

CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

2024 – 2025

Club Fair EDITION

Our co-curricular clubs and organizations exist to provide all at NCHS opportunities to pursue their interests, express their creativity and learn about or try something new, as well as a way for students and staff to find others within the high school community who share those interests and are eager to work collaboratively while having fun. *This listing will be updated throughout the year as new clubs are begun and interest in an established club wanes.*

When an activity or club has regularly scheduled meetings, that time and location are provided. If there is no meeting time provided, then you should listen for announcements, check the TV monitors, and watch for posters around the building. Adviser and student leader names are provided for e-mail communication and can be contacted through first.last@ncps-k12.org, unless noted otherwise. If you have any questions or would like to start a new club, contact Mr. Rothman in the Main Office.

This list is designed to provide you with ideas and contact information for any of the activities listed below and will be updated regularly as new groups form. For your convenience, it is organized into the following categories: ***Interscholastic Academic Competition, Cultural & Personal Awareness, Interests & Hobbies, Service, and Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities.***

There is no fee for participation in any co-curricular organization, club or activity at New Canaan High School. However, to offset costs associated with some of these groups or activities, members or participants may be solicited for contributions and/or asked to participate in fundraising. If doing so in whole or in part proves burdensome to any NCHS student and their family, the school will cover such costs so that no student should be excluded from participating. Please contact the club adviser, your child's School Counselor or grade-level administrator if this is an issue and arrangements will be made discreetly.

Lastly, to ensure everyone's safe participation, we expect that the student and/or parent take seriously the responsibility to inform the club adviser of any medical information pertinent in an emergency.

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INTERSCHOLASTIC ACADEMIC COMPETITION

Debate Team

Thursday from 5:45 - 7:00 PM in Room 232

Emma Hassan, Ayush Dave - Student Leaders

Mrs. Nancy Stevens – Coach

The award winning NCHS Debate team gives students the opportunity to explore current, controversial issues in politics and society, while competing in monthly, parliamentary competitions against other high schools in the Connecticut Debate Association. Additional tournaments may be added throughout the year. Whether they're looking to overcome a fear of public speaking or perfect their rhetorical technique, members will gain valuable speaking, listening, and analytical skills in a supportive environment. For more information, please visit the Connecticut Debate Association website (ctdebate.org).

DECA

Tuesdays at 2:30 PM in the Math Office

Henry Chandra, Ayush Dave & Lisa Mallozzi - Presidents

Mr. Kevin Devine - Advisor

[DECA](#) is a high school program for students interested in business, preparing emerging leaders/entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Members typically choose one of these clusters to specialize in for various competitive events, including annual competitions and project-based activities at the local, chartered association and international levels. The competitive events can be grouped into three broad categories— role-plays and case studies (sometimes including a career cluster exam), prepared events and online simulations. Members even have the option to work in groups or with a partner for most events/projects. One of DECA's flagship events is the annual International Career Development Conference (ICDC). More than 22,000 high school students, teacher-advisors, business professionals and alumni gather for several days of DECA excitement. Currently, there are over 222,628 high school DECA members around the globe and about 3707 high school chapters. During club meetings, members will be informed about upcoming opportunities, review case studies, look at project exemplars, or simply prepare/practice for upcoming events within their prospective clusters.

Math Team

Tuesday at 2:30 in the Library Maker Space

Sam Wang and Alex Yuan – Captains

Ms. Jennifer Lee – Advisor

Each Tuesday after school, the Math Team prepares for competitions that take place on the first Wednesday of the month from October through March. All matches take place at NCHS this year. Topics change monthly. Based on performance in tryouts and prior competitions, students are then selected for A and B teams. NCHS participates in the Fairfield County Mathematics League and has qualified for competition in the Connecticut State Association of Mathematics Leagues for the past several years. We welcome students from any grade and any math class. For more information about competitions, go to fcmath.org.

Model Congress Club

Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 102

Michael Gabriel, Brandon Ma & Isabella Madrid – Presidents

Mrs. Amy Rothschild – Advisor

In preparation for conferences, the Powers of Congress will be reviewed, and students will simulate the writing of a bill. As a delegate, students will have the opportunity to debate, amend, and pass mock legislation. It is the expectation that members will attend one local scrimmage in the fall and one offsite conference.

Model United Nations Club**Monday at 2:30 PM in Room 215***Tara Menon, Amy Meng & Sebastian Saridakis - Captains**Mrs. Zeeshaan Arastu, Mr. Michael Forcucci, Mrs. Allison Freeman & Mr. Paul Phillips – Advisors*

The NCHS Model United Nations Club has an active and growing membership, which meets each Monday after school to prepare for competitions at Ivy League colleges and other venues, and plans activities involving the wider high school, local and global communities. The NCHS Model UN Club will only succeed if members both enjoy themselves and succeed in achieving their personal and team goals. As such, the club positions itself within the school community as an academic “sport,” with the following goals: promoting a world view that respects divergent national priorities, developing skills in research, critical thinking, persuasion, and collaboration, providing a platform for club members to compete at the highest national and international level, giving back to the school, local and international community and, ultimately, preparing members for leadership positions at college and beyond.

Science Team**Tuesdays at 2:45 in Room 307***Niyathi Iyengar, Melissa Phillips – Co-Captains**Mr. Michael LeDuc – Advisor/Coach*

Welcome to the Science Team! At our weekly meetings (day of the week TBD), we approach the fascinating field of science in a variety of ways. These range from learning about and discussing intriguing science concepts, to inviting guest speakers with expertise in different areas of science, to preparing for statewide competitions like the National Science Bowl. If you're looking for a community of people who love science just as much as you do, this is the club for you! Please email niyathi.iyengar@ncps-k12.org, melissa.phillips@ncps-k12.org, or @michael.leduc@ncps-k12.org if you're interested in joining!

Technology Student Association**Monday & Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 120***Colleen Murphy – Student Leader**Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor*

The Technology Student Association (TSA) fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs. Over the past few years we have been focused on the VEX Robotics competition.

VEX Robotics Team**Monday & Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 120***Colleen Murphy – Student Leader**Mr. Jim Zambarano – Coach & Manager*

The Vex Robotics Club or Robotics club is a club where we build robots to compete in the Vex competition. Every year Vex Robotics (a robotics/educational organization to promote STEM topics to students) creates a competition and this club aims to compete and participate in these competitions. This competition is essentially a game where we need to complete tasks and solve problems using a robot that we've built. In this club we are analyzing the problems, designing solutions in the form of robots, fabricating those robots, and programming them as well. This is very close to the engineering design process and is a club that many students who like engineering will also enjoy as what we do here is along the same lines as engineering.

CULTURAL & PERSONAL AWARENESS

Academia Romanorum (aka Latin Club)

Tuesday or Wednesday at 2:30 PM, Room 115

Pranav Sant & Daniel Yoo - Student Leaders

Magistra Corona - Advisor

Latin Club is an organization open to anyone interested in the language, culture, and history of ancient Rome. Members will be invited to hone their Latin skills and bond with fellow members in an exciting, inclusive environment through meetings and celebration of Roman-themed holidays, games, and events. Latin Club also provides a helpful avenue to immerse in the study of Latin and increase proficiency by bounds, helping students prepare for the various exams offered by the National Junior Classical League (NLVE, NCEE, NRCE, NME), *certamen* competitions, and the National Latin Exam.

