



## **Ballston Spa High School Clubs & Activities Guide 2023 - 2024**

(For a copy please see Mrs. Petryna in the A/P Office)

- **American Sign Language**

- This club is for anyone grades 9 - 12 that wants to learn an amazing new way to communicate. We will learn about and to communicate with the deaf culture.
  - Ms. Stevens
  - Meeting Times: 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 2:30p in Rm 327

- **Ballston Buddies**

- This club matches students with intellectual disabilities with High School students from general education to create one-to-one friendships.
  - Mr. Hengsterman & Ms. Osborn
  - Meeting Times: Wed at 2:30p in Rm 242

- **Biology Club / Envirothon**

- This is a group of students who study environmental issues in four areas: Soils, aquatics, wildlife, and forestry, in order to compete at the local and state levels of Envirothon. In addition, each year we study a current topic and prepare a solution to an environmental problem in the area of the current topic.
  - Mrs. Marcotullio
  - Meeting Times: Weekly on Tues at 2:30pm in Rm 314

- **Book Club**

- The purpose of Book Club is to foster the love of books and reading, as well as leadership, scholarship, citizenship, and character within the BSMS community. Student members assist in organizing and promoting reading by choosing books they love and want to share with others. Meetings include discussions about books: their plots, themes, characters, etc. Students decide what books will be read. Each student chooses a book and then leads that book's discussion.
  - Mrs. Marshall-Sala
  - Meeting Times: 1st & 3rd Tues at 2:30p in Rm 231

- **Class Council Clubs**

- The class officers, student council representatives, and all interested students within that grade meet to organize and run fundraising activities to benefit the class, the High School, and the community. You start as freshmen to fundraise funds for your senior year activities (ie: Prom, Sr Banquet, etc). Getting involved with your class promotes class unity/morale.
  - Senior Class - Ms. Gouvitsas & Ms. Hughes
    - Meeting Times: Thurs bi-weekly @ 2:30p in the MS Rm 114
  - Junior Class - Ms. Layer & Mr. Gromulat
    - Meeting Times: Thurs @ 2:30p in AP Conf Rm
  - Sophomore Class - Ms. Talavera
    - Meeting Times: Thurs bi-weekly @ 2:30p in Rm 333
  - Freshman Class - Ms. Selig
    - Meeting Times: Tues @ 2:30p in Rm 330

- **Environmental Club**

- This club promotes and continues the High School recycling program which the club established. The club's mission is to educate the Ballston Spa High School Community about the importance of conservation and sustainability of our natural resources and environment.
  - Mrs. Selig
    - Meeting Times: Wednesday twice a month at 2:30p Rm 330

- **Gender Equality Club**

- This club raises awareness for the advocacy of women's rights and is recognized internationally.
  - Ms. Massie
    - Meeting Times: Last Tuesday of every month at 2:30p in Rm 208

- **GSA**

- This club is student-led and creates a comfortable space for students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
  - Ms. Marcincuk
    - Meeting Times: Wednesdays 2x per mo at 2:30p in Rm 214

- **Interact Club**

- This is a community service group associated with the Rotary Club. Students will enhance their leadership skills, increase their volunteering, create new friendships, and make a difference in the communities.
  - Ms. Bengle & Ms. Gallagher
    - Meeting Times: 2nd & 4th Thurs at 2:30p in Guidance

- **International Club**

- This club is for students who are interested in exploring world languages and cultures. We hope to increase multicultural awareness among members and learn about new cultures while sharing cultural and ethnic traditions of our own.

- Ms. Ahl

- Meeting Times: 1st & 3rd Wed at 2:30pm in Rm 345

- **Music Activities Club**

- Tri-M is a music honor society. You must be accepted into this based on the national criteria.

- Mrs. Seymour & Mrs. Reeves

- Meeting Times: Tues 1x p/month for members and 1x p/month for officers in room 116

- **National Honor Society (NHS)**

- This club is the front-runner of organizations and societies that promote appropriate recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of **scholarship, character, leadership, and service**.

