

# Manchester High School

## Student Clubs & Activities



Manchester High School is committed to fostering student development both academically and socially through a strong student activities program. M.H.S. offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities including clubs, organizations and athletics. We believe that participation in school activities develops skills, provides direction in goal setting, and contributes ultimately to a positive school climate. Below you will find a list of the clubs, a brief description of the club, meeting dates, times and member procedures.

### **National Honor Society ~ Advisor: Ms. Grayson**

NHS is an organization founded by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Students are selected for membership based upon merit in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character. For specific requirements, please review the Verplanck Chapter by-laws

**Meets:** Wednesdays, once a month

**Membership:** Selective

### **Papyrus & Quills Creative Writing Club ~ Advisor: Ms. Weinberg**

Participants write and critique each other's work including poetry, short stories, and screenplays among other creative writing forms. Students also compete in state writing competitions.

**Meets:** Every Thursday from 2:15-3:45

**Membership:** Open

### **Peer Mediation ~ Advisor: Ms. Pels-Roulier**

Peer Mediation is open to those students interested in being trained to aid in settling conflicts among their peers.

### **Red Productions ~ Advisor: Mr. Larson**

Red Productions is open to students interested in film & video production. Students will cover school events and produce short films and create commercials for morning announcements.

**Meet:** Twice a month

**Membership:** Open

### **Robotics Club ~ Advisor: Mr. Prytko**

Robotics is a team that competes in various robotic competitions throughout the year. We are looking for drivers, builders, programmers, and scouts.

**Meets:** Daily

**Membership:** Open

### **Round Table Singers ~ Advisor: Mr. Tyler**

RTS is a 35-45 voice *cappella* choir, selected by audition from members of the Chorus or Chorale. The group performs at numerous concerts throughout the year and travels on a competition/tour in the spring.

**Meets:** Tuesday & Thursday from 2:15-3:15

**Membership:** Selective (audition)

### **Sewing Club ~ Advisor: Ms. Sandler**

"It's Sew Fun" Sewing Club meets every Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:45 in room 148. Any student who is interested in Fashion, and wants to learn how to make their own clothing and/or crafts, is invited to attend. No prior experience is necessary.

**Meets:** Wednesdays from 2:15-3:15, Room 148

**Membership:** Open

### **Ski Club ~ Advisors: Ms. Doyle, Ms. Raynor, & Mr. Warner**

Students interested in skiing or snowboarding are invited to join. Members take six trips to Ski Sundown and one to Okemo.

**Meets:** Wednesdays plus additional days for planning

**Membership:** Initiation Opening.

### **Sock 'n' Buskin ~ Advisors: Ms. Lister & Mr. Tyler**

S'n'B is open to anyone interested in play production. Students produce a play in the fall and a One Act play festival/variety show in the spring. SnB plays theatre and improv games every Fri. after school and participates in the annual homecoming parade.

**Meets:** Fridays from 2:30-3:30

**Membership:** Open

### **Tech Crew ~ Advisor: Mr. Fairbanks**

The tech crew is a group of students who learn to use and coordinate lights, sound and construction of the technical side of theater productions.

**Meets:** Wednesday at 6:00pm, Auditorium

**Membership:** Open

### **Unified Sports ~ Advisor: Mr. Oberlander**

Unified Sports pairs special education and regular education students for sporting events.

### **Yearbook ~ Advisor: Mr. Prytko**

Students apply real world business skills as they run the publishing company. Jobs include taking photos; lay out, planning, writing and typing. Leadership positions are available and students must enroll in the class offered.

### **Young Men's Leadership Group ~ Advisors: Mr. Pearson & Mr. Lopez**

YMLG is open to male students. The group will participate in activities designed to encourage active participation in school, community service and leadership development. Student involvement will focus on character development and improving student achievement in academic and social networking.

**Meets:** Wednesdays at 2:15

**Membership:** Open

### **Young Women's Leadership Group ~ Advisors: Ms. Patel & Ms. Vignone**

A group of young women who want to make a difference in the world while maintaining their identities and being productive members of society.

**Meets:** Every Monday at 2:15

**Membership:** Open

### **Membership Procedures**

**Open** – anyone can join at anytime

**Initiation Opening** – students can only join at the beginning of the year

**Pre-requisites** – need to be enrolled in a course prior to membership

**Selective** – student must apply, audition, tryout or be invited

**Students who have questions regarding any co-curricular opportunities are encouraged to come to the Student Activities Office in Room 322**

**Activities Planning Board (APB) ~ Advisor: Ms. Favat**

APB is the organization that plans the majority of the large scale events for the school. Students help plan Homecoming, SnoBall, Mr. MHS among other programs as well as attend leadership conferences.

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month at 2:15pm

**Membership:** Open

**Ambassador Program ~ Ms. Norman**

This group is dedicated to the positive promotion of MHS, community service, and assist with various school events.

**Meets:** Monthly

**Membership:** Open

**Chamber Orchestra ~ Advisor: Ms. Kohanski**

Chamber Orchestra is an advanced string ensemble open to any student registered for an MHS orchestra class. The Chamber Orchestra performs at school concerts, special events and participates in an Adjudication Festival every Spring.

**Meets:** Mondays 5:45-7:15pm

**Membership:** Pre-requisite/Selective

**Chess Club ~ Advisor: Mr. Joshi**

The Chess Club promotes the friendly and competitive play of the game of chess. The aim is to see personal improvement in chess skills.