American Sign Language (ASL) Club

Every other Tuesday at 2:40 PM in Room 225

Tilly Doak & Cambree Plater – Student Leaders

Mrs. Susan Steidl - Advisor

Are you passionate about learning new ways to communicate and connect with others? Join the ASL Club, where we explore the beautiful world of American Sign Language and Deaf culture! In this club, you'll learn the fundamentals of ASL through fun, interactive activities; practice signing with peers and native signers; gain insight into Deaf culture and advocacy for accessibility and inclusion; and build meaningful connections while breaking down communication barriers. By the end of the year, you'll know how to sign a song! Whether you're a beginner or already know some ASL, this is a welcoming space for everyone! Come sign with us and enrich your communication skills.

Asian Pacific Islander Club

Meetings once or twice a month in Room 115

Elle Thompson & Claire Chen - Student leaders

Cristina Corona - Advisor

The Asian Pacific Islander Club is a welcoming group focused on celebrating the rich cultures, traditions, and histories of Asian and Pacific Islander nations. Our club allows students of all backgrounds to discover and enjoy all types of cultures from East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. We will also aim to raise awareness of social issues aimed at the Asian community. There will be fun activities, snacks, and new discussions every month.

Christian Bible Study Club

Monday at 2:40 PM in Room

Emerson Miller – Student Leader

Ms. Linda DiGiambattista – Advisor

The purpose of this club is to provide a supportive and open-minded Christian community where students can come together to explore the teachings of the Bible, engage in meaningful discussions, and grow in their faith. Whether a lifelong Christian or someone simply curious about what the Bible has to offer, anyone is welcome to join. The club is designed to bring others closer to Christianity, and because it is a special interest club, would only cover and study topics of Christian faith. Meetings will consist of (but are not limited to) character studies, book studies, and family tree studies, all while incorporating scripture regarding themes and lessons in the Christian faith. These studies will address the challenges that Christian teenagers face in today's world.

Food Sphere

Zane Tickoo – Student Leader

Ms. Michelle Santelli – Advisor

Food Sphere is a club focused on reimagining our connection with food through educational and hands-on initiatives. Our activities include creating and maintaining school gardens, conducting workshops on healthy dietary choices and

raising awareness about the benefits of local and sustainable food sources. Through education and advocacy, Food Sphere empowers every student to make nutritious food choices that will improve their health and well-being.

Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Meetings after school once or twice a month in Room 238 (listen for announcements)

Ms. Maggie Pennoyer & Ms. Bethanie Sawyer – Advisors

The first GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance, formerly Gay Straight Alliance) was founded in Massachusetts in 1988. Since then, GSAs have evolved and are present in educational institutions across the world. The NCHS GSA is a student-led school club that aims to create a safe, welcoming and accepting school environment for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Open to all students, the group meets once or twice a month to work on activities in a safe space to bring awareness and acceptance of the LGBTQIA+ community to the school community.

Indian Heritage Club

Sajan Shah, Anuj Ogale & Shaan Wadhani - Student Leaders

Mrs. Courtney Greco - Advisor

The Indian Heritage Club is dedicated to celebrating and educating the school community about the rich traditions, history, and diversity of Indian culture. Through interactive events, cultural showcases, and informative sessions, members explore India's vibrant festivals, classical arts, languages, and unique customs. The club aims to promote cultural awareness and appreciation, fostering inclusivity and understanding among students from all backgrounds. By participating in activities such as traditional food tastings, and discussions on Indian history, members gain a deeper connection to India's heritage while sharing it with others.

Irish Culture Club

Once a month in Room 216 (listen for announcements)

Lauren Smith - Student Leader

Mr. Sean Killelea - Advisor/Chief Leprechaun

The Irish Cultural Club is a club where anyone (Irish or not) can come together and discuss anything related to Ireland and its culture. Topics open to discussion include Irish films, sports, music, food, history, current events and really anything YOU want to talk about. For any questions, email: lauren.smith3@ncps-k12.org

Italian Club

AJ Pellicci & Grace Pellicci – Student Leader

Ms. Rebecca Buonopane - Advisor

Buongiorno! The "Italian Club" is a place for students to come together and learn more about Italian culture and heritage. In this club, we will be celebrating/learning about Italian holidays, playing classic games, eating traditional foods, listening to music, watching movies, and more! Anyone interested in learning more about this culture is welcome. We will be meeting once a month afterschool in one of the science rooms (details will be specified).

Mandarin Club

Jaelin Campanik & Juliet Sorenson - Student Leaders

Ms. Hsuan-hui Wang - Advisor

The purpose of the Mandarin Club is to enrich students with aspects of Chinese culture through speaking, listening, and writing characters through various activities. Students of all levels of experience will participate in virtual seminars, where they will be expected to contribute on topics such as traditional holidays, travel, food, history etc. In addition, the Chinese Club hopes to incorporate seasonal activities, Chinese films, and guest speakers.

NCHS Mental Health Alliance

Jaelin Companik, Cassie Jessen, Avril MacHale & Juliet Sorensen - Student Leaders
Ms. Julie Rossini – Advisor

The NCHS Mental Health Alliance is a student-led organization that promotes awareness, facilitates fundraisers for community organizations and aims to de-stigmatize mental health struggles through our initiatives. This club aims to promote positive mental health messages throughout the school and the community. Outreach to elementary and middle school New Canaan students also provides education and awareness about healthy choices and self-advocacy to our younger community members. Reducing stigma and opening up conversations about mental health struggles is a goal of our club. We welcome new members with new ideas to join us in our important mission!

Rams Mental Strength

Paiton Pascarella – Student Leader
Coach Jason. Miska - Advisor

Our primary mission is to share healthy habits when it comes to playing sports. New Canaan is extremely athletically motivated, producing high level athletes and state champion teams yearly. Rams are often willing to do whatever it takes in order to reach the next level, often sacrificing their physical wellbeing and mental health in the process. As athletes, we have found that there is a fine line between “toughing it out” and these actions having detrimental effects on your mind and body, which can hinder athletic performance. Another aspect of sports that is often overlooked is the mental side of the gaming, strengthening your mind and mentality can oftentimes be just as important as conditioning muscles and endurance. In our club, we intend to research and share the best ways to improve mental and physical performance both on and off the court, as well as develop a deeper understanding of both our minds and bodies. Topics of study can range anywhere from the correct way to stretch before and after practice to learning techniques to cope with stress during the final minutes of an important game.

Spanish Club

Amanda Aalto, Sofia Fuentes y Siddhi Singhanian – Las Presidentes
Ms. Jacqueline Aldrich – Advisor

To give students more opportunities to experience the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world, our members engage in cultural activities, provide peer tutoring, and participate in other activities including games, crafts, listening to Spanish music, making and eating Hispanic foods, and watching movies in Spanish. Membership is open to anyone who seeks a deeper understanding of the Spanish language and culture. Students can join at any time throughout the school year.