- Mrs. Grube-Edwards & Ms. Carlson

- Meeting Times: Twice per month on Tues (varies/see schedule) at 2:30pm in the library

- **Outdoor Club**

- This is a club designed to get students involved and connected with the National and State Parks while participating in hiking safety, ultimate frisbee, shelter building, emergency preparedness, biking in the Adirondacks, etc.

- Mr. Balet & Mr. Walterich

- Meeting Times: 1st & 3rd Thurs at 2:30pm in Rm 244

- **Peer Mentoring**

- The purpose of the Peer Mentoring Group is to assist students who have social difficulties in their classes and in other areas. The peer mentors help students understand social cues and have positive social interactions. This is a fun and interactive group that makes a difference in creating connections in our school and community.

- Ms. Northrup & Ms. Wert

- Meeting Times: One Tuesday per month at 2:30p in Rm 232

- **Robotics Club**

- This club is committed to competing in a Robotics Competition. Students work closely with teachers, engineering mentors, non-engineering mentors, parents, and community members to develop an appreciation for the technical and business complexities of fielding competitive robots.
  - Mr. Ackroyd & Ms. Bottisti
    - Meeting Times: Mon-Thurs 4p-9p, Fri 6-7p, and Sat 10a-2p at the Tech Lab Room 114

- **Science Club**

- This is an academic, interscholastic competition that consists of a series of individual and team events, which the students prepare for throughout the year. The events are well balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. The team of 15 students competes in 23 events, which range from construction of a robot, plane, solar collector, Rube Goldberg to college level pen-and-paper assessments.
  - Mr. Poirer & Ms. Rousseau
    - Meeting Times: Tues/Thurs (as needed) at 2:30p in Rm 324

- **Ski Club**

- Skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts enjoy some evenings at West Mountain renting equipment, taking lessons, skiing, and snowboarding.
  - Ms. Bengle & Ms. Gallagher
    - Meeting Times: Tues at 2:30-8pm West Mtn

- **Skills U.S.A**

- This club creates a partnership between students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It helps each student excel with events and competitions that support career as well as technical education in the nation's classrooms.
  - Mr. Fischer
    - Meeting Times: Tues & Wed @ 2:30p in Rm 230

- **Sponsor-A-Scholar**

- This club is dedicated to supporting, advising, and mentoring students in grades 10 - 12 who are committed to being successful in school and who want to attend college.
  - Ms. Stehle, Ms. Wilcox, & Ms. Larkin
    - Meeting Times: Tues bi-weekly @ 2:30p in Guidance

- **Student Council**

- This club addresses student concerns in the area of student government and serves as the liaison between the administration and the student body.
  - Ms. Gearwar & Ms. Hopeck
    - Meeting Times: 1st & 3rd Tues @ 2:30p in Rm 337

- **Students Helping Students (SHS)**

- Students will be tutoring and/or mentoring students in the Middle School.
  - Ms. Wilcox & Ms. Hazlet
    - Meeting Times: Wed at 2:30 @ MS Library

- **Swing Club**

- This is an opportunity for all students from all parts of our school district to get together, share their love of dance, and have a great time.
  - Mr. Romano
    - Meeting Times: Wed at 5p front entrance of the HS

- **Tri-M/Music Activities**

- We are an international music honor society that supports activities in the music department through volunteering and fundraising. We also participate in community events and share our music as a community service in addition to our scheduled music groups.
  - Ms. Seymour & Ms. Reeves
    - Meeting Times: Tues x1 mo & Officers on Thurs x1 mo at 2:30p @ Rm 116

- **Troupe**

- The Drama Troupe performs two productions each year. Both musicals and plays are presented. Students are invited to audition for action roles or to apply for technical positions. Rehearsals are held during the week, after school or at night.
  - Mr. Lopez & Mr. Gazendorfer
    - Meeting Times: Tues, Wed, Thurs at 2:30p in the Aud.

- **Yearbook**

- The club plans and designs the yearbook. Students take pictures, choose layouts, organize receipts, and collaborate to choose the best design of the book. Advisors guide students through the decision-making process.
  - Ms. Wert & Ms. Vivian
    - Meeting Times: Wednesdays at 2:30p in Rm 107