Interested members may also take part in out of school tournaments.

**Meets:** Every Friday at 2:10 in Room 213

**Membership:** Open

**Club Latino ~ Advisor: Mr. Alejandro**

Club Latino is an organization that plans activities to educate about and celebrate the Hispanic Culture.

**Meets:** Monthly

**Membership:** Open

**Dance Team ~ Advisors: Ms. Gonsalves, Ms. Downes, & Ms.****Decelle**

After auditions, this group trains to perform at home basketball games, as well as state and local competitions.

**Meets:** Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30

**Membership:** Selective

**Drill Team ~ Advisors: TBD**

The MHS Steppers are a group of students who create and perform rhythmic movements related to the African American tradition of step (dancing). All are welcome to join.

**Meets:** TBD

**Membership:** Open

**FBLA ~ Advisor: Ms. Sampiere**

Future Business Leaders of America is open to all students interested in pursuing a career in a business or a business-related field. Students participate in various activities including community service, field trips, state and national competitions and conferences.

**Meets:** Thursdays at 2:15

**Membership:** Open

**FCCLA ~ Advisor: Ms. Doherty**

Family, Community, Career Leaders of America is a student led club that promotes personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Community Service projects and competitions are an integral part of the club.

**Meets:** Twice a Month

**Membership:** Open

**Fencing Club ~ Advisor: Mr. Lewis**

Fencing Club meets to practice the sport of fencing. You will learn and use all three weapons: foil, epee, and saber. Equipment supplied.

**Meets:** Thursdays at 2:15

**Membership:** Open

**French Club ~ Ms. Jayawickrema**

The focus of the club is to further expose students to the French and Spanish culture. We will hold various fundraisers for members interested in traveling to Europe.

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2:10pm

**Membership:** Selective (Euro trip travelers only)

**Future Problem Solvers ~ Ms. Shea**

FPS is a program for academically talented students that will have the opportunity to compete against other teams while developing teamwork and creative thinking strategies.

**Meets:** Wednesday 2:30-4:00pm

**Membership:** Initiation opening

**Gay Straight Alliance for Equality ~ Advisor: Ms. Michael-Rogers**

GSA is open to any student interested in fostering open-mindedness. Club topics: Activities for the Day of Remembrance, Day of Silence, and National Aids Day. Giving support to MHS students as well as providing education on gay and lesbian topics. \*Disclosure of personal sexual orientation is not relevant to the purpose of the club.\*

**Meets:** TBA

**Membership:** Open

**Hand Bell Choir ~ Advisor: Mr. Tyler**

The Hand Bell Choir offers students an opportunity to perform in this unique medium. The ensemble performs throughout the community and may travel with the Roundtable Singers in the spring.

**Meets:** Wednesdays from 2:15-3:15

**Membership:** Initially Open (Year-long commitment)

**Harbinger Student Newspaper ~ Advisor: Mr. Delaney**

The Harbinger is the student-produced newspaper. Students should be interested in reporting, writing and layout and join the class that meets during period 7.

**HEROs (Bully Busters) ~ Advisor: Ms. Pels-Roulier**

Our mission is to promote the well-being of all Manchester Public School students by increasing their self-awareness and understanding of others. Students will be provided with strategies that will empower them to positively resolve conflicts and mean spirited behavior.

**Meets:** Mondays at 2:10

**Membership:** Selective

**Interact Club ~ Advisor: Ms. Donnelly**

Interact is a community service based club for students who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Through Interact, you can: carry out hands-on service projects, develop leadership skills and have fun.

**Meets:** Monthly (day varies)

**Membership:** Open

**I.O.H. (Instructors of the Handicapped) ~ Advisor: Ms. Grace**

IOH is a group that meets during the school year to teach disabled clients how to swim.

**Meets:** Scheduled Sundays

**Membership:** Initiation Opening

**Jazz Choir ~ Advisor: Mr. Tyler**

Jazz Choir is a small ensemble for students interested in vocal jazz.. Students will learn to improvise (scat singing) and sing in the various jazz idioms. This groups tours with the Roundtable Singers in the Spring

**Meets:** Mondays from 2:15-3:00

**Membership:** Selective (audition)

**Marching Band ~ Advisors: Mr Berry & Mr. Cancellieri**

Students learn to combine the skills of music performance and movement to produce the bands halftime show at footballs games. Performs at out of town band festivals, Big E Parade, and community Events.

**Meets:** 2-3 days per week

**Membership:** Pre-requisites

**Math Team ~ Advisor: Ms. Satin**

Math Team encourages any student interested in math to join. We participate in the CT Area Math League once a month against area schools.

**Meets:** Wednesdays from 2:15 – 4:00

**Membership:** Open

**Model UN ~ Advisor Ms. Seaha**

Model United Nations is a cross-curricular activity where students take on the role of diplomats from around the world focusing their interest on international issues.

**Meets:** Fridays, Room 296

**Membership:** Open

**Multicultural Club ~ Advisor: Ms. Sims**

Multicultural Club is open to all students interested in celebrating and exploring cultural diversity through music, poetry, art, history, current events. The club sponsors the annual Talent Show.

**Meets:** Monthly (day varies)

**Membership:** Open