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Alternative Investment Club

Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 304

Julian Doshi – Student Leader

Ms. Amanda Baghdady – Advisor

Did you know that your old card collection or LEGO set could potentially be a goldmine? At the NCHS Alternative Investment Club, students have the opportunity to explore and expand their knowledge in non-traditional asset classes. We delve into markets such as trading cards, LEGO, watches, sneakers, and more. In our meetings, we discuss potential investments to collectively develop our research and analysis skills. Additionally, we curate a mock portfolio comprising various investments that we track across meetings. Whether you're looking to profit from what you already have or analyze different investment opportunities, the Alternative Investment Club is the perfect place for you!

Art Club

Tuesday at 2:40 in Studio Art Room 237

Amy Meng & Ben Bognon – Student Leaders

Ms. Kimanne Core – Advisor

Students are invited to exercise their creativity in producing student inspired original work. The time is also used for open studio for art students to use the facilities provided by the art department and for working on NCHS Gallery exhibitions. Students also choose topics for group art murals that relate to contemporary events and issues. The digital photo lab and the 2D and 3D art studios will be available for student use. The club will also be going on after school field trips to local galleries and artist's studios. Open to all students, who wish to explore A WIDE RANGE OF MEDIA: Photography, Fine Art and Craft. Students can join at any time during the school year. If you are interested in joining, email Ms. Core at kimanne.core@ncps-k12.org.

Astrophysics Club

First and Third Friday of each month in Room 318

Michael Telesco & Annie Gilliam - Student Leaders

Mr. Jeffrey Brentson - Advisor

The Astrophysics Club, led by Co-Presidents Annie Gilliam and Michael Telesco as well as advisor Jeffrey Brentson, meets regularly for experimentation and also monthly for "Star Parties" and DOME presentations. In the fall and spring months the club meets outside of Waveny at night to view celestial objects on telescopes and enjoy snacks. During the winter months the club utilizes the DOME to present to NCHS/greater town community on astronomy topics (exoplanets, the solar system, star life, black holes, NEOs (near earth objects), dark matter. These presentations are open to 2 sign-ups/presentations, allowing everyone in the club to have an opportunity to research and present their knowledge to curious audiences. In the mix of our monthly events, the Astrophysics Club participates in an astro-biological experiment involving quantum dots.

During the Spring of 2024 the club was accepted to send their experiment to space via NASA's partnered "Cubes in Space" Program where they had the opportunity to make conclusions on QD's exposure to higher ionizing radiation in the suborbital sounding rocket trajectory. The club will continue to experiment with quantum dots throughout this year in similar program opportunities. The Astrophysics Club is an exciting opportunity for any STEM-enthusiasts looking to collaborate on chemical/biological/astronomical experimentation and to learn about the universe in interactive and leadership roles.

Bike Club

Alexander Booth & Tyler Santiago - Student Leaders

Officer Jeff Deak & Officer Shane Gibson – Advisor

The BIKE CLUB will bring riders from all over the school to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, getting off electronics and away from the stress of life. Our club will offer riding in town and on trails. Our goal is to inspire others to bike around New Canaan and bring them a healthy alternative rather than taking the bus or their car around town. The

club will meet once a week to decide which trails/paths we will ride the following week. To participate students should come to meetings to research trails and paths and vote on the one for the ride the following week.

Business and Wall Street Careers Club

First and third Wednesday of each month at 2:45 PM in Room 317

Dylan Rees & Charles West - Student Leaders

Mr. Jeffrey Hague - Advisor

Calling all business-minded students! The Business and Wall Street Careers Club offers business-minded students exposure to financial careers through educational sessions and industry speakers, covering topics like banking, investment, and asset management. Guest speakers from investment banking, hedge funds, venture capital and private equity provide firsthand insights and networking opportunities, aiding students in making informed career decisions.

Chemistry Club

Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 313

Eliana Savelli - Student Leader

Ms. Clare McLellan - Advisor

Chemistry Club is a place for aspiring chemists to come and learn the basics with hands-on experiments using the school's supplies. We will learn about the mathematical aspects of chemistry, and we will explore different types of chemical reactions including precipitation, Redox, exothermic reactions, endothermic reactions, and much more.

Chess Club

Monday at 2:40 PM in the Library

Henry Buczkiewicz - Student Leader

Mr. Robert Stevenson - Advisor

All levels of knowledge and experience with chess are welcome. During meetings we will play matches, share strategies and prepare for some competitive opportunities that may present themselves. Meetings will begin at the end of October.

Computer Club

Tuesdays at 2:40 PM in Room 120

Santino Crudele-Sands & Jake Donahue - Student Leaders

Mr. James Zambarano - Advisor

Interested in learning how to have your own custom computer? Computer Club is an entry-level club, where any student can come in and learn about how to build, setup, and maintain a desktop. In this club, many hands-on projects consist of models, PC building, and troubleshooting both hardware and software. All of these computers will be designed based on different purposes, from work to gaming. Members are also free to bring in their own computers or computer parts, for either tech support or aid in desktop assembly.

Creative Writing Club

Tuesday at 2:45 PM in Room 222

Tara Menon – Student Leader

Mrs. Susan Steidl – Advisor

The Creative Writing Club aims to foster a community of writers who can support and motivate each other! We will meet on Tuesdays right after school. Each week, students will have the opportunity to receive feedback from peers and share their work. Students can bring their laptops or notebooks and share any short stories, poems, personal narratives, play scripts, or song lyrics that they have been working on. Depending on how many people want to share we will either read aloud or do a gallery walk. Then we will have a chance to collaborate on our writing and assist each other with editing and revising. Regardless of your skill level as a writer, Creative Writing Club creates a safe space for everyone!

Cuvents Club

Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 207

Catalina Chanler & Sophie Root - Student Leaders

Mr. Paul Phillips - Advisor

Get involved! Our club, hosted at New Canaan High School, promotes the student involvement of being alert to foreign crises around the world. With the many responsibilities a teenager tackles on a daily basis, we have organized a group to present information on what is happening and how we can help. Come and join us to learn more and make a difference in the world!

Disc Golf Club

Every other Thursday at 2:40 PM in Room 231

Ronan Hillmann - Student Leader

Ms. Rachel DiGioia - Advisor

The Disc Golf club is a student run club that allows students to have a good time and earn community service credit. Once a month, we will go over to Waveny's disc golf course and play a round. During the winter time we can set up some baskets in the gym. During outdoor rounds, students can earn service credits by landscaping and cleaning the course and throwing boxes. This club is a fun way for students to connect over a shared hobby and win prizes for their dedication to the game and their community!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Wednesdays at 2:40 in the College & Career Center

James Casey – Student Leaders

Mrs. Erica Schaedler & Mr. Joey Summa – Advisors/Dungeon Masters

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a tabletop roleplaying game where a group of player characters go on adventures into fantasy worlds. Their dungeon master will guide them through their adventures giving details on the world around them, helping make the world feel alive, and running encounters with dangerous enemies. During our first meeting we will go over how to create characters, review our campaign, and go through the game rules, which we will go over as we play. After that we will get into the bulk of the game where we'll start roleplaying! [DND Sign Up Form](#)

Embroidery Club

Alie Hanson & Lyndee Rigby – Student Leaders

Ms. Kelly Zilly – Advisor

The Embroidery Club is an opportunity to release creative ideas while stitching and eventually complete a project that you are proud of. It will also give members a chance to grow relationships with people they otherwise wouldn't. We will meet monthly to continue progress, socialize, and show off projects.

