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# SACHEM EAST CLUBS

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## 2021-2022

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### ART CLUB

**ADVISOR: MS. WRIGLEY**



Art Club is a place where students who are interested in art can come together to work on special art projects and share experiences with their peers. Art Club is open to all students, grades 9-12, who have a passion for the arts. They do not need to be currently enrolled in an Art class. Students will be able to develop skills and techniques by producing personal art of their choice, in addition to creating projects that will build a positive impact in our school and community.

### BUDDIES CLUB

**ADVISORS: MS. PALLADINO/MS. POWERS**

The Buddies Club encourages interaction between students from both the special education and general education populations. Meetings will provide socialization opportunities in a positive environment. Activities will include game days, movies, etc., allowing the students to make new connections and friendships within the busy high school setting.

### BUSINESS AND MARKETING HONOR SOCIETY

**ADVISOR: MS. CANNETTI**

The primary purpose of the Business and Marketing Honor Society is to recognize those students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in a business program. Excellence, leadership, integrity and service are essential components of the society. To be eligible students must be enrolled in a business class in either the fall or spring. Sophomores and juniors must complete two business courses by the end of the year. Seniors must complete three business courses by the end of the year. All students must maintain an overall 80% average with an 88% in their business/marketing courses.

### CHESS CLUB

**ADVISOR: DR. WEFER**

The Chess Club meets weekly to play chess, learn tactics and socialize. The competitive season runs from November through February as the team competes in the Suffolk County Chess League. The season culminates with a County Championship (with the possibilities of State/National championships). Intermittent tournament competitions are attended throughout the year and, hopefully, this tradition of pride will continue for many years to come.





## **CLASS GOVERNMENT**

**ADVISORS: MS. DORN/MS. BABST 9<sup>th</sup>  
MS. HERRMANN/MR. HOLDEN 10<sup>th</sup>  
MR. REGAN/MR. MONSEN 11<sup>th</sup>  
MS. STEIN/MS. PATTERSON 12<sup>th</sup>**

This club is open to the entire student body with emphasis on activities inside of school as well as a multitude of community service activities. We are looking for students who have an interest in making our school a better place and also those who have the time to help us to raise funds for several causes. For example, the junior class is proud to be a part of the events at Mather Hospital and the Little Flower School. They also sponsor and participate in an annual build for Habitat for Humanity. Students will also be involved in the coordinating of dances such as the Ring Breakfast, Junior Banquet or the Senior Prom and Senior Banquet. The freshman and sophomore class are involved in an Awake-A-Thon and Club Clash to raise money for the Little Angel Fund and Schneider Children's Hospital.

“The Freshman and Sophomore Class organize 2 events together each year. The first event is The Awake - A Thon where students have the opportunity to stay at school all night. The second event which takes place at Flight, Fit and Fun in Ronkonkoma. We are also looking to begin our first water polo tournament right in our very own Sachem East Pool. We organize 2 fundraisers a year, a Spring Clothing Drive and Baskets for Babies. If you are looking to become a more active student at Sachem East, Class Government is for **YOU!**

## **DECA**

**ADVISOR: MR. WARD**

DECA prepares future leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Through participation in DECA activities, **96%** of DECA members say they learned how to communicate thoughts and ideas, how to organize a presentation and more about what businesses expect from employees while gaining problem-solving skills. **87%** of DECA members say their experience prepared them *academically for college and career*. DECA is nationally recognized by Colleges with the High School Division including **220,000** members in **3,700** schools. Members may qualify for local, regional and national field trips.



## **DRAMA CLUB**

**ADVISOR: MS. THOMPSON/MR. DE PERSIO**



The Drama Club will produce its annual Fall Comedy/Drama, as well as its Spring musical. All productions are open to all students. The year ends with our annual student-based Broadway Night, choreographed by club members. The club will meet professional artists here at Sachem East. Please listen for announcements for Drama Production Auditions.

