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ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF STUDENT CLUB/ACTIVITIES

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Kristin Morris](#), Guidance & World Language Department

MEETS:

Goal(S):

MEMBERSHIP: Anyone interested

ACTIVITIES:

ANIME

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Sharon Kosteva & Stacy Craven](#), Mathematics Department

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To have Fun

MEMBERSHIP: Anyone interested

ACTIVITIES: Movies, Drawing, Video games, Manga, Conventions, and everything related to Anime

ASIAN CULTURE (FORMERLY MANDARIN & K-POP/DRAMA)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Fannie \(Xi\) Feng](#), World Language Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

BOOK CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Emily Coates](#), English Department

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm once a month

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

CHESS CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Jose Aleman](#), World Language Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00-3:00 pm

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

CIRRUS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Maureen Casey, Rick McHugh & Stephanie Devlin](#), Student Support Services, Social Studies Dept & World Language Dept

MEETS: Tuesdays (Room 110) and Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): Bonding; Experience the outdoors; Experience a variety of personal challenges.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Academy students

ACTIVITIES: Scheduled meetings which include local hikes, a ropes course, climbing tower, indoor climbing wall, plus a three day fall backpacking trip, two-day winter backpacking trip, rock climbing and rappelling trips, a night hike, a three day wilderness survival simulation solo, and other challenge-by-choice activities, Student instructor opportunities available.

COLORGUARD

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Rebecca Shepherd & Michael Soo](#), Music Department

MEETS:

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

DANCE

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Lauren Coffey](#), Health/Wellness Department

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): Learn and practice dance techniques; Provide opportunities to practice and perform.

MEMBERSHIP: All students interested in dance.

ACTIVITIES: Learning and practicing dance.

DECA

- **ADVISOR(S):** [John Rogers & Sarah Ricard](#), Business/DECA Department

MEETS: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

WEBSITE: [HTTP://WADECA.WEEBLY.COM](http://WADECA.WEEBLY.COM)

GOAL(S): DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in the areas of marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

MEMBERSHIP: DECA is open to grades 9-12 enrolled in one business class during each year of participation. Each member has the opportunity to participate in qualifying competitions at district, state and international conferences. There is a membership fee.

ACTIVITIES: WA's DECA Club has a nationally recognized training program to prepare it's members for competition. Members will learn problem solving, communication and presentation skills, as well as case study analysis. Online resources are provided for the convenience of those with busy schedules. Before & after school classes are held for more personal learning. There are 40+ DECA events for students to compete by themselves or with a partner; examples include: Accounting, Apparel & Accessories Marketing, Retail Merchandising, Restaurant and Hotel Management, Sports Marketing, Business Finance, Entrepreneurship, etc. DECA members travel, make new friends, build their resumes, and win scholarships. The DECA experience offers its members a distinct edge in their pursuit of college and career.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Kathe Lehan](#), Business Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To provide students the opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills and mindset by launching startups through the MIT Launch Program.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Students interested in entrepreneurship.

ACTIVITIES: In teams of 3-5, students create real startups. Through this process, students develop valuable skills in decision-making, awareness, relationship skills, and initiative. The goal is to attend MIT's final event pitch in April.

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Lauren Coffey](#), Health/Wellness Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 pm

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

FRENCH CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Jennifer Conti](#), World Languages Department

MEETS: 1st & 4th Mondays 2:00-3:15 pm

GOAL(S): To promote interest in the French language and culture of France; To provide a time and place for French students to further their study of the language and culture of France; To raise money to help support a young girl in French-speaking Africa (Togo).

MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the French Club is open to all French students at Westford Academy.

ACTIVITIES: Members are expected to help out at our major fund-raising activity, the Holiday Bazaar. Trips to Quebec and France are open on a priority basis to French Club members. A regular activity is to watch French films and sample different kinds of French food.

