

# 2024-25 Guide to BCHS Student Clubs & Activities

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## [ALANA \(African American, Latinx, Asian, Native American & Allies\)](#)

ALANA (African, Latinx, Asian, Native American, & Allies) is a student alliance that promotes cultural awareness, inclusion, diversity, and leadership. It offers a safe and empowering space to hear and consider each other's voices and opinions. The club meets every other week on Thursdays. **Advisor: Ms. DeVanzo & Ms. Turo**

## [Amnesty International](#)

An official student branch of the larger organization, Amnesty International Club meets to focus on topics including freedom of speech, tolerance, and the refugee crisis. The club's mission is to support human rights in the community and worldwide so every person can enjoy the freedoms they deserve. **Advisor: Mrs. Atallah**

## [Art Club](#)

Art Club students create fun, safe, and imaginative after-school art activities and spread positivity through public art. This is an opportunity for students interested in participating and promoting positive creativity at BCHS and within the community. **Advisor: Mrs. Hahn**

## [Bass-On-Up](#)

A choral group for tenor and bass singers, this ensemble works well for students who don't have time to join an in-school choral group. No auditions are required. **Advisor: Mr. Dashew**

## [BC Build It](#)

BC Build It manufactures in-house goods such as t-shirts and awards for school district groups and events, allowing students to learn various manufacturing systems and how to promote their products in the process. **Co-advisors: Mr. Fana & Mr. Shannon**

## [BCHS Computer Science Honor Society](#)

The BCHS Computer Science Honor Society is composed of students who have shown success in rigorous computer science courses. The selection of annual members is based on three qualities, that all members must exhibit; computer science achievement, leadership, and service. **Advisor: Mrs. Noonan**

## [BCHS Eagles Ultimate Frisbee](#)

Join our team and learn the amazing sport of Ultimate! This club sport welcomes both new and experienced players who want to learn the game and compete with other schools. We currently host two teams, a "Varsity", and "Junior Varsity". We play hard, have fun, and spread the "spirit of the game." **Advisor: Mr. Nicholas**

## [BCHS LMC Book Club](#)

In a partnership between the HS LMC and the Bethlehem Public Library, students are provided with a selection of titles to read independently; after which, readers will meet to discuss the titles they read. **Advisor: Mrs. Eldeen**

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## **BCHS Medical Club**

Medical Club seeks to inspire students who are interested in the healthcare field. We do science activities to learn about human body systems, invite guest speakers to talk about medical careers, take part in the annual Donate Life campaign, and many other healthcare-related activities. **Advisor: Mrs. Ladd**

## **BCHS No Place for Hate**

BCHS No Place for Hate (NP4H) is a national initiative of the ADL. We work to combat hate in schools and put peace, tolerance, and acceptance in their rightful place. We focus on fighting against all bias, and bullying to promote a school environment where all can thrive. Our goal is to make everyone feel safe and supported in the school and try to make the world a little better than we found it. NP4H meets biweekly. **Advisor: Ms. Barcia**

## **BCHS Robotics Team**

Teams of 9th-12th grade students meet after school to design, build, program, and test robots to participate in regional VEX Robotics Competitions. **Advisor: Mr. Fana**

## **BC Weekend Backpack Program**

Introduced by the Student Senate in 2017, this program aims to help address food insecurity and shortage issues that affect some of the students in our district; providing backpacks filled with food and/or hygiene items for when school is not in session, focusing on weekends, holidays and school breaks. Program volunteers will meet before the start of the school day on Fridays (and before breaks) to help sort and pack food items. Participation in this program may count towards community service hours. **Advisor: Mr. Irons**

## **Best Buddies Club**

Best Buddies is a club that builds one-to-one friendships by pairing students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, offering social interactions and activities both in and out of school. The club officers meet the first Thursday of the month and all members meet later in the month engaging in a variety of activities appropriate for all members. Several times during the school year, the entire club gathers to participate in an out-of-school event. All club members are required to register with Best Buddies International. **Co-advisors: Mrs. Ciavardoni & Mrs. Knott**