## **DIVERSITY CLUB**

**ADVISOR: MR. JANNACE**

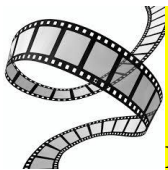
Is there something YOU always wanted to do at Sachem East? Join the club and bring YOUR IDEAS to the table. This club welcomes ALL students in an attempt to develop leaders in the school and community! Here are some of our goals for the coming year: to cultivate an appreciation for diversity in the school community; learn about and celebrate various cultures and languages; fostering a friendly environment to enhance academic and social skills of students in need; take a field trip to enhance our own understanding of diverse cultures.



## **EASTSIDE VIEW**

**ADVISOR: MR. PATTEN**

The *Eastside View* is a student run newspaper which publishes news articles, interviews, editorials, feature stories and sports articles about Sachem East and the world beyond. Students will gather, edit, organize, layout and publish issues throughout the school year. If you enjoy writing, editing, drawing, photographing and thinking, then this is the club for you!



**FILM APPRECIATION:**

**ADVISOR: MR. KELSCH**

**GAMING CLUB (eSports)**

**ADVISOR: MS. DANSKY**



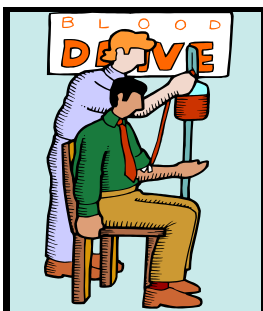
**GSA: (GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE)**

**ADVISORS: MS. POWERS/MS. PALLADINO**

The Sachem East Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is a club that provides a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students (LGBT) and their straight allies. Our club is committed to addressing homophobia in our school community by providing education and awareness on the topic of sexual orientation and the challenges faced by LGBT students. We hold social and recreational events throughout the year, in addition to hosting several building-wide awareness activities. We also have a lot of fun! All students, grade 9 through 12, are welcome to join.

## **INTERACT VOLUNTEER CENTER**

**ADVISOR: MR. LEMKE**

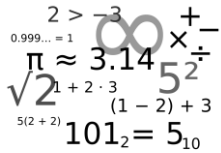


The Interact Volunteer Center is open to all students. This club is all about giving back to the community, locally, regionally and globally. We run blood drives hosted at Sachem East; help support The Giving Tree, local veterans' groups, help the fight against Parkinson's and much more. We also perform community service for our senior citizens, cheer packages for soldiers, helped out the Brookhaven

Ecology Center, beach clean-ups and Keep Farmingville Clean. We also do local fundraisers for community members in need. Please stop by Room B221 for more information and help make a difference in this world.

**MATH HONOR SOCIETY**

**ADVISOR: MR. CARMON**



The Math Honor Society is established to provide recognition of achievement in mathematics at all levels for high school students and to enhance knowledge and understanding of mathematics among all levels of mathematics students by promoting scholarship and enjoyment through activities at various appropriate levels. We want to create enthusiasm for scholarship, strengthen skills, promote leadership, and develop character. The Math Honor Society will foster collegiality, as well as develop maturity and independence, by providing students the opportunity to come together with common purposes: a commitment to service and dedication to excellence and strengthen the understanding and skills, including problem solving, of mathematics. We would encourage students to seek mathematics and technology-related careers, encourage talented mathematics students to help other students to develop an interest and achievement in mathematics.

**MOCK TRIAL**

**ADVISORS: MS. HEINRICHS/MR. AUGERI**

**MODEL UN**

**ADVISOR: MS. FATSCHER**



The Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation-based educational activity for students at the high school level. The club aims to provide students with the opportunity to learn about the workings of the United Nations and major bodies (such as UNICEF and WHO) that undertake to develop specific programs dealing with global issues. Through the process of studying particular countries, issues of global interest and the nature of diplomatic negotiations, the students will become active participants in solving world problems thus developing a sense of being part of an interconnected global community. This will be

achieved through:

- Study of the workings of the United Nations, international issues and the global community.
- Study of diplomatic negotiation and related communication skills (verbal and written)
- Research of critical global issues

**MUSIC PRODUCTION CLUB**

**ADVISOR: MR. FUNK**



The Music Production Club teaches students how to make the music they listen to. Using computers and hardware controller, members of the Music Production Club will learn to record, produce and mix their own songs.

**NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY**

**ADVISOR: MS. WRIGLEY**



The National Art Honor Society participates in and supports the Renaissance policy of excellence in education. The organization is community service oriented. The students have participated in painting faces at Homecoming and other events, designing shoes for the Vans Custom Culture contest, creating

holiday cards for veterans in an assisted living home, exhibiting original art in an online Artsonia gallery, working with younger art students and painting murals in the building as well as out in the community. In addition, the students have exhibited and won scholarships in the Long Island's Best competition at the Heckscher Museum, Smithtown Township Arts Council, Bay Area Friends of the Fine Arts and Suffolk County Art Leaders' Association student shows. The National Art Honor Society also awards scholarships to graduating seniors who are pursuing an art career.



## **NATIONAL ENGLISH CLUB & HONOR SOCIETY**

**ADVISORS:MR.TROISE/MR. WRIGHTSON**

Do you love English? Whether you are a poet, novelist, or simply love to spend your free time reading or even watching a good film, the National English Club/Honor Society is the place for you. We meet and create a forum to discuss the many forms of literature, its impact on our everyday lives and in the world around us, and we look to promote that interest in others. Looking to acquire leadership skills or community service credits? Projects including tutoring will be scheduled. For those students wanting to go the extra distance and be initiated into the National English Honor Society (NEHS), applications will be available; however, it is NOT a requirement of the National English Club. Requirements for the NEHS include:

- Good academic standing (includes conduct)
- Completed two high school English courses
- 2 years + in the National English Club
- English average of 90 or better; overall average of 85 or better (AP and Honors will be weighted)
- Member of National English Club and attend 75% of meetings
- 10 hours of community service, 6 hours must be English related (1 hour can be fulfilled as an officer).

## **NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY**

**ADVISOR: MS. TRAVAGLIA**



Students who have displayed excellence in their language of study are eligible to apply for membership in the Foreign Language Honor Society. Students must meet the required 93 average in the language studies as well as an overall grade point average of 88. The application process begins in the fall and if a student meets the requirements, he/she will participate in the Induction Ceremony. In order to receive a certificate and maintain status in the society, the student must promise to continue to master their language and fulfill community service requirements each year until graduation. If a student fails to be accepted in their sophomore year, they are encouraged to reapply as a junior or senior.

## **NYS MENTORING PROGRAM**

**ADVISOR: MR. PICKERSGILL**



Together, the upper grades and lower grades at Sachem East will work to improve connections to the school community and to individuals. Students will receive training through the NY State Mentoring Program and have continued support of the adviser throughout the school year. Together, the group will meet twice a month when mentors and mentees will have time to work in pairs to get to know one another and the school community as a whole. To facilitate this connection, the club will engage in community service projects, team building experiences, and established school activities. Interested mentors should fill out an application to be considered for

this program. Students in need of a mentor will be identified and matched with student mentors by a team of faculty and staff at Sachem East.

## **HISTORY CLUB & RHO KAPPA SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY**

**ADVISOR: MS. SINACORE**



Do you love history? Can't get enough of the History Channel? We meet and create a forum to discuss and debate current and past events. We participate in the National History Bowl tournament and conduct other fun activities related to history. Looking to acquire leadership skills or community service credits? For those students wanting to go the extra distance and be inducted into the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, applications are available; however, it's NOT a requirement of the National

History Club.

Requirements for Rho Kappa include:

- Good academic standing (includes conduct)
- Completed two High School Social Studies courses
- Social Studies average of 90 or better; overall average of 85 or better
- Member of National History Club and attend 75% of meetings
- 6 hours must be of history related service (opportunities offered through club offerings).