GERMAN CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Ashley Smith](#), World Language Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:15 - 3:15 pm

GOAL(S): To bring a touch of the German-speaking world to Westford Academy; To participate in the Holiday Bazaar, International Day, and other joint activities within the World Languages Department; To plan Christmas parties, outdoor events, immersion camping weekends,

German newspapers, evening meetings, cooking evenings, films, fundraisers, singing and dancing evenings, Oktoberfest, Fasching, U.S.W.; To support the National German Honorary Society - Delta Epsilon Phi.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all students taking German

ACTIVITIES:

GHOSTWRITER (Student Newspaper)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Janet Fonden & Jack Holbrook](#), English Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To familiarize students with all aspects of newspaper production; To provide a voice for members of the W.A. community.

MEMBERSHIP: Ghostwriter membership is open to all Westford Academy students in good standing. During the course of the year, Ghostwriter produces two issues of the newspaper and regularly publishes online.

ACTIVITIES: To be an active participant in Ghostwriter, students must submit at least four articles.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Students wishing to submit articles should include both a paper and disk copy, and turn them into Ms. Fonden or Ms. Kucaj. **WEBSITE:** waghostwriter.com

GSA GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Beth McGregor](#), Social Studies Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To address the ongoing issue of student homophobia and work to create a safe school environment that protects students from harassment, violence, and discrimination; To provide support for students who are themselves or have family members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, or transgender; To sensitize the school community to issues of diversity and provide a link to statewide efforts to educate the public about issues of homophobia.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open. Confidentiality is stressed. The GSA provides awareness activities for the school during Gay History Month, sponsors school-wide assemblies and educational exhibits, attends safe schools networking meetings with other GSA's, and participates in the annual Gay and Straight Youth Pride March.

ACTIVITIES: The GSA provides awareness activities for the school during Gay History Month, sponsors school-wide assemblies and educational exhibits, visits conferences, co-teaches in 9th grade Health classes, carries out the "Day of Silence", attends safe schools networking meetings with other GSA's, and participates in the annual Gay and Straight Youth Pride March.

HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ SHOW

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Tim Welch & Mark Quattrocchi](#), World Language Department & Mathematics Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

HOSA (Health Organization Students of America)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Sara Piper](#), Science Department

MEETS: Wednesdays (every other) 2:00-3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To encourage students who may be interested in a career in the healthcare industry; To improve public speaking and presentation skills; To develop an understanding of current healthcare issues, environmental concerns, and survival needs of the community, the nation and the world.

MEMBERSHIP: All students interested in the healthcare industry.

ACTIVITIES: There is a state competition, and a national competition. During club meetings, we will prepare for the events. There are events in literally every aspect of the healthcare industry, and they're all diverse and target different skills. We will post a detailed list of the competitive categories for this year once it is released.

HUMAN RIGHTS CLUB (Formerly Amnesty International)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Rebecca Ingerslev](#), English Department

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To make direct appeals on behalf of the victims of human rights violations; To enlist the support of others in human rights work, by publicizing and distributing information about human rights issues, and involving in its activities individuals and other community groups and organizations; To contribute to the financial support of the movement by fundraising.

MEMBERSHIP: Any Westford Academy student who meets Westford Academy's extracurricular eligibility requirement as outlined in the Student Manual. Students are expected to attend weekly meetings. We encourage students to make at least two meetings per month and participate in fundraising and community service activities. Meeting dates and times are announced at the beginning of the school year.

ACTIVITIES:

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Tim Welch](#), World Language Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): The purpose of this club is to promote an international flavor to the hallowed halls of the new Westford Academy; To work closely with the Foreign Language Clubs of Westford Academy to bring about as many international-type activities as we are able; To learn that the world is a more diverse and interesting place than the walls of our homes; To plan activities such as The International Weekend, the Short Term Exchange, a First Thanksgiving Party for Westford exchange students, or activities for any exchange group which arrives here such as the Northeimer or Untergriesbach, the French students, Japanese students, etc..

MEMBERSHIP: This club is not only open to Foreign Languages students. We want anyone who is interested in thinking globally.

ACTIVITIES:

INVESTMENT CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Beth McGregor](#), Social Studies Department

MEETS: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

JAZZ BAND

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Michael Soo](#), Music Department

MEETS: CONTACT ADVISOR for day and time.

GOAL(S): To provide an opportunity to experience and understand Jazz as an American musical style; To provide an opportunity to improvise; To develop the techniques and skills unique to the interpretation of Jazz.