## **Bethlehem Central Pickleball Club (BCPC)**

This club is open to all students regardless of level. Learn the rules, play pickleball, and have lots of fun. Meets weekly. **Advisor: Mr. Evans**

## **Bethlehem Chapter of NYS Math Honor Society**

The NYS Math Honor Society seeks recognition for students who have completed at least 3 semesters of high school mathematics, have an 85% annual average in their current math courses, and have an 85% overall GPA. Its goals for accepted members are to enhance knowledge and understanding through activities outside of the classroom and to create enthusiasm for futures in the mathematics fields. Club members also actively participate in our peer tutoring program which helps students at all levels. **Advisor: Mrs. Ryan**

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## Bethlehem Ski Club

The Bethlehem Ski Club offers an outlet to students in the winter to ski at a local ski resort at an affordable price during the school week. Trips take place after school by bus. BC students in grades 6-12, at every level from beginner to expert, are welcome to ski or snowboard. We look forward to a great ski season with many fun memories. **Advisor: Mr. Hogan**

## Buy-It/School Store

Personable and responsible students are always needed to work in the store. Tasks include interacting with the public, stocking/keeping an inventory of items, and assisting with general store maintenance. **Advisor: Mrs. Brown**

## Car Club

A club designed to promote awareness about the automotive industry, develop automotive maintenance skills, and promote camaraderie among automotive enthusiasts. **Advisor: Mr. Cancio**

## Cinematography Club

The Cinematography Club will document school events and create short films. The club will work to increase skills in editing, storytelling, directing, collaboration, acting, and more, all of which will aid members in future career paths. **Advisor: Ms. Anderson**

## Class Councils

The Junior and Senior class councils are a part of the school government that meets regularly to discuss upcoming events and school policies. The primary goal is to raise money for class functions including the Jr. Prom, Sr. Ball, and other school events. **Jr. Class Advisors: Mr. Carlino & Mrs. Lynch, Sr. Class Advisor: Ms. Westervelt**

## Coloring Club

Come join us on Friday afternoons for relaxing coloring and casual socialization. Students are encouraged to stop by when they are available and choose from a variety of exciting coloring sheets or to work on an art project of their choice. **Advisor: Mrs. LeDuc**

## Concert Singers

This is a non-audition ensemble for soprano and alto singers and is ideal for those who do not have time to join an in-school choral group. **Advisor: Mr. Dashew**

## Cricket Club

Experience the joy of cricket in a welcoming, non-competitive environment with the BCHS Cricket Club. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, our club focuses on learning the game, fostering teamwork, and enjoying the sheer fun of cricket through our casual games **Advisor: Mr. Patel**

## Crossword Puzzle Club

Students meet twice a month to work on crossword puzzles. **Advisor: Mr. Guilfoyle**

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## [CS++ \(Formally Girls Who Code\)](#)

CS++ 's mission is to increase exposure to computer science concepts and provide experiences that give female students the skills to succeed in a 21st-century world. The BCHS chapter is run by our own BCHS CSHS students who have completed college-level computer science coursework. **Advisor: Mrs. Noonan**

## [Dungeons and Dragons](#)

Students meet to play the fantasy tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons and Dragons. **Advisor: Mrs. Edgar**

## [Environmental Club](#)

This club meets weekly to discuss and plan projects that improve the environment. Projects involve creative crafting with recycled materials, gardening, and raising funds to donate to environmental groups. **Advisor: Mrs. Engelson**

## [Esports Club](#)

Esports Club meets to foster a positive and productive gaming community within BCHS. Students learn internet hygiene and etiquette, practice good sportsmanship in and outside of official regional competitions, participate in local esports tournaments, and gain scholarship opportunities. **Advisor: Ms. Nigro**

## [FACS Club: Cooking & Crafting for the Community](#)

FACS Club meets the first and third week of the month to cook and craft together as an act of service within the school, our district, and the community. Students work together to make food and various craft items to support a variety of initiatives such as Teacher Appreciation Week, Police Week, Veterans Day, and Fire Prevention Month to name a few. We also host the MS Junior Chef students for a make-and-take dinner event. **Advisor: Mrs. Hayes**