Engineering Club

Every Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 120

Sebastian Saridakis - Student Leader

Mr. James Zambarano - Advisor

Welcome to the Engineering Club! In this club, members will be able to discuss current engineering applications in the real-world (i.e. buildings, products, structures, etc) and learn about the mechanics and logistics behind how they operate. Members will also have the opportunity to explore their creativity through challenges and team-building activities, as well as preview the content for the introductory course offered at the High School. We really enjoy designing, building, and collaborating, and we hope you will learn to love it too! Please contact us if you are interested!

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Chase Maggio – Student Leader

Ms. Kelly Zilly – Advisor

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life such as planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication. It is centered around Family and Consumer Science education which allows for work-based learning as well as business and industry experiences. Along with developing lifelong skills, the club also provides several other opportunities such as competing in events from fashion design, early childhood education, culinary arts, entrepreneurship, and nutrition. For anyone interested in pursuing a career within the Family and Consumer Sciences, this is a perfect place to become familiar with the field and the aspects involved within it. The organization also provides many other opportunities such as participating in local service projects. Every year, there is also the possibility to attend National Conferences across the US and apply for one of many of their scholarships! For more information, check out <https://fclclainc.org/>

Females in Finance

Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 313

Cecily Bradley & Sophie Evseev - Student Leaders

Ms., Clare McLellan - Advisor

Just 26.4% of finance and economics professionals are women. The Females in Finance club aims to encourage more women to work in these fields. We will review the basics of the financial world including the stock market, financial news & events, saving & investing, and career paths in finance. We will look at the macroeconomy, and observe and predict changes in various stock and bond values. Additionally, meetings will feature interactive participation through stock simulations and guest speakers to help increase financial literacy and explore interests in the fields of finance. Whether you want to pursue a career in finance/economics or just learn more about the world of finance, Females in Finance will help you build a foundational understanding that can be used throughout high school and beyond! For questions, please contact sophie.evseev@ncps-k12.org or cecily.bradley@ncps-k12.org.

Film Club

Tuesday at 2:40 in the Film Lab (Rooms 123/124)

Teddy Blanc & Michael Telesco – Student Leader

Ms. Jennifer Sinski – Advisor

The Film Club is an opportunity for any student interested in film, video production, music, and movies in general to participate in “unique film experiences” after school. Students will experience screenings, in-depth discussions and short film productions, both independent and collaborative. This could include documentaries, PSAs, music videos, narratives, animations, and much more. Later in the year, the film club works together to prepare for the annual NCHS “New Age Film Festival” in which schools from across Fairfield County enter into a juried competition for their chance on the big screen. ***All are invited to join after school. Stay alert for special movie screening announcements. Please contact Mrs. Sinski if you would like to join.***

Fishing Club

Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 211

Nicholas Brillo - Student Leader

Mrs. Susan Steidl - Advisor

This club's aim is to teach the NCHS student body about fishing and outdoor recreation. This can be for new or experienced fishers to share the love of the hobby, or to expand their knowledge. At meetings, there will be discussions about techniques for fishing, equipment, and locations.

Girls in STEM Club

Monday at 2:30 PM in The Workshop@nchs

Serra Savasoglu – Student Leader

Mrs. Susan Steidl - Advisor

The Girls in Stem club is a space where girls who are interested in any and all fields of STEM come together and work on launching a new publication. The goal is to have a quarterly virtual magazine that features articles, interviews, and art with real life updates in STEM fields, highlighting women with successful careers. We aim to reduce the gender gap of women in STEM by providing an environment where we can learn from each other, and prepare for a future in STEM.

Girls in Tech

Thursday at 2:40 PM in Room 231

Sofia Fuentes - Student Leader

Ms. Rachel DiGioia - Advisor

Girls in Tech is a club where girls interested in technology and STEM can further develop those interests and learn about possible academic pathways in college and careers. At the beginning of each month, we will have an introductory presentation on a new topic to investigate and read about. Subsequent meetings will look at career opportunities and host speakers.

Girls Who Code

Every other Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 231

Kashvi Parashar - Student Leader

Mrs. Rachel DiGioia - Advisor

Girls Who Code is a club dedicated to teaching coding skills and fostering a supportive community for young women interested in technology. The club focuses on providing a space where students can learn programming, build projects and explore careers in computer science. Members will work on real world projects, collaborate with peers and develop skills in languages like Python, Java, and more. Activities include hands-on coding sessions, workshops and guest speakers.

Global Studies Forum

Every other Friday at 2:35 PM in Room 106

Brandon Ma & Rohan Shenoy - Moderators

Dr. Jonathan Schwartz - Advisor

The Global Studies Forum aims to create a welcoming, vibrant setting for passionate expression, learning and educating others, spurring friendly debate about pressing political and social issues, and advocacy alike. Members are encouraged to research and present a wide range of current-day topics at our meetings, from opinion pieces on the most pressing issues like the morality of humanitarian aid and healthcare inequality in America to informational presentations about distinct cultural traditions, customs, languages, or foods. Our forum seeks to be a panel for casual discussion, learning, moderated debate, and a place of continuous curiosity to enrich our knowledge of the world with different perspectives.

Hack Club

Wednesday at 2:45 PM in Room 120

Arnav Chaudhary – Student Leader

Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor

Learning to code is like gaining a superpower — turning you from a consumer of technology into a creator. Hack Club is a place where anyone can come to learn coding. We will cover everything, from web development to games to AI and everything in between. No prior coding experience is required! If you are interested, please sign up using this form. If you have any questions, please contact me at arnav.chaudhary@ncps-k12.org.

Motorsports Engineering Club

Monday and Wednesday at 2:45 in Room 120

Cormac Flaherty-Lovy & Michael Telesco - Student Leaders

Mr. Jim Zambarano - Advisor

Rev up your engineering skills with the Automotive Engineering Club! We're all about hands-on learning and high-octane fun. Build custom go-karts from the ground up, dive into the mechanics of modern vehicles, and explore the thrilling world of motorsports. Whether you're a gearhead or curious about cars, you are guaranteed to have fun!

National High School BBQ Association

Gavin Dinning, Nathan Dinning - Student Leaders

Mr. Jim Zambarano – Advisor

Join the National High School BBQ Association, home of the High School BBQ League and possibly compete, and win scholarships, prizes, school trophies, and bragging rights representing your community in the newest and coolest School Sport! We invite your school to say - "COME EAT OUR HOMEWORK!" This club is where the term project-based learning comes from. It will inspire the next generation of Junior Pit Masters, Kids Que Cooks, Backyard Grillmasters and Youth BBQ Cookers on your campus. This club offers opportunities for certification, showcase CTE, feed staff and students, eat well, ignite school spirit by tailgating at sporting events and develop a fundraising/catering experience at your school.

NCHS Book Club

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Library

Radea Raleva – Student Leader

Ms. Michelle Luhtala & Ms. Monica Sheehan – Advisors

New Canaan High School Book Club meets in the library to talk about a preselected book from the library collection. Students discuss their reactions and insights into the book selected in an informal, friendly atmosphere where opinions and ideas are respectfully shared.