MEMBERSHIP: The Jazz Ensemble is open to any student at Westford Academy by audition. All students must be able to read music and perform at a level appropriate to a high school musician. Sight-reading is part of the audition.

ACTIVITIES: Students chosen for Jazz Ensemble must attend weekly after-school rehearsals. Failure to attend rehearsals will result with the student's replacement. Rehearsal schedules are determined in discussion with ensemble members. All members are required to participate in all performances given by the ensemble during the year. A list of scheduled performances is given to all members.

JEWISH STUDENT UNION (JSU)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Kristin Morris](#), World Language Department

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Google Classroom code:baq7lda)

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

JSA - JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Julie Oakman](#), Student Support Services

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm <https://www.jsa.org/>

GOAL(S): Cultivate leadership skills/qualities; Challenge one another to think critically; Develop debate skills; Gain awareness of current events and political issues.

MEMBERSHIP: All students interested in leadership, debate, democracy, political issues, and/or current events.

ACTIVITIES: During the year, students are given the opportunity to participate in conventions held in various places around New England and a convention held in Washington D.C. During meetings, we will discuss important topics pertaining to current events and political issues. We will also prepare for conventions and conferences.

LATIN CLUB - JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Kori Pasternak](#), World Language Department

MEETS: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 2:15-3:15pm

GOAL(S): To promote and celebrate the study of Latin and classical civilizations.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all students currently enrolled in Latin.

ACTIVITIES: To be an active member of Latin Club, students must participate in initiation, attend meetings, and assist in special events such as the Holiday Bazaar and Classics Day. Optional activities include movie nights and competitions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Active members of the Latin Club who achieve an A average in both Latin I and Latin II are eligible for membership in the National Latin Honor Society.

LITERARY MAGAZINE (BEYOND WORDS)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Kristin Morris](#), World Language Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Google Classroom code: u2vvvgf)

GOAL(S): To promote publication of the Westford Community; To celebrate and showcase the creative side of Westford Academy students and faculty.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to anyone interested. Members take turns bringing snacks to our meetings. We focus on publicity, selection, editing and fundraising throughout the year. Members are expected to participate in all aspects of the club.

ACTIVITIES: Beyond Words meets once a week after school. All members have the opportunity to take on leadership roles.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Poetry, short story and photocopied art submissions can be turned into boxes in all English rooms, the Literary Magazine mailbox, or on-line. Type all written submissions; put your name and year of graduation on the back.

MARCHING BAND (INCLUDES COLORGUARD)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Michael Soo](#), Music Department

MEETS Contact advisor for day and time

GOAL(S): To perform halftime shows for all football and for town parades in the spring; To foster an atmosphere of school spirit by working with and cheering with the cheerleaders; To represent Westford Academy with excellence and pride, whether in town or out of town.

MEMBERSHIP: Any instrumentalist with playing experience is welcome. All marching techniques will be taught

ACTIVITIES: There is a band camp in mid-August and practices are generally on Mondays and Fridays in the fall, ending on thanksgiving.

ADDITIONAL INFO: In the spring, practices are held on Fridays.

MATH TEAM

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Lisa Gartner](#), Mathematics Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To extend mathematical abilities of students who have a talent and affinity for solving math problems; To expose Westford Academy students to math students from area schools who have similar abilities - they are the ones with whom they will compete/interact in college; To offer students an academic outlet and opportunity to participate in a team effort.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Academy students

ACTIVITIES: We participate in the Massachusetts Math League (MML), which has over 35 teams competing six times each school year at various sites on a Thursday each month from October through March. We hold practices every Wednesday, and the New England Math League (NEML), which has 179 teams from all six New England states competing "in house" six times each year. Participation in any fall or winter sports does not preclude joining the Westford Academy Math Team, since we have only one meet each month. The MML allows each team to bring 10 regulars, whose scores count toward the school's score, and up to 10 alternates. The regulars can consist of up to eight juniors and/or seniors (no more than four seniors) and the rest, underclassmen.

MOCK TRIAL

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Chris Gorham](#), Social Studies Department

MEETS: Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm

GOAL(S): To promote further understanding of the law, court procedures and our legal system; To increase student proficiency in skills such as listening, speaking, and reasoning; To develop advocacy skills; Familiarize students with law-related professions; Cultivate team building skills.