## [Fashion Club](#)

Fashion Club is a meeting of students interested in the world of fashion and the many different styles and techniques used to create it. The club meets on a bi-weekly basis. Past creations have included mood boards, distressed jeans, dyed fashion and fabric, and altered t-shirts. Generally, group time is spent experimenting with a variety of techniques used to create different styles. All are welcome! **Advisor: Mrs. Hahn**

## [Film Club](#)

Film Club members watch a film one week and then meet the following week to discuss the film and current topics related to it. **Advisor: Mrs. Turo**

## [French Club](#)

For students interested in the French language and francophone cultures. All levels are welcome! **Advisor: Mrs. Pellitteri**

## [French Honor Society](#)

A local chapter of the National French Honor Society; this group emphasizes service and scholarship while promoting French language and francophone cultures within the Bethlehem community. Members serve as

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peer tutors and participate in service projects. Applications are accepted in the fall and spring. **Advisor: Mrs. Pellitteri**

## Friendship Bracelet Club

BC Friendship Bracelet Club is a group focused on creating and exchanging friendship bracelets. Bracelets are created to give to students or groups to bring joy to someone's day. At meetings, we bond through the shared craft of making bracelets, often made from threads and exchanged as symbols of friendship. Meets bi-weekly.

**Advisor: Mrs. Eldeen**

## Graphic Design Club

This club makes graphic design accessible to everyone from those who want to learn all about it to those who want to pursue a potential career in the field. Students will learn all about graphic design and be able to experiment and receive feedback on making pieces using programs such as Canva. **Advisor: Mr. Fong**

## Helping Hands

Working with the middle school's Helping Hands club, this club hopes to increase student community service involvement at the high school. We meet every other Wednesday. **Advisor: Mr. Patel**

## High School Garden Club

This club provides a great way for students to learn about gardening and gain hands-on experience growing a variety of flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Our goal is to foster the love of gardening and to share the fruits of our labor while beautifying the courtyards and grounds of the high school. Join others like you who have a passion for transforming green spaces into color gardens that everyone can enjoy! **Advisor: Mr. Warford**

## HS Pep Band ("Hooligans")

The HS Pep Band meets every Friday Period 9 in the Band Room for rehearsals. The Pep Band plays at many BCHS sporting events including home football, soccer, and hockey games. The Pep Band also plays at most senior nights, the first and last day of school, and the Pep Rally. The 2023-2024 had 21 members and we're always looking for new members. Come check us out!! **Advisor: Mrs. Ciavardoni**

## Jazz Lab Band

This non-auditioned group meets weekly after school. Members are required to be in the school's band/orchestra program unless playing piano or guitar. Reading music is a must for this ensemble. **Advisor: Mr. Beauregard**

## Jazztic Measures

This auditioned ensemble meets weekly in the evening. The auditions are open to students with at least 1-year experience in Jazz Lab Band. Reading sheet music and notation is a must. **Advisor: Mr. Beauregard**

## Jewish Food Club

Jewish Food Club is a place for both Jewish and non-Jewish students to experience Jewish foods and learn about Jewish culture. We enjoy different Jewish foods at each meeting while learning about their significance. **Advisor: Mrs. Edgar**

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## Key Club

This community service club is affiliated with Kiwanis International and focuses on charitable fundraising and promoting a spirit of service. **Advisor: Mrs. Brown**

## Latin Club

This club promotes awareness of the Latin classics and allows students to enjoy the times and cultural activities of the ancient Romans. **Advisor: Teresita Barcia**

## Magic: The Gathering Club (MTG)

Magic: The Gathering Club is a friendly environment to learn, improve, and test your skills with the world's most popular (and original!) collectible card game. Whether you are just curious, starting, or a seasoned cardboard slinger, the club is a place to play, trade, and learn about this entertaining game. **Advisor: Mr. Agel**

## Masterminds & Science Bowl

Members participate in Jeopardy/College Bowl-like academic competitions. Masterminds is geared toward general knowledge and Science Bowl focuses on math and science. **Co-advisors: Mr. Mowry & Ms. Yeager**

