

Holliston High School

Activities & Clubs

2011 – 2012

Art Club

Advisor: Mr. Lack

The Art Club is an after-school enrichment program where students are encouraged to work on their own ideas, help curate exhibits in STUDIO370, participate with large scale projects such as props and sets for various theater productions, complete assigned art projects from the various course offerings, or just hang out. Mr. Lack is the advisor to the club, which meets most Thursdays after school in room 403.

Band

Advisor: Mr. Lordan

Open to all students who play a brass, woodwind, or a percussion instrument. The band plays a variety of music from Classical standards to Contemporary arrangements. Performances include three annual concerts and all home football games.

Best Buddies

Advisors: Ms. Bodmer & Ms. Connoni

The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. These friendships help increase self-esteem, confidence and the abilities of people with and without intellectual disabilities.

Chorus, Harmonix, & Act Two

Advisor: Mr. Britton

Chorus: Open to all students. Chorus either meets as a class for a term and/or semester, or meets during DSB. Any student in any option is considered part of the Chorus. Come sing a wide variety of styles in numerous concerts during the year. Nearly 100 of your friends are already a part of it...come join the fun!

Harmonix: This women's chorus is open to all female students and meets in the evening. The music is a bit harder than chorus so it is a group for the more advanced singers. We sing in numerous concerts during the year, including Orlando!

Act Two: This group is like Harmonix but is a mixed ensemble that has both men and women's voices. You'll sing with 20-30 of the best singers in school and really show off your skills and love of singing. Rehearsals are in the evening and there are a number of concerts during the year.

Environmental Club

Advisor: Ms. Frost

Holliston High School's Environmental Club members have a strong mission to both serve and educate. Members coordinate the recycling of paper and bottles/cans in all areas of the High School, thus significantly reducing the financial and environmental cost of trash. Club members are also engaged in educating the Holliston public and k-12 students about environmentally sustainable life styles.

Enigma - Literary Magazine

Advisor: Mr. Murphy

Enigma Literary Magazine has an editorial board of students who select art and writing from student and faculty submissions. Many editors are also contributors to the magazine which is published in color twice each school year. If you can't join, you can still submit your poetry, fiction, or art!

French Club

Advisor: Ms. Caccavale

Le Cercle Francais meets once a month after school and once a month in the evening for French Movie Night. 2011-12 activities will include a field trip to the Cloisters in NYC and a trip to see Les Miserables in Boston in March 2012.

Gay/Straight Alliance

Advisor: Ms. Eagle

The Gay/Straight Alliance works to promote respect toward ALL students at HHS. We organize the annual Day of Silence and try to raise awareness of the danger posed by prejudice and stereotypes.

Jazz Band

Advisor: Mr. Lordan

An ensemble that plays a variety of Jazz and Latin standards. Auditions are held for trumpets, trombones, saxophones, and rhythm section (bass, drums, piano, and guitar) during the first few weeks of the school year.

Law Team/Mock Trial Team

Advisor: Mr. Healy

The Law Team/Mock Trial Team introduces students to the trial process in criminal and civil matters. Students have the opportunity to participate in mock trials and prepare cases for presentation in a competitive forum that requires visits to area courthouses. Students may play roles as lawyers or witnesses in mock trial competition. This team will require members to develop skills in preparation, strategy, public speaking, debate, and organization, among other qualities.

Math Team

Advisor: Ms. Katuska

The Math Team will give students an opportunity to work on interesting and challenging math problems, and to compete as a team in the Worcester County Math League. Opportunities for other individual or team competitions will also be explored.

Model United Nations

Advisor: Mr. McGuinness

Model United Nations is a club that focuses on global issues and international relations. In addition to participation in area Model UN Conferences with students across New England, we work to increase awareness of important global issues for ourselves and the whole Holliston High School community. Students role-play actual nation-states in the UN general Assembly and work with other nations to pass resolutions addressing various global issues. See our bulletin board outside room 613 for more information.

National Honors Society

Advisor: Ms. Miracle

The Aristos Chapter of the National Honor Society is a by invitation-only club for students who demonstrate outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service to their community. It is a branch of a nationally recognized organization. To be invited to submit a portfolio for membership consideration, students must have a 28 or greater Quality Point Average at the end of the **first** semester of their sophomore or junior year. This average can be found in students' Naviance accounts. It is different from the Grade Point Average because the QPA takes honors classes into consideration to arrive at a weighted GPA. NHS does 4-5 mandatory service events a year, and NHS members are expected to do 30 hours of community service a year. They also must have a leadership project each year that benefits the community in some significant way. Meetings are held every month. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Miracle, room 616, or check out the Teacher Web Page for MHS located under clubs.