MEMBERSHIP: Team membership is open to all Westford Academy students.

ACTIVITIES: The team members receive a new criminal or civil case each from the MA Bar ASSOC. We divide up and try out for roles of lawyer or witness. We get into groups and rehearse these roles to prepare for Mock Trial competitions twice a week. We run the MOCK TRIAL in real courtrooms against other high school students in MA. During meetings we have fun sharing ideas, practicing law strategies, public speaking, and role playing.

ADDITIONAL INFO: This activity requires commitment and teamwork as we participate in at least three regional competitions. Developing a mock trial case involves hard work, commitment, sensitivity, creativity, and a good sense of humor.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Mike Martell](#), Social Studies Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To accurately portray the positions and interests of our chosen nations at Model UN conferences;

To encourage a greater understanding of the interconnections of the world political and economic community; To foster an appreciation of cooperative efforts to ameliorate and eradicate global concerns; Encourage international relations.

MEMBERSHIP: All members of the Westford Academy community are welcome to join Model UN, though most students come from our Issues in International Relations course. 10-15 students total.

ACTIVITIES: To be a participant, students must complete pre-conference preparation and attend after school sessions to practice parliamentary procedure and bargaining strategies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Fall Conference - Harvard Model UN December Spring Conference - Bentley Model UN May

MUSEUM CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Andy Norander & Laine Winokur](#) Social Studies Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

GOAL(S): Promote awareness of the town museum; Work with museum in staging of exhibits; Create a little museum corner in the Westford Academy library.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Academy students. Currently has about 12 active members. Should enjoy learning about the history of Westford.

ACTIVITIES: Meets usually twice a month after school. Members work at museum or at home on the exhibits or on helping to create exhibits.

OUTING CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Rick McHugh](#), Social Studies Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:10 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): Foster togetherness; See mountains and culture; Act as a follow-up/supplement to Cirrus.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Academy students

ACTIVITIES: Students can go on any or all Outing Club activities. There are usually no in-school meetings. Activities are posted about a week before taking place through announcements.

PROGRAMMING

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Anjli Trehan](#), Mathematics Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To promote interest in Computer Science and computer programming; To have fun programming and learning about computers; To give an opportunity to interested students to participate in a fun and challenging computer science competition.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to any student interested in computer science and programming

ACTIVITIES: Learning about a variety of topics in computer science; Brainstorming solutions to programming problems; Opportunity to participate in a variety of programming contests.

ROBOTICS

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Jeff Warren](#)

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm & every Friday - 2:00-6:00 pm

GOAL(S): To design, build and program a robot to compete in the US FIRST Technology Challenge (FTC), advancing as far as we can within that competition.

MEMBERSHIP: Anyone who is interested in robotics and programming is welcome to join. Previous experience (or lack thereof) does not matter to us, all we ask is that our members are dedicated to helping the team succeed. We expect people to make a serious effort to attend most meetings.

ACTIVITIES: This club participates in the US FIRST Technology Challenge (FTC). The challenge is announced early in September. We begin right away by brainstorming how to attack the design and autonomous programming of the challenge. We discuss different designs for the robot and choose the best path to achieve those designs. We spend many hours programming, building and modifying our plans. Our competition season starts in December and runs until March. State and regional finals begin in April. The world championships are in May.

SADD & HERREN PROJECT

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Melanie Jozokos & Laurie Rybicki](#), Health/Wellness Department & Student Support Services

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 2:30 pm

GOAL(S): To promote the message that drinking and driving don't mix; To emphasize the message that it is illegal for those under 21 years of age to drink; To encourage the use of seat belts; To encourage the avoidance of all substances (ex: cigarettes, steroids) that are bad for your health; To promote a caring and supportive school environment by providing positive peer pressure. [Herren Project](#)

MEMBERSHIP: SADD membership is open to all students in good standing

ACTIVITIES: SADD Awareness Week; Bake Sale at Holiday Bazaar; SADD Semi Formal; Ghost Day; Mock Accident; SADD Limo Raffle for Senior Prom; SADD basket at Senior Prom.