Join us at a meeting for more information.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**ADVISOR: MS. MOON/MS. GOODWIN**

The members of the Sachem Chapter of the National Honor Society willingly provide services for the Sachem community serving as ushers and guides at special events and orientation meetings, as well as offer a homework club once a week. Leadership and character are essential components to the overall complexion of the society. Any 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be considered eligible for the NHS if they have an overall 90% weighted average and must be involved in a minimum of 2 school activities and must have completed a **minimum** of 30 hours of **verifiable, ongoing** community service during the current school year. A student is not eligible to be a member until a passing grade in any failed subject is achieved. The same is true if a Regents exam had not been passed. Once inducted, students must maintain the required GPA and activities and complete a minimum of 4 service points, the required service project, and the homework club component. Please refer to the Honor Society link on East's homepage for more information.



## **NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**ADVISOR: MS. SAVICKAS**



NTHS strives to bring well deserved recognition, scholarship opportunities and career opportunities to students who excel in one of the 108 career and technical education fields as their profession. Not only do NTHS students embody all the attributes and talent which is in demand today, these students also embrace a clear vision for tomorrow's workforce and their roles in it. Through scholarships, NTHS encourages students to pursue higher education and training in technical fields and supports members in their lifelong commitment to a skilled trade.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

**ADVISOR: MR. BYRNE**

The Photography Club is a club for students interested in advancing their photography skills and techniques. The club is open to all students, Grades 9-12. The club will put on multiple shows and displays throughout the year, as well as take a trip to NYC.

Interested students will have the opportunity to participate in the LIMA show in the spring. Club members will also have the opportunity to take pictures at various school events and functions.



## PROJECT HAPPINESS

**ADVISORS: MS. ALBINO/MS. CAREY**

**Google Classroom Code: 6jtor4e**



Project Happiness is a club for any student who wants to be part of a positive change here at Sachem East. Members will have the opportunity to participate in personal growth and development opportunities with regard to happiness and resilience and also to share opportunities for staff and students in our school to develop those skills and habits as well.

Happier students and club members learn tools to handle stress better, have healthier, more positive relationships, bully less, have an easier time learning, develop skills colleges and employers are looking for and become change-makers within the community.

## PROJECT SPECTRUM

**ADVISOR: MS. GEARNS**



Have you ever wanted to make a difference but weren't sure how? Have you ever wanted to actively work towards dismantling intolerance, embracing diversity, being an ally to all, and developing your leadership skills? If so, PROJECT SPECTRUM is for you, and it is now open to all East students! SPECTRUM stands for Sachem Promotes Equity Cooperation Tolerance Respect Unity & Multiculturalism. Our goal is to use our time and talents to make East, our community and the world better by spreading the values and

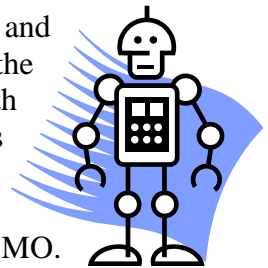
ideals of Project SPECTRUM. This club will do incredible things, but we need YOU and YOUR IDEAS to do so! Join us!

## ROBOTICS CLUB (TEAM)

**ADVISORS: MR. WENTZEL/MR. CIFUNI**

Team 263 "Aftershock" is a combined effort of students and alumni from both East and North campuses of Sachem High School. Referred to as "the varsity sport for the mind," FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. Each year the Robotics Team designs, builds and programs a new 120 lb. robot to compete in the FIRST robotics competitions against other teams from all across the country. Our competitions take place regionally on Long Island, New York City, Connecticut and nationally in St. Louis, MO.

Students of all skill levels, from basic construction, design, advertising, video/photo journalism and organization to physics, mechanical and electrical engineering, web page design; computer programming and 3D animations are needed. This is a one-of-a-kind experience. Several of the team members have received significant college scholarships because of their participation with Sachem's Team Aftershock.