NCHS Buddies Club

Maggie Dooney, Josef Gashi, Danielle Martinez, Jeraldine Redondo, Lauren Smith & Henry Stein – Student Leaders

Mrs. Eileen Donellan & Mrs. Suzanne Heckt – Faculty Advisors

This is a club for any NCHS student who is interested in meeting new people and having fun. Members are devoted to creating lasting friendships with young people with physical, intellectual, or social challenges. Club values of acceptance, inclusion, setting up a welcoming atmosphere and most importantly, having fun are always in the forefront. Beyond monthly club meetings that are held in the evenings, members often meet for lunch, attend school functions and hang out beyond school hours.. If you are interested, please email the student leaders listed above at their NCPS email or the faculty advisors: Mrs. Suzanne Heckt at Suzanne.Heckt@ncps-k12.org or Ms. Eileen Donellan, at Eileen.Donellan@ncps-k12.org).

NCHS Swiftie Society

Emily Shiff & Lisa Tremblay - Student Leaders

Ms, Ceire Clarke - Advisor

The NCHS Swiftie Society aims to provide activities and information regarding Taylor Swift to anyone joining. Meetings will be weekly and will consist of bracelet making, movie 'nights,' 'Easter egg hunts' and lessons in song meanings, football 101 and the importance of respecting her life. Snacks will be provided at one meeting a month (including Taylor's chai sugar cookies). This club will also provide volunteering opportunities at animal shelters, various fundraisers for mental health awareness and an Alzheimer's walk.

Outing Club

Erik Johnson, Ashton Baker, Ryan Ross & Pranav Sant - Student Leaders
Ms. Rachel DiGioia - Advisor

The Outing Club is for anyone who enjoys hiking and being outdoors. In meetings, club members will suggest hikes , discuss outdoor gear and nutrition, and share experiences. Members are invited to participate in the optional monthly weekend hikes planned by the club, and non-members are also welcomed.

Paddle Club

Monday & Wednesday (subject to change) from 2:45-4:15 at the Waveny Paddle Tennis Hut
Paige Fields & Tess Reilly - Captains
Samantha Loomis (samantha.loomis46@gmail.com) - Advisor/Coach

The Paddle Club of NCHS is available for students who want to learn the fundamentals of Paddle Tennis, play in a non-competitive environment and have fun! The club works to promote physical activity outdoors and sportsmanship, teamwork and giving students the opportunity to get outside on a gorgeous cold day and swing a racket, enjoy snacks and hot chocolate and engage in friendly competition and some instructional play. Players of all levels are encouraged to participate in fun games and work on their paddle tennis skills. This club hopes to create a love for paddle tennis and playing a winter sport outdoors and getting a workout. It is also a game they can play their entire lives.

Page By Page

Every other Tuesday at 2:40 PM in Room 213
Juliet Axtell – Student Leader
Ms. Ellen Fitzpatrick – Advisor

Our book club is focused on reading books that explore current issues in the world including ones that directly impact our community. A mission of ours is to elevate the discussion that surrounds reading within the teenage years and hopefully bring upon more enjoyment around books in our school atmosphere. We will partner with local businesses and give back to charities while also attempting to address the issues presented to us in our reading material.

Poetry Workshop

The first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at 2:40 PM in Room 212
Amy Meng, Elizabeth Cheng, Mattie Sirois & Tedrah Smedley - Student Leaders
Mr. Robert Darken - Advisor

The Poetry Workshop will meet twice a month and will be organized by a different student writer, in which they will start the meeting with a poem by a published poet of their choice. Students will then get a chance to discuss the poem at hand, and do a 10 minute free-write to a related prompt or theme. The workshop will also include time for sharing original poems and peer feedback. This is an opportunity for student poets to get together, create, discover and share.

Popcorn and Politics

Charlotte Lee - Student Leader
Ms. Kristine Goldhawk - Advisor

Popcorn and Politics is here for students who want to engage in meaningful discourse about the current issues of today. Here, students will be able to discuss issues without any stigmas associated with particular sides. Students will explore current issues through debate and look at issues from a different perspective. The club will help facilitate true understanding of the political issues of today and train students to be open to new ideas and different perspectives on important issues.

Renewable Energy Club

Ryan Ross - Student Leader

"Do you think it's possible to charge your phone with air? Or store electricity in water? At the Renewable Energy Club, we'll be showing they are possible and more with hands-on demonstrations on solar, wind, and hydroelectric power and models. Renewable energy is one of the most important problems of our age, and promoting solar energy is one of the ways to have a significant impact on our community. We are dedicated to educating and promoting clean energy solutions in our community and beyond. During our biweekly meetings, we'll actually build renewable technologies (from solar cars and solar ovens to windmills and hydrogen energy batteries) and discuss the science and business challenges behind them. There will also be bimonthly guest lectures and Q&A sessions with scientists, architects, and experts in the field."

Ski and Snowboard Club

Carielle D'Elisa, Elizabeth Smock & Penelope Werner – Student Leaders

Jean-Claude Bloss – Adviser

The Ski and Snowboard Club travels together after school to Mohawk mountain on Friday nights during the January and February winter season. It is open to all students who are looking to ski and snowboard as a recreational activity! Our goal is to foster friendships while shredding the mountain. We strive for a stress-free non-competitive environment welcoming all levels.

Spanish Reading Club

Every other Friday at 2:40 PM in Room 110

Sofia Fuentes, Niyathi Iyengar & Siddhi Singhania - Officers

Mrs. Xiomara Brea - Advisor

The Spanish Reading Club is a club that will function as a book club - every two weeks, we will discuss a piece of Spanish Literature. This will include readings from AP Spanish Literature, as well as AP Spanish Lang and Spanish UCONN upon request. This is a great way to improve your Spanish speaking and comprehension skills! Additionally, for interested students, we will also be choosing a book from Latin America to read throughout the year. Please email siddhi.singhania@ncps-k12.org or xiomara.brea@ncps-k12.org if you are interested in joining!

Spectator Literary Magazine

Wednesdays at 2:30 in Room 210

Amy Meng, Anna Vertin, Logan Roen, Tahlia Scherer, Emilia Martinez and Bela Bhatt. – Editors

Ms. Maggie Hamill – Advisor

Spectator is the high school's literary magazine of published student writing and artwork. This student-run organization meets weekly on Monday evenings at club members' homes throughout New Canaan to discuss submitted work. In the spring the group organizes accepted work and creates an annual magazine for public publication. This annual publication has been created by NCHS students for about 50 years! *Spectator* is a great opportunity for students who like visual art and writing, especially poetry and short stories. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and converse with other students in a casual and welcoming setting.

Theatre Club

Christopher Myers - Advisor

The NCHS Theatre Club needs you to help create our next big production. Whether you are an actor, stage manager, technician, designer, crew member, director, or just looking for your tribe, we have a place for you. Currently, the theatre produces 3 musicals, one play, and DramaFest. DramaFest is an evening of one-act plays that is completely student driven (student playwrights, directors, designer, actors). Meetings for our club, also sometimes known as rehearsals and work sessions happen all the time! In the first year of our official club, you'll have the chance to participate in our shows, fundraisers, create our handbook, vote in our first officers, and more! Email for more information, follow us on Instagram @nchstheatre or check out our website www.newcanaanhighschooltheatre.com See you on the boards!