## Mock Trial

The Mock Trial Team allows students to participate in a fictional American criminal justice system as lawyers and witnesses. Competitions are held primarily in the spring. **Advisor: Mr. Frese**

## Model United Nations (Model UN)

Model UN is an authentic simulation of the UN's General Assembly, Security Council, or other multilateral body that introduces students to the world of diplomacy, negotiation, and decision-making. **Advisor: Mrs. Atallah**

## Multicultural Club

The Multicultural Club was established to explore world cultures and languages. We believe that the study of other cultures gives us a better understanding of ourselves and a greater appreciation of the uniqueness of others. **Advisor: Ms. Westervelt**

## Muslim Student Association

The goals of MSA include developing friendships with other Muslims, bringing awareness to issues that are important to Muslims, as well as helping to educate the BCHS community about Muslim customs, holidays, and other subjects of importance. **Advisor: Ms. DeVanzo**

## National Art Honor Society

The BC Chapter of this nationally recognized organization is for students who achieve excellence in art and seek to promote it in the community. Applications for new members are available. **Advisor: Mrs. Painter**

## The Origami Project Club

The mission of this club is to brighten the days of others by instilling positivity and alleviating feelings of loneliness by distributing origami paper cranes created by members. Members will fold paper into cranes

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representing a wish for better days, with every crane embodying a collective effort to bring joy to those who need it the most, one fold at a time. **Advisor: Ms. Anderson**

## [The Oriole \(BCHS Yearbook\)](#)

This club designs and edits the HS Yearbook, and works on its promotion, sales, and distribution. There is both hands-on and critical work with computer layout and digital camera imaging. Students are trained and guided in each step along the way of creating each volume. No experience is necessary to join us. Weekly meetings (depending on assignments and deadlines). **Co-advisors: Ms. Barcia & Mrs. Atallah**

## [Peer Helpers](#)

This club is designed to help young people choose positive ways to take care of themselves and improve their school community. **Co-advisors: Mrs. Colloton & Mr. Anderson**

## [Philosophy Club](#)

We hold weekly meetings and host civil discussions on ethics, free will, government, and more. The club focuses on creating a productive dialogue where students feel free to speak their minds. **Advisor: Mr. Greco**

## [Photo Lovers Club](#)

Students are encouraged to practice photographic skills while exploring different techniques and experimentations. Club members will be photographing some school-related activities, yearbook pictures, and sporting events. All levels of experience are welcome and encouraged to explore this exciting side of the visual arts. **Advisor: Mrs. Martin**

## [The Pride Coalition \(formerly known as GSA\)](#)

A safe, fun place for all students, especially those who are LGBTQ+, and all allies who may have LGBTQ+ friends or family. It is a place to share, be yourself, and discuss issues. Activities include the annual Day of Silence and other informative and enjoyable presentations. **Co-advisors: Ms. Panaro & Mrs. Graves**

## [Random Acts of Kindness](#)

The Random Acts of Kindness Club is dedicated to fostering a culture of kindness and compassion within our school and community. Our members engage in various activities that promote empathy, support, and understanding among students and staff. Through initiatives such as community service projects, kindness challenges, and awareness campaigns, we aim to inspire others to perform small acts of kindness every day. Join us in making a positive impact and spreading joy throughout our school and beyond. **Advisor: Mr. Maldonado**

## [Science Olympiad](#)

Members participate in science competitions around the Northeast. Tournament events vary from building helicopters and robots to biology labs. If you like science, this club is for you! Find out more at <http://newyorkscioly.org>. **Advisor: Mr. Mowry**

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## Sign Language Club

Sign Language Club members learn and teach each other sign language in a group setting. Sign language is a great skill to learn and is useful as an alternative form of communication with others. Students will practice while learning. **Advisor: Mr. Guilfoyle**

## Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad

The Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad (SHA) is a society for younger students (9th grade) of Spanish that encourages them to study Spanish while promoting ambassadorship, service to the community, and school service. SHA will work with members of the Spanish Honor Society to promote, study, and enjoy the Spanish language and culture. **Advisor: Mrs. Herrero**

## Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica)

This group is a local chapter of the national organization that promotes the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Students are admitted based on academic performance and demonstrated interest. Members also serve as peer tutors and participate in multiple service projects. Meets twice a month. **Advisor: Mrs. Ledezma**

## Speech and Debate Club

This club meets weekly to research information for debates and practice debating skills. The group participates in approximately 4 tournaments a season at other local high schools to debate other teams. The goal is to help students become more comfortable preparing arguments and having the confidence to defend those arguments publicly. **Advisor: Mr. Patel**

## Stage 700

Stage 700 consists of members who are involved in performance, technical theater, and orchestra working together to put on one main stage musical per year in the Spring. The purpose is to provide these students an opportunity to be a part of a full-scale production. The training and experiences with the club help to better prepare students seeking future careers in theater. **Director: Mrs. Roos, Music Director: Mr. Dashew, Choreographer: Mrs. Dashew, Tech Director: Mrs. Bailey, Costume Designer: Mrs. Convertino**

## Stock Market Club

This club offers an opportunity to learn about the importance of financial markets at both the micro and macroeconomic levels. We participate in multiple stock market games throughout the school year. **Advisor: Mr. Majewski**

## Student Senate

The Student Senate serves as the voice of the student body to the BC administration. Student Senators are elected by their classmates from all 4-grade levels. **Advisor: Mr. Irons**

## Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

SADD is a student-run organization that works to increase awareness of making safe decisions regarding your mind, body, and life. SADD is open to all students. **Advisor: Ms. Westervelt**



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## Students for Peace & Survival (SPAS)

SPAS concentrates on raising student awareness of social issues and helping both local and global communities. The club's various fundraisers collect funds for charities that fight poverty and hunger.

**Co-advisors: Mrs. Krishna-Kennedy & Mrs. Weimer**

## Theatre Without A Net (TWON)

Theatre Without A Net (TWON) typically puts on a full-length play in December and provides performance, design, and technical opportunities for students interested in theater production. **Director: Mrs. Roos, Tech Director: Mrs. Bailey**

## The Thinking Reed

Published annually, The Thinking Reed is a literary magazine of poetry, prose, and art submitted by BCHS students. **Advisor: Mr. Guilfoyle**

## Video Production/ Tech Guild (Light/Sound Club)

The Light/Sound Club primarily trains and prepares students who are working with Stage 700 and TWON on their productions with light and sound board operation, follow spot, mics, etc. There is a focus on the lighting equipment and working with the theater groups through the tech process and performances. They also help with sound cues and projections. These students will run the light and soundboards for the school plays, productions, and events. No previous experience is necessary. **Advisor: Mr. Dalmata**

## Vincent J Crummles Acting Troupe (VJCAT)

Students will audition, rehearse, and perform a Shakespeare play. **Director: Mrs. Edgar**

## Youth Activation Committee

The goal of this student group is to bring diverse student populations together through meaningful interactions including after-school kickball tournaments and fundraisers to support organizations such as the Special Olympics. **Advisor: Mr. Mooney**

## How to Get Involved

- Find a club that interests you.
- Read the morning announcements for information about when a club will begin meeting.
- Want to start a club? Pick up the necessary forms in the Assistant Principal's office. **Important:** All clubs require the approval of both the HS Principal and Student Senate before any meetings can begin. Additionally, the proposed club must have a BCHS faculty member as an advisor and a minimum of 17 BCHS students who are interested in participating.

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## Participation in School Activities is a Privilege

- Students are required to be in attendance at school on the day they participate in any facet of extracurricular activities. To receive credit for full-day attendance, students must be in school for at least half a day (4 periods).
- Students who are suspended from school (ISS and OSS) will be barred from all school functions (i.e., athletic events, dances, or other school events) on the day(s) of suspension or from the next scheduled function. Inappropriate behavior in extracurricular activities will result in a referral and corresponding disciplinary action.
- Thirty days before a special event (e.g., Homecoming, Snowball Dance, Junior Prom, Senior Ball, etc.) students with three or more referrals and/or suspension will lose the privilege of attending the event.