## SADD

**ADVISORS: MR. SCHNUPP/MR. HENAGHAN**

SADD is a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and

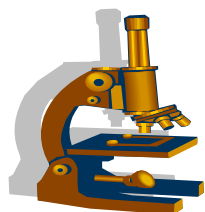


impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide. Some of our activities include Grim Reaper week, Distracted Driving week, scavenger hunt, guest speakers and more.

**SADD National's mission:**

To provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, and other destructive decisions.

**SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY      ADVISOR: MS. LOHR/MR. WALTERS**



America has been honoring brilliant students through honor societies since 1921. Educators began to notice the need for subject specific honor societies in America's high schools in the 1980's. Since then, new honor societies have sprung up to recognize and encourage students in such areas as English, Art, French, and Spanish. Until now, there has been no national honor society for Science. In this era of rapidly changing technologies and scientific advancement, it is time to encourage and recognize high school students in the Sciences.

It is time for the Science National Honor Society: Science National Honor Society will be the prominent scientific organization that will engender a new group of young thinkers who will be the future of industry, research, and scientific exploration for America.

**SCHOOL STORE      ADVISOR: MR. McCAFFREY/MS. WRIGHTSON/MS. CANNETTI**



Are you interested in working in our school store? Would you like to get real work experience learning all aspects of running a business? Our School Store allows students to become employees and gain valuable insights on what it's like to work and manage a business enterprise. You can also receive course credit by working at the store! This is a fun and valuable experience you should definitely consider. Current Sophomores and Juniors are strongly encouraged to apply. Anyone who may be interested in working at the School Store next year should see Mr. McCaffrey during the day.

**SkillsUSA**

**ADVISOR: MS. SAVICKAS**



SkillsUSA is a national membership association serving high school, college and middle school students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure American has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by offering local, state and national opportunities for students to learn technical skills for career readiness. Club members are involved with many fundraisers and community service opportunities.

**STEM**

**ADVISORS: MR. GEARNS/MR. COFFEY**



## SOAR

**ADVISOR:**



SOAR stands for Skill Building Opportunities and Recreation and is a club for students who are interested in enhancing their skills by participating in various recreational opportunities. Activities will include various arts and crafts, recreational sports, yoga, karaoke, dancing, cookie/cupcake decorating and philanthropic activities. There is no membership fee but there may be a nominal fee for some activities (advance notice will be given). These efforts help advance our mission to change attitudes toward people with intellectual disabilities and to transform lives through the joy of SOAR every day, everywhere.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**ADVISORS: MS. VALLELY/**

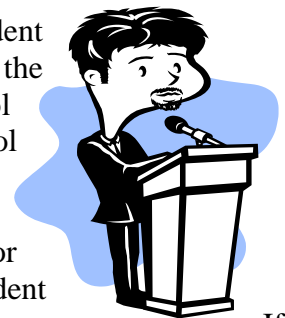


The Special Olympics Club is open to the **entire student body**. Competitive sports breed common ground. Athletes, coaches and the people who support them come together for the love of a sport or the thrill of a game. Not everyone wins. Through Special Olympics, though, everyone is included. Athletes with intellectual disabilities have the opportunity to challenge themselves in fair and even competition. Win or lose, they develop their own character, make friends and find unknown wells of determination within themselves. If you're a fan of unity, acceptance, empowerment, dignity, pride and fun, you're a fan of Special Olympics. You're one of us. Club members will meet several times a month. The club will culminate with athletes competing in the track and field events at the Long Island Special Olympics Spring Game.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**ADVISOR: MR. GALLO/MR. JANNACE**

Sachem East Student Government is an organization that is open to the entire student body. It is the major governing body of the student population. The goal of the organization is to develop leadership skills and a sense of respect within the school and Sachem community. Student government organizes and sponsors school activities that foster school spirit and have a positive impact on the larger community. Annual activities include Homecoming Spirit Week, Pep Rally, Sachem Showdown, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Winter Dodgeball, ALS Ride for Life, March Madness and Class/Student Government elections. In addition, Student Government takes part in many fundraisers and other school events throughout the year.