SCIENCE TEAM

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Leslie Garrison](#), Science Department

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Classroom code ysw34z5)

GOAL(S): To promote an interest in the sciences; To discover new areas of scientific knowledge; Participate in the science competitions.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all interested students in grades 9-12

ACTIVITIES: Participate in the Science Olympiad, as well as USABO and UNSCO; Raise money for at the Holiday Bazaar; Do various fun experiments.

SKI CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Andrea Pickersgill & Maureen Casey](#), World Language Dept & Student Support Services

MEETS: Once monthly Oct-Dec. Contact Advisor for interest.

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP: Students register and pay online. WA Club fee is waived. Registration information can be obtained from WA Spanish teacher, [Ms. Pickersgill](#).

ACTIVITIES: 6 weeks at Wachusett Mountain early Jan-mid February.

SMASH CLUB (WASC)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Anjli Trehan](#), Mathematics Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOALS(S): To provide students an opportunity to relax and have fun playing Super Smash Bros games; To offer tournaments to interested members.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to any student interested in playing Super Smash Bros games.

ACTIVITIES: Opportunity to participate in a variety of game tournaments; Opportunity to participate in school events like Throwback Teen Center.

SPANISH CLUB

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Jose Aleman](#), World Language Department

MEETS: Thursdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): To promote an interest in Hispanic language and culture; To provide an opportunity to speak Spanish outside the classroom.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to all WA students taking Spanish as well as those who would like to increase their knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world.

ACTIVITIES: Spanish Club celebrates holidays such as Mexican Independence Day, Día de los Muertos, La Navidad, and Cinco de Mayo. Other club events include movie nights, restaurant trips, crafts, and trips to local events such as concerts or performances.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The fundraiser for the club is the Holiday Bazaar, which involves preparing and selling Hispanic food and drink items.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Scott Cruikshank](#), Social Studies Department

MEETS: Tuesdays & Thursday from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

GOAL(S): Improve public speaking skills; Teach logical, structured argumentation; Develop presentation and communication skills.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Academy Students

ACTIVITIES: All members are expected to attend one practice session a week and to do some independent practice as well. This activity requires hard work and commitment. Tournaments are usually about twice a month, always on Saturdays. They take the entire day, and each member is expected to attend as many as possible.

TROUBADOURS

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Ken Culver](#), Music Department

MEETS: Fridays 2:00 - 3:30 pm

GOAL(S): This ensemble is focused on learning familiar string literature and performing in Westford and the surrounding communities.

MEMBERSHIP: This ensemble is run as a club and students are encouraged, but not required, to be at all rehearsals and performances. Some students play for only portions year on account of conflicts with sports or other time commitments. We are in the process of setting performance dates. Performances are planned throughout the year and are not mandatory.

ACTIVITIES: The Troubadours have performed at the WPS December Mentor/Mentee gathering, the FAME dinner dance in April, the Miller library dedication, the WPS June Mentor/Mentee gathering, Westford Academy WACapella night and the Day School Strings Concert (Participants from last year can tell you about the food provided at each venue!)

WA CAPPELLA

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Karen St. George](#), Music Department

MEETS: Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm in Room 100

GOAL(S): WAcapella seeks to enrich the experience of our vocal musicians through offering something beyond the daily class ensemble. Singers will have a strong influence of the goals of the group from year to year. This year we hope to share more performances with a wider audience.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership in WAcapella is based on annual auditions to create a balanced ensemble. We need all voice parts and vocal percussion to make a well-rounded group.

ACTIVITIES: WAcapella will explore adding Wednesday rehearsals and a wider variety of performance venues in the coming year.

WAELO (Westford Academy English Literacy Outreach)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Melanie Jozokos](#), Health/Wellness Department

MEETS: Twice a month on Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 pm waeloclub@gmail.com

GOAL(S): Our Mission: To reach out to and educate the young Burmese refugees in our community.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Academy students

ACTIVITIES: Tutor kids (k-12) on any subject, build relationships and have conversations with them, help find useful academic resources for each subject and grade level. It's a great way to receive volunteer hours!