Unified Sports

Monday at 2:30 PM in the Auxiliary Gym

Ms. Kim Palmer & Mrs. Priscilla Schulz - Advisors

Unified Sports is an inclusive sports program that joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It promotes social inclusion through shared practice, games and competition experiences. Athletes with varying abilities come together to improve skills, build confidence, and develop teamwork. Unified Sports is a part of the Special Olympics and emphasizes the idea that playing together on the same team is a powerful way to promote understanding and unity in our school community. You do not have to be an athlete, or even good at sports to participate. We typically play soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter. If you want to have fun, meet new people, and have a positive impact with our special needs community, this club is for you!!! If you are interested in participating in the fall, winter, or both, please see Mrs. Schulz.

Upcycle Fashion Club

Tuesdays at 2:30 PM in Room 236

Summer Campo - Student Leader

Ms. Kelly Zilly - Advisor

Upcycling in Fashion is a fun and creative space to sew, thrift, learn, and more! In this club, we would meet every other Wednesday from 2:30 to 3 in room 236. These times may change depending on what projects we start! We will take occasional trips to thrift stores to find something old and make it as good as new! Whether designing new outfits or making something new out of something old, this place is a creative sewing outlet. This club will also include guest speakers who will come to talk about their experience in the fashion industry and discuss sustainability topics. So, if you are interested in pursuing a career in fashion or just love all things fashion, this club is for you!

Women in Business

Julia Cereghino and Serena Peterson - Co-Presidents & Co-Founders

Mrs. Sarah Gleason - Advisor

The Women in Business Club is committed to empowering and educating girls at NCHS who are interested in exploring the business world! "WIB" welcomes all girls who want to expand their knowledge of business and gain valuable experience—whether you're already well-versed or just beginning! Our club will operate in three quarters of the school year, each focusing on a different area of business with input from our members. Some options include but are not limited to: entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, operations, and more! Each quarter will feature engaging activities that pertain to our current quarterly focus, such as simulations, contests, charity projects, guest speakers, as well as the support to submit your work to real business competitions. We'll meet weekly in person after school and offer numerous leadership opportunities available to active members throughout the school year! For any questions or to join, please email julia.cereghino@ncps-k12.org or serena.peterson@ncps-k12.org.

YAF (Young Americans for Freedom)

Andrew Moor – Student Leader

Ms. Kristine Goldhawk & Ms. Hsuan-wui Wang - Advisors

Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) is a club that discusses conservative ideas and American values. The purpose of the club is to open students' eyes to the constantly changing political environment that we are a part of. The club participates in exciting activities such as inviting guest speakers, movies, and community service. The club strives to pull people out of their comfort zone and encourage them to debate their side. The club is just a small part of a much larger organization, members will get to know YAF's 60-year history and learn about notable figures including but not limited to YAF's founder William Buckley Jr. Without a doubt this club provides a space for like-minded conservative students to come together, share their beliefs and discuss current events.

SERVICE

Books Are Magic

Giuliana Giantasio & Anna Vertin - Student Leaders

Mr. Mike McAteer - Advisor

Books Are Magic aims to expand literacy as well as children's love for reading. Members will have the opportunity to both interact with children and help foster a love for reading within them as well as hold book drives and other fundraising events to help provide reading materials and support to kids who might otherwise not have access to books. We will hold both on-campus and off-campus meetings afterschool. On-campus events include the planning and execution of fundraisers, as well as the planning of read-alouds and subsequent arts and crafts activities/games. Our off-campus meetings would include trips to the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford to read to and work with the kids on their reading. We would also work in smaller groups or individually with children to strengthen their reading skills. We want to create an environment where kids can enjoy reading through engaging story times, working with kids to strengthen their independent reading skills and holding book drives for those in need of a new book.

Brain Exercise Initiative

Grace Baker & Serena O'Connor - Student Leaders

Ms. Annie Yantorno - Advisor

New Canaan High School's Brain Exercise Initiative, (BEI) is a club dedicated to helping slow the progression of dementia in seniors. Students will go to the Waveny Care Center once a week and work with residents for 30-45 minutes. During their time at the care center, the BEI members become invaluable companions to the residents, providing them with cognitive stimulation and a chance to connect with the world around them. Through research backed activities such as simple math problems, reading, and trivia, the students help the seniors exercise their minds, keeping their cognitive abilities sharp and engaged.

Building 1 Community Club

First Thursday of the month at 2:40 PM in Room 231

Jordan Alexander – Student Leader

Mrs. Rachel DiGioia – Advisor

The Building 1 Community Club meets the first Thursday of every month in Room 231. It works alongside the Building 1 Community in Stamford to help integrate immigrants into the community. Some of the activities will include running a toy drive in the school and volunteering at B1C's events

CharityLink

Tuesday at 2:45 PM in Room 223

Adelise Tauber - President; Giuliana Giantasio, Natalie Hamilton, Lindsay Hanlon & Chloe Perkins - Vice Presidents

Ms. Kristen Brown and Ms. Arri Weeks - Advisors

CharityLink is a community service and fundraising club that works hard to improve both local and global communities. CharityLink raises funds and provides volunteer services to advance the goals of a variety of charitable organizations, such as Save the Children, Toys for Tots, Doctors Without Borders, Silver Hill Hospital, Yale Children's Hospital, and the American Cancer Society. The most popular fundraisers include the Talent Show, Coffee House, Valentine's Day Candy Grams, and our annual teacher costume fundraiser. In addition to raising funds for good causes, CharityLink members also take direct action to help the community themselves. Service events have included Clean Your Mile and food drives. CharityLink is a great club for passionate students eager to help out the community and have fun at the same time.

CHEDDAR

Wednesday at 2:45 in Room 103E (Foods Lab)

Piper Maxey, Julia Michelini, Olivia Michelini & Sebastian Saridakis - Student Leaders
Ms. Donna Sapienza - Advisor

Welcome to CHEDDAR! CHEDDAR is a revolutionary and modern culinary club that incorporates the principles of cooking in accommodation to any type of living condition - whether that be dorm life, independent living, financial instability, or any other living restrictions. Our club aims to make the most out of these situations through convenient and enjoyable cooking, using our philosophy of CHEDDAR. The acronym, CHEDDAR, stands for: Cheap, Healthy, Easy, Delicious, Diverse, Accessible, & Ready-To-Go. Each meeting, we will cook a dish that alludes to this acronym, hopefully inspiring you to apply these techniques to your home life. We really enjoy cooking, and we hope you will learn to love it too! Please contact us if you are interested!

Donate the Love Club

Pia Bausman & Caroline Squillante – Student Leaders
Ms. Kelly Zilly – Advisor

Our Donate the Love Club provides students with the opportunity to spread kindness throughout less fortunate communities. We will hold donations each month for different items including food, clothing, toys etc. We will hold club meetings at the end of each month to sort through these donations and make different packages to share to nearby struggling communities. In our community many of us have been fortunate enough to have lots of nice things that eventually we no longer need. Rather than just throwing these items out, our club will provide the chance to donate to kids who may not be fortunate enough to have these nice items.