If you are interested in having an impact on the decisions made during your high school career and being more active in your school, Student Government is the club for you.

## SUSTAINABILITY CLUB (Formerly Creative Outdoors)

**ADVISOR: MR. CRISCI**



The purpose of the Creative Outdoors Club is to promote awareness of ecology, botany, outdoor recreation and conservation as well as develop an appreciation for gardening and landscape design. Throughout the school year, we will learn how to grow flowers & herbs, save seeds and learn how to build and maintain a green house. We also will maintain a hydroponic garden, grow garden vegetables for use in our culinary arts classes, develop and maintain a

landscape design for the A wing courtyard as well as plants flowers and shrubbery around the Sachem East campus.

### **TEENS AS TEACHERS**

**ADVISORS: MS. CULLY/MR. CULLY**

Teens as Teachers is a club which supports peer education as a means to support/teach positive health choices for both the participating students and the younger students they encounter. The participating high school students research and develop lesson plans to present to middle/elementary students in the Sachem School District. This club is open to all students who have a desire and a commitment to educating younger students to make positive health choices, who are interested in becoming a positive role model for younger district students and who make a commitment to the club. The commitment involves after school planning and either during or after school presentations at our district schools.

### **VARSITY/LEADERS CLUB**

**ADVISOR: MS. SCHMOHL**



The Sachem East Varsity Leaders Club is open to all varsity athletes who would like to have an involvement in the school and community that is still related to but goes beyond the sports arena. The club is designed to unify the varsity programs throughout Sachem East and provide members with the opportunity to participate in various volunteer activities, connect with alumni athletes, and college coaches. Members will learn to manage time between school, sports, work and extracurricular activities as well as welcome and encourage school spirit.

### **WORK BASED LEARNING**

**ADVISOR: MR. WARD**



WBL is built on the premise of **positively coaching** student strengths and developing weaknesses to assist in preparation for the workforce. Students will enjoy diverse topics from finding their own Career DNA, and building their foundational writing, typing, and computer skills. In addition, students will be provided instruction on finding, obtaining, and holding onto opportunities & collaborating with their peers along with the community.

Field trips ranging from **NYCB Live**, **The Roosevelt Field Mall**, and **The Learning Center** for construction equipment. Students enrolled in CTE programs that need WBL related instruction hours can meet these criteria by attending (details will be provided).

### **SACHEM EAST WRITING CENTER**

**ADVISOR: MS. HERRMANN**



Do you enjoy writing? Would you like to help other students unlock the power of words? Then you sound like a Writing Coach! The Writing Center is a place for all students to come and get one-on-one help in all forms of writing for all subject areas. Writing Coaches will undergo training to assist students with annotation skills, breaking down writing prompts and questions, sentence structure, paragraphing, basic essay structure, topic sentences, transitions, creating thesis statements, formatting in both MLA and APA formats, quoting and paraphrases, and editing techniques. Any student can stop in to gain insight for writing assignments; hope to see you there soon!

Requirements for Coaches:

- ✓ Must provide a writing sample
- ✓ Ask an English Teacher for a Recommendation

- ✓ Attend workshops at least once a month
- ✓ Stay after school at least 1 day a week to assist students
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## **YOGA/MEDITATION CLUB**

**ADVISOR: MS. ERB**

Yoga and Meditation is open to any and all students who would like an experience taught by a certified instructor. This club will provide you with a full yoga class where you will learn a variety of asanas (poses) and the benefits of regular yoga practice. Each class will also end with a guided meditation to help you center yourself and calm your body and mind. This club is great for anyone suffering from anxiety, insomnia, general stress or anyone who would like a new and exciting experience while strengthening the body and mind. All equipment will be provided, all you need is proper attire and an open mind!