Peer Leaders

Advisor: Ms. Harwich

Peer Leaders are selected juniors and seniors who provide assistance, support, and outreach on personal, social, and school issues to fellow students. Activities include, but are not limited to the following: 8th grade tours, partnering with students new to HHS, visiting Wellness classes at the middle school, visiting 6th grade classes to talk about friendships, visiting Advisories to talk about Clubs and Activities, Keys to Success at HHS, and Preparing for Final Exams.

Robotics Club

Advisor: Mr. Hering

The Robotics Club is a team of students who design, build and operate a robot to compete against other high school teams in a regional competition. The club challenges students to work together to solve a common problem using a standard "kit of parts" and a common set of rules. Participants work with engineers and other experts in turning their ideas into a functional robot that accomplishes predefined goals.

SADD

Advisor: Mr. Wechsler

SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, is a school-based organization dedicated to addressing the issues of drunk driving, drug use, and other destructive decisions of young people. SADD's mission is to provide students with the best prevention and intervention tools possible to deal with the serious issues young adults are facing today. The Holliston High School SADD program meets every other week and discusses a wide variety of issues relevant to students today, and encourages students not to participate in activities with destructive consequences.

Student Advisory Council

Advisor: Mr. Bernstein

This club serves as a link between the administration and the student body. We identify and address student issues and work with the administration to determine a solution.

Student Council

Advisor: Mr. Quindley

Student Council, a prominent student government organization, giving students a voice in determining school activities and environment. It helps promote activities for the entire student body at Holliston High School and fosters a positive climate throughout the school.

Theatre 370

Advisor: Mr. Hickey

“Theatre 370” the extra curricular theatre program puts on four shows a year: a Fall Musical, The State Drama Festival, One-Acts, and a Spring Play.

FALL MUSICAL: “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” - Auditions have taken place, however we are still accepting Tech Crew members – The cast rehearses 3-4 afternoons/evenings a week. The Tech Crew schedule is flexible. The Production is presented the weekend before Thanksgiving. Most recent musicals have been: *The Sound of Music, Zombie Prom, Bye, Bye Birdie, and Annie Get Your Gun.*

"GLOBEFEST": Actually termed as The Massachusetts High School Drama Festival which is a statewide competition, involving over 100 high schools from all around the state that perform a one-act play, either original or scripted, at various sites around the state. This year Holliston will be one of the 14 host sites for the preliminary round. For the past 8 years Holliston has entered a self-scripted piece to the festival and have moved on to both the semi-finals and final round. Auditions for the Drama Festival are held in early December, rehearsals run in the afternoon and the competitions are held throughout the month of March.

"ONE ACTS": A student-initiated event where SENIORS are invited to propose and direct a one act play using Holliston High School students auditioning during the winter. Auditions will

be held some time in January and rehearsals will be held intermittently throughout the months of January to May. Performances are slated for some time late May/early June

SPRING PLAY: *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare - Auditions take place March 6 & 7, 2012 and the performances will be held May3-5. Rehearsals run 3-4 afternoons a week. Recent plays have been, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Teach me How to Cry*, *Up the Down Staircase* and *Stage Door*.

Ultimate Frisbee

Advisor: Mr. C. Levasseur

The Ultimate Frisbee Club is a co-ed club team that competes against other High School Ultimate Frisbee teams in the state. We practice everyday after school during the spring season and play several games each week along with weekend tournaments.

UNICEF

Advisor: Ms. O'Brien

UNICEF, also known as the United Nations Children's Fund, is a non-profit organization that works to fight global child survival. UNICEF focuses on health/immunizations, nutrition, water/sanitation, HIV/AIDS, emergency response, education, and child protection. As a club, UNICEF participates in a year-long curriculum that allows club members to educate their peers about global humanitarian issues, and fundraise to support the cause.

Vision - High School Newspaper

Advisor: Ms. Finnegan

The Vision is the monthly newspaper written and produced entirely by students. Staff members can write about school sports, review new music and movies, take photos or write opinion pieces on what's happening at HHS!

WHHB Radio Station

Advisor: Mr. Bailey

WHHB Radio, 99.9 FM Holliston is a student-run, student-operated FM radio station that trains students to have their own shows and/or produce spots to be played on the radio. Shows are 2 hours long between the hours of 2 and 10 p.m. or in the morning before school. See Mr. Bailey in room 605 for more information.

Yearbook - The Mount Hollis

Advisor: Ms. Eagle

The Mount Hollis Yearbook is a yearly publication. The yearbook is made for all students in the high school, freshmen through senior, and chronicles the events throughout the year. The yearbook involves photographing sports, classes, and events that occur at the school throughout the year; as well as writing about school events, soliciting business ads, fundraising, coordinating yearbook activities, and publishing the final book. The help of everyone and anyone is greatly appreciated!