Feeding 500

Adelaide Tuff - Captain
Mrs. Marianne Cohen - Advisor

Founded in March of 2021, Feeding 500 is a youth non-profit organization managed and run exclusively by high school age students dedicated to supporting local communities through fundraising and volunteerism. Having raised over \$75,000 in the last 18 months, Feeding 500 has become an established philanthropic organization in the state of Connecticut, gaining recognition from public figures such as Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Rep. Jim Himes, and First Selectman Kevin Moynihan. Feeding 500 is the perfect opportunity for students looking to develop their leadership skills while giving back to the community. As a Feeding 500 member you will have opportunities for unique hands-on volunteering and will learn what it takes to be part of the fastest growing student-led nonprofit organization in Connecticut. More information can be found on our [website](#) and a sign up form can be found [here](#).

Glamour Gals

Kate Frangione - Student Leader
Mrs. Stella Clarke (sclarke@waveny.org) - Advisor

Glamour Gals is a national volunteer organization which brings joy to senior living communities. NCHS Glamour Gals partners with the Waveny Care Center and meets once a month, time and date depending on openings of the Care Center. Our mission is to provide companionship, conversation, and our signature beauty experiences for seniors in care. Some activities that are included are painting the residents nails, and doing their makeup, as well as simple activities and games that the residents can participate in.

GotSneakers Club

2nd Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise announced) at 2:40 PM in Room 213

Johann Wrede – President, Willem Wrede – Vice President
Mr. James Chesbro – Advisor

Seventy-percent of NCHS students participate in at *least* one sport during the year. That translates into a lot of athletic shoes, not to mention the sneakers they might wear to school during the day. The purpose of the GotSneakers Club is to encourage NCHS athletes to donate their used athletic shoes (sneakers and trainers only) rather than throwing them away, so that they can be recycled or reused, and all money raised will be donated to a

local charity that is selected by the club members. In addition to selecting a charity for the proceeds, members will set up designated pickup boxes and collect shoes for packaging and shipping.

Inspirica Club

Samantha Haley, Emilia Martinez & Tessa Riley – Student Leaders
Mr. Sean Killelea – Advisor

Want to cook for a great cause? In Inspirica, our goal is to give back to the community through food. Join us as we brainstorm ideas on what to cook, gather ingredients, and cook and serve meals. At the beginning of each month every club member can set up volunteer hours to either serve food or bake food at a shelter or soup kitchen. Our club will meet every other Friday!

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Student Visionary Club

Tuesday at 2:40 PM in Room 225

Sophia La Magna & Victoria Vaccaro - Presidents
Ms. Susan Steidl - Advisor

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is a charitable organization that provides support for cancer patients, advocates for their rights, and backs life-saving research. As a club, we work to spread awareness and raise money so LLS can continue to do all they do. This club also aims to support the Student Visionaries of the Year program, which is a person, or group of people, that runs a fundraising campaign for LLS during a seven week period from January to March. Weekly meetings will be held to discuss fundraising and further outreach.

Malta House Club

Meetings monthly (listen for announcements)

Skyla Warren - Student Leader
Mrs. Sara Drexel - Advisor

The Malta House Club is committed to helping mothers and children in need. We work with the Malta House in Norwalk, a nonprofit that helps young, single, or homeless mothers transition into a healthier and more supportive environment. It acts as a transitional living program that provides a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to mothers and their young children. Our club will help with local events, work with the mothers and children in the house, do hand-on projects to help out, and hold fundraisers and drives for the amenities needed in the Malta House. This club is a great opportunity to directly help local community members in need!

Math Buddies

Lily Mohr and Susanna Rittenberry – Student Leaders
Mrs. Katie Marhefki - Advisor

Math Buddies is a student-led tutoring club designed to provide additional math support outside the classroom for students at Saxe Middle School. Working with our advisor and the district's K-8 Math Coordinator, club members will offer in-person tutoring sessions at the New Canaan Library twice a month either on a Saturday or Sunday. Sessions could be added weekly if demand is there. Tutoring sessions will also be offered during the week before the mid-term and final exams. High School students who enjoy math and working with younger students should sign up for as many tutoring sessions as their schedule allows and definitely follow us on Instagram at @mathbuddiesnc

Music Outreach Club

Emily Telesco & Soraya Breed – Student Leaders
Mrs. Sarah Gleason – Advisor

Music Outreach Club offers NCHS students the opportunity to perform in music programs at senior centers in our community. We welcome students with musical interests such as singing or playing an instrument. We meet in the choir room to rehearse before our monthly performances. If you are a student who likes music and finds joy in sharing it with others, join the Music Outreach Club! We hope you enjoy being a part of this club as much as the seniors enjoy the music.

New Canaan Neighbors Club

Jackie Doherty, Angelina Gao & Charlotte Moor – Student Leaders
Ms. Tammy Roberts - Advisor

Hi! We're Isabel and Elizabeth and we run the New Canaan Neighbors Club. We provide flexible local service opportunities for students and athletes who otherwise may not have the time for other volunteer work. Since there are no weekly afternoon meetings, this club is especially helpful for those with other extracurriculars. We help our community by offering several activities our members can choose from based on their schedules. Some of last year's events include raising money for PAWS animal shelter (and visiting it!), making gift baskets for health care workers, and helping the non-profit called Person-to-Person. In addition, in our zoom meetings we will give members the opportunity to take charge if there is a specific cause they care about and wish to help. Overall this is a great group of people who are bound to become your good friends!

NCHS Community Outreach Mentor Program

Siddhi Singhanian, Amanda Aalto & Sofia Fuentes - Student Leaders
Ms. Elizabeth Caamano & Ms. Jacqueline Aldrich - Advisors

In this program, we will be collaborating with students in grades PreK-12 across the district. We will be working with and engaging these students on various tasks, including games, homework help/tutoring, and answering any questions they may have. Any hours you complete will be recorded and can be signed off on as needed. We will be going to the elementary/middle schools every other week after school.

New Canaan High School Service League of Boys (SLOBs)

Teddy Goetz & Brooks Wunderlich – Co-Presidents
Mr. Ari Rothman – Advisor

New Canaan Service League of Boys (New Canaan SLOBs) is an organization working to foster the parent-son relationship in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and education. It is an organization of parents and sons who join in service and educational endeavors to foster community responsibility as well as strengthen the parent-son relationship.

NCHS Wildlife Preservation

Brooke Gusitsch, Sophie Root, Cat Chanler, Maggie Marshall – Student Leaders
Ms. Clare McLellan - Advisor

The NCHS Wildlife Preservation club directly supports a local animal rehabilitation center in Weston, CT called Wildlife in Crisis. Wildlife in Crisis is a volunteer run, non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife preservation and land conservation. Each year WIC cares for over 5,000 injured and orphaned wild animals, and WIC relies entirely on donations to care for debilitated wildlife. We have the ability to make a big impact on wildlife by supporting locals like WIC! Our club will play an important role in supporting WIC with donations, providing supplies, and more!

