderator: Mr. Marshall pmarshall@benet.org

Scholastic Bowl

Scholastic Bowl members attend various competitions typically from October through March with meetings/practices beginning in September. At each competition, students are asked questions from categories such as literature, science, math, social studies and fine arts. No experience is necessary but having fun is a requirement! Members must make a commitment to participate in weekly practices and regional meets.

Meetings: Tuesdays after school from 3:05 - 4:15

Location: T114

Communication: Scholastic Bowl webpage, emails to members, daily announcements, posters in hallways

Moderator: Mrs. Dovalovsky ldovalovsky@benet.org

Shakespeare SLAM Team

Meets in M120 or M126 from September through December to prepare for The Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's annual Shakespeare SLAM competition. Student team creates its own adaptations of short individual scenes and "mash up" scenes from selected plays to perform at the annual Navy Pier competition. All students interested in spoken word, acting and directing, or Shakespeare are encouraged to attend. The team attends training sessions sponsored by Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, a regional bout, and a final competition performance.

Meetings: times vary

Location: M126

Communication: School announcements, emails to members, posters in hallways.

Moderators: Mrs. Alcorn AAlcorn@benet.org

ASL Club

Meets in room M25 monthly on Wednesday's at 7:15 am. . The ASL Club meets to teach members sign language, and bring awareness to the deaf and hard of hearing community in hopes of educating Benet Students.. No prior experience is necessary.

Meetings: Monthly on Wednesdays @ 7:15

Location: M25

Student Leaders: Rylie Cieplak, Catherine Hernandez, Annabelle Ruskusky

Communication: @benetASLclub on Instagram

Moderator: Mr. Gensler

Spanish Club

Open to all students, Spanish Club invites students who are interested in and demonstrate an appreciation for the Spanish language and cultures. Attending events and meetings, planning trips, and representing the club at Open Houses are just a few ways to become an active member.

Meetings: Themed parties and breakfasts before school in SJC

Location: Events at school

Communication: Through daily announcements.

Moderator: Mrs. Lessard slessard@benet.org

Sports Medicine Club

The sports medicine club is for anyone interested in sports medicine including, but not limited to, athletic training, physical therapy, and Kinesiology. Meetings happen about 2 times a semester. Students also have the opportunity to be student aids and work hands-on in the athletic training room after school and at athletic events.

Meetings: Approximately 2 times per semester

Location: Athletic training room or Idea Studio, depending on the topic

Communication: Through email

Moderators: Amy Hoffmann ahoffmann@benet.org

STEM Support Group

STEM Support Group provides a welcoming environment for students in need of extra math or science help and is a great space for students to work on practice problems together.

Meetings: Every Wednesday and Friday before school

Location: RAC (inside library)

Communication: Email and announcements

Moderator: Mrs. Swanson kswanson@benet.org

Student Government

Student government is Benet's social organization. We are responsible for organizing dances, intramurals, Christmas Drive activities, and other spontaneous events throughout the year.

Meetings: Every Wednesday right after school

Location: St. Jude Commons.

Communication: Through daily announcements

Moderators: Mr. Frey sfrey@benet.org , Ms. Lauren Peceniak kpeceniak@benet.org

Student Support Alliance

Student Support Alliance is a place where students come together and get to know each other. We do fun activities such as drawing, yoga, and journaling while incorporating different ways to deal with the stresses in life and checking in with each other. This is a safe space to talk about life, mental health, and make new friends!

Meetings:

Location:

Communication: Announcements, Instagram, Email

Moderator: Mrs. Amanda Popow apopow@benet.org

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Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is a nationally recognized honor which acknowledges excellence in musicianship among our music students. Students may apply to participate in this honor society their Junior or Senior year. These musicians participate in extra performance and service projects throughout the school year.

Meetings: once a month

Location: Rehearsal Room (SDH)

Communication: Through daily announcements, email, and Google Classroom

Moderator: Ms. Rausch erausch@benet.org and Mrs. Semanik lsemanik@benet.org

World Culture Club

Learn about different countries' cultures while eating unique food specific to those countries! Join us as we explore the different countries in our world while coming together as a Benet community!

Meetings: every other Friday at 7:15

Location: M20 (Sra. Geze's room)

Communication: Benet World Culture Club instagram (@benetworldcultureclub), emails, announcements, posted on PlusPortals

Moderator: Sra. Lessard (slessard@benet.org)

Student contact: Ava Rinaldi 6ava.rinaldi@benet.org

Yearbook

The yearbook club is responsible for the design and layout as well as the sales and distribution of the school's yearbook. We work with a photography company to cover most of the school activities but as needed we take additional pictures.

Meetings: Meet weekly however, once members have an assignment they can easily work on their iPad or a home computer if it is too difficult to make club meetings. Our meetings typically last one hour. Once a month we have a deadline Friday (with lots of snacks) and stay until the deadline is complete.

Location: We meet in S202. New members are always welcome and members can choose their level of commitment. We will work around your sports schedules.

Communication: In September listen for announcements and check for emails, Instagram @benetyearbook ,

Moderator: Mrs. Grant cgrant@benet.org