WA Friends/BEST BUDDIES

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Cheryl Denaro & Jill Sidelinger](#), Student Support Services

MEETS: [Best Buddies 2020 / 2021](#)

GOAL(S): .

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

ADDITIONAL INFO: [Best Buddies Video](#)

WOMEN IN STEM (24%)

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Jennifer Hoffman](#), Science Department

MEETS: Wednesdays 2:00 - 2:45 pm

GOAL(S):

MEMBERSHIP:

ACTIVITIES:

WESTFORD ACADEMY ORGANIZATIONS (versus a CLUB):

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Gil Fuhr](#), Mathematics Department

MEETS: Last Wednesday of the month 2:15 - 3:15 pm

GOAL(S): To recognize students who excel in scholarship, leadership, service, and character; To encourage students to assist others; To encourage students to lead by example.

MEMBERSHIP: Any student who has a 3.60 GPA (not rounded) or better is invited to apply for membership. In addition to the GPA requirement, students must provide proof of leadership, service, and good character.

ACTIVITIES: Students are required to attend monthly meetings, to take part in fundraising activities and service projects, and do a minimum of 40 hours of service per year. Dues are currently \$10 per year.

PEER COUNSELING

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Heidi Hider & Susan Lynch](#), Guidance Department

MEETS: As scheduled by Advisors

GOAL(S): Assist high school peers with freshmen orientation, 8th grade move up day, group counseling, assembly programs, mentoring new students, and much more; Participate in outreach education to the elementary and middle schools by running workshops on topics such as sexual harassment, bullying, prejudice, etc.; Provide caring and empathetic role modeling to peers in need of help.

MEMBERSHIP: Interested students in grade 10 and 11 are invited to apply each spring. Following a full day of training, peer counselors are then prepared to volunteer for the programs supported by peer counselors. If you are interested in applying, please see your counselor.

ACTIVITIES: Once training is completed, you will be required to participate in at least two of the many activities run by peer counselors. You will also be expected to attend mandatory monthly meetings where we provide ongoing training and prepare for upcoming presentations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional training and special conferences on various teen issues are available each year for peer counselors to participate in. Volunteer opportunities are also available after school.

STUDENT COUNCIL

- **ADVISOR(S):** [Betsy Murphy & Jennifer Ganley](#), Dean & World Language Dept

MEETS: Thursdays 6:50 - 7:25 am (PAC)

GOAL(S): To promote school spirit; To act as the law making body of the school (hear grievances, discuss school rules); Group attends school committee meetings and attends state meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: A total of 24 students plus Student Council members at large (varies)

ACTIVITIES: Each class elects six student representatives to Student Council. Those who run, but are not elected may petition the elected Student Council members for Student Council Member at Large status. The members of Student Council then elect an Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Student Council sponsors many events throughout the year including:

Spirit Week, Spirit Rally, Powder Puff football game, Canned Food Drive, Elections, Holiday Bazaar, Secret Admirer's Day, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, Community Service

WA PRIDE - Community Service Organization

- **ADVISORS:** [Melanie Jozokos](#), Health/Wellness Department

MEETS: Meets as announced. Website: [WA PRIDE](#)

GOAL: Connecting students to volunteer opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP: Open to all Westford Academy students. Please join to receive volunteer opportunities via email. Sign up at the activities fair, come to a meeting as announced on WABC, or email the advisors.

ACTIVITIES: Check out the "Community Service (WA Pride)" web page under "Students" for an extensive list of specific volunteer opportunities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On-going Opportunities:

- **Ghosts and Goblins:** Westford Academy students mentor or tutor elementary school students after school at the Crisafulli or Abbot School. WA students have meaningful interactions with the elementary students, such as designing activities, helping them with homework, and meeting new friends. Students must be able to commit 1 day per week for the entirety of the school year.
- **Book Buddies:** Westford Academy students read books and stories to children from kindergarten to second grade. The children love to see high school students come visit them!
- **Cam Crew:** Students spend time working with the Cameron Senior Center or assist senior citizens in Westford by raking their yards or shoveling snow.
- **UNICEF:** Various fundraising activities to benefit UNICEF.

New community service opportunities are consistently coming to our attention throughout the school year, so keep checking the WA Pride website.

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