Outside the Bubble Club

Marlena Ericsson & Carielle D'Elisa – Student Leaders
Mrs. Kristi Carriero – Advisor

The goal of this club is to develop a better understanding of issues outside New Canaan. As students in New Canaan, we tend to worry about only our lives and forget about the wars and suffering happening outside the world. With that being said, we plan to fundraise for FAFU (like prior years) but also non-profits like the ASPCA, Against Malaria Foundation, Educate Girls, etc. We plan to fundraise each quarter for a different organization in different ways; Bake Sales, Donations, Gift Card Drawings, etc.

Paws United

Meetings once or twice a month at 2:40 PM in Room 313

Elle Thompson & Charlotte Sawyer - Student leaders

Clare McLellan - Advisor

Paws United is a club where students have the opportunity to work with Strays and Others, a local animal shelter. Members will participate in volunteer activities, such as organizing donation drives for food and supplies and raising awareness about pet adoption. Our club aims to enrich the lives of the shelter pets and help them receive the loving homes they deserve.

Person-to-Person Club

Tuesdays at 2:30 PM in Room 230

Emmy Miller - Student Leaders

Ms. Kerry Hamara - Advisor

Our club provides students with the opportunity to volunteer with Person-to-Person, a local non-profit organization that helps local families in need by providing them with food, clothing, and financial assistance. Person-to-Person has several locations; however, we will mainly be working with the Darien location. Our club will also hold fundraisers and clothing/food drives specifically to support Person-to-Person. This club is a great opportunity to directly help local community members in need.

Planet New Canaan

Grace Driscoll, Kate Kupchak, Bella Lane & Ava Licata - Student Leaders

Ms. Clare McLellan - Advisor

The mission of the Planet New Canaan club is to educate students on environmental issues and to inspire changes that increase the sustainability of our town and our school. This club presents an opportunity for students to collaborate, meeting in Room 313 once a month after school. Planet New Canaan Club aims to take multiple trips to the local transfer station as well as help out with planned clean ups at the New Canaan Land Trust.

Read + Rinse

Chloe George – Student Leader

Mrs. Kristen Brown – Advisor

Read + Rinse is a club that promotes literacy in underserved communities, specifically laundromats. When people are waiting for their laundry to be done, many have no choice but to bring their kids along, and everyone must wait around until the load is ready. We wanted to bring something both beneficial and fun to these kids, reading! Many of these kids also may not have access to literature at home or if they do, a limited amount with little variety. The club would hold book drives to fill the shelves with books targeted towards children and young adults, fundraise, and paint bookshelves for different laundromat locations in conjunction with the Non-Profit Organization, Laundry Love, which holds many locations across Fairfield County and further. We would also provide a few students to read to the kids during Laundry Love hours, which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month. Read and Rinse plans on meeting twice a month. The first Wednesday of every month would be the optional activity of reading to kids at Laundry Love, while the next meeting would take place at school to brainstorm, fundraise, and paint and decorate bookshelves. Read and Rinse is a great way to give back to underserved communities around us.

Red Cross Club

Tuesday at 2:45 PM in Room 202

Siddhi Singhania -- President, Lily Bradley -- Treasurer, Lauren Smith -- Secretary

Nurse Betsy Imbrogno - Advisor

The Red Cross Club is a club branching from and registered with the *American Red Cross Society*. We will be working towards holding various fundraising events, blood drives, and more based on what we decide together. The money raised will go towards [supporting](#) disaster victims. Each club member will have a volunteer connection account through the Red Cross where they can log their hours and learn more about the organization. Joining this

club is a meaningful way to get involved and make a difference helping those affected! We hope to see you every other week after school on Tuesday in room 202!

SAVE Promise Club

Every other Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 115

Cecily Bradley & Sofia Fuentes-Jimenez - Founders

Mrs. Cristina Corona & Dr. Susan Bliss - Advisors

The SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Club will work to create an inclusive school culture where students are looking out for each other. It will sponsor activities, events, and projects that will promote kindness and connections. Ultimately, these activities make our school safer as the more students feel a sense of belonging, the less likely they are to choose to harm themselves or others. The SAVE Promise Club is a part of the Sandy Hook Promise initiative and is a part of a national movement to keep schools safe.

Vote New Canaan

Monday at 2:40 PM in Room 102

Will Wunderlich – Student Leader

Mrs. Amy Rothschild – Advisor

Vote New Canaan is a club focused on civic activities and voter registration. We are a non-partisan group that aims to bring high schoolers into the political world with each registration. We focus on registration tables that target high school and college students, who are eligible for elections, but also spread crucial information about the voting process.

Why Money Matters

Every other Wednesday at 2:40 PM in Room 230

Vihaan Choksi – Student Leader

Mrs. Kerry Hamara – Advisor

Why Money Matters is a club which seeks to promote conversation related to money and the economy through free-form conversation in which anyone can participate. Key points from club meetings are published into short articles following meetings. The club also takes part in different fundraising and volunteering events to help the disadvantaged in several capacities. Meetings held every other week.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Police Club

Nico Caruso & Alie Hanson - Student Leader
Officer Jeff Deak – Advisor

Students are invited to experience the training Police Officers go through to achieve their certification. Students will learn about law enforcement issues and aspects of police work including accident investigation, radar, search and seizure, tasers, local enforcement issues and also have an opportunity for hands-on training. Tours will be offered at the Police Department and at area judicial court buildings. Students will also have an opportunity to volunteer with our Officers in the community.

Student Advocates

Every other Tuesday at 2:45 PM; exact dates and location TBD

Ms. Rachel Hartong, Mrs. Erica Schaedler – Advisors

The mission of Student Advocates is to create a more positive school culture by working with peers in a variety of ways in order to support emotional and social growth and break down social barriers. Our goal is to increase school unity and pride, build individual student confidence and help create a respectful school environment in which all students feel connected and supported. Student Advocates have been an integral part of several projects within the school that have aimed to benefit school culture and encourage mutual respect, including Names Can Hurt, PACT, Freaky Friday, Gratitude Cards, Palentines, the All-School Picnic and various eighth grade transition activities. If you are interested in joining Student Advocates, please sign up using this link: [Student Advocates Sign Up Form](#)

Student Coalition

Wednesdays at 2:45 PM in Room 204/205

Mrs. Priscilla Schulz – Advisors

President – Susanna Rittenberry

Vice President – Alexander Cannon

Treasurer – Tara Menon

Secretary – Brooke Gusitsch

Public Relations Liaison – Pia Bausman

This is the student governing body of the school with elected members covering three leadership areas: Executive, Political, and Social. Officers take responsibility for recruiting class delegates and committee members, and suggesting new ideas or improving past events. Advisers and officers for each class are:

Class of 2025

Class President - Rohan Shenoy
Political Board President - Caroline Squillante
Social Board President - Brooks Wunderlich
Delegate - Michael Gabriel
Veronica Astacio & Sean Killelea - Advisors

Class of 2026

Class President - Jordan Alexander
Political Board President - Molly Shimmeck
Social Board President - Emma Grzymiski
Michael LeDuc & Erica Schaedler - Advisors

Class of 2027

Class President - Charlotte Doak
Political Board President - George Wang
Social Board President - Emmy Miller
Delegates - Lucy Bench, Mairead Greiner, Nicholas Plasencia, Meghan Garvey, Michael Sargis
Anthony Bloss & Rachel DiGioia - Advisors

Class of 2028

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