

Dobbs Ferry High School

Co-Curricular Clubs (2017-18)

Grade-Level Class Advisory

Being part of a grade level advisory helps to unite the school and allows students to meet new people while planning school-wide events. Please contact the following grade-level advisors for more information:

- Freshman Class (Ms. Cairo/Ms. Curran: caiom@dfs.org and currane@dfs.org)
- Sophomore Class (Ms. Henry: henryj@dfs.org)
- Junior Class (Ms. Milio: miliom@dfs.org)
- Senior Class (Mr. Cohn: cohnc@dfs.org)

Book Club

The Book Club is open to students in grades 9-12 and allows students to read and explore both contemporary and older texts based on interest. In doing so, students have an opportunity to discuss some of the themes presented in small learning communities. The club will meet in Room 113. Please contact Mr. Falconetti (falconettit@dfs.org) for more information.

Creative Writing Club

The Creative Writing Club is a group of student writers who meet weekly to develop their writing skills through exercises and peer editing. Students explore all different aspects of writing and get exposure to multiple genres and styles. Writers of all skill levels and interests are welcomed to join. The club will be meet in Room 202. Please contact Mr. Fischbeck (fischbecka@dfs.org) for more information.

Destination Imagination

The goal of Destination Imagination (DI) is to foster creativity and problem solving among participants. Students prepare to compete regionally, state-wide, and globally for creative problem solving challenges. Please contact Ms. Henry (henryj@dfs.org) or Ms. Rancier (rancierk@dfs.org) for more information.

Friends of Rachel (FOR)

The Friends of Rachel Club (FOR Club) aims to promote a positive and accepting school culture at Dobbs Ferry Past activities have included the creation of a “Positivity” Board, Blue Shirt Day, Mix-it-Up Lunch with the ENL students, Staff Appreciation week and letter writing, and several anti-bullying activities. The club meets in the Guidance Suite. Please contact Ms. Propersi (propersi@dfsd.org) for more information.

FUNdraising Club

This club focuses on raising money, funds, goods, and awareness, for various charities, events, and current issues that students feel passionate about. The club meets the beginning of the school year and they discuss what charities and issues they would like to focus on each month. Some examples of past events include “no shave” November, ugly holiday sweater fundraiser for the Holiday Hustle, mud run, making bracelets for children at Blythdale Hospital, bake sales, wearing blue for Diabetes awareness month, and a food drive to list a few. The club meets in Room 216. Please contact Ms. Wing (wingr@dfsd.org) for more information.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Future Business Leaders of America is the largest career student organization in the world. FBLA's mission is to bring business and education together through innovative leadership and career development programs. Members build a portfolio of accomplishments with a wide range of awards programs. Please contact Mr. Patrillos (patrillos@dfsd.org) for more information.

Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity club is designed to foster a sense of charity and community among members. The primary outlet for attaining goals will be through the organization Habitat for Humanity which works to build affordable housing for low income families. Additional fund raising activities will be orchestrated to raise monies for other organizations which students are passionate about. The group also puts together Thanksgiving baskets for families in need in Dobbs Ferry and as well as a “Secret Santa” for needy children in New York. The club meets in Room 118. Please contact Ms. Henry (henryj@dfsd.org) for more information.

High School Musical

Ever see a Broadway musical on stage or on film and wish you could be a part of it? This spring, the High School Vocal Music/Theater program will produce a spring musical, title to be announced. High school students in grades 9-12 may participate in the spring musical as an actor/singer/dancer and/or behind the scenes in theater tech and stage crew. Students wishing to perform on stage will be able to audition in January and if cast, rehearse from February to April for the full-scale spring musical. Please contact Ms. DeFalco (defalcog@dfsd.org) for more information.

Improv Club (formally the Drama Club)

The Improv Club is open to any student in Grades 9-12 who would like to learn improvisational theater skills and hone their acting skills. Improv is acting without a script and a great way to practice "thinking on your feet," a valuable skill in any field of work. Students will also learn how to speak clearly, project their voice, and feel comfortable getting up in front of others. The group will meet on Wednesdays in Room 113.. Please contact Ms. Flaks for more information.

International Club

The International Club is for students who have an interest in the many cultures and ethnic groups that exist in the Dobbs Ferry school community. The International Club promotes understanding and appreciation for the many distinct cultural and ethnic groups in our school community and develops an understanding of the similarities and differences that exist between them in a positive, educationally-based way. The International Club typically meets bi-weekly during student lunch periods. The club meets in Room 109. Please contact Ms. Halberg (halbergm@dfsd.org) for more information.

Literary Magazine: Orpheus

This group meets regularly to collect, organize, and select original pieces of artwork, writing, and photography. They also work on the layout and publishing of this annual magazine. The club meets in Room 307. Please contact Ms. Lindner (lindnerm@dfsd.org) for more information.

Math League

Members of the New York Math League compete with other participating high schools for the highest scores on six contests. The top 5 scores from each contest are submitted. Each contest consists of 6 questions. There is a time limit of 30 minutes for each contest. On each contest, the last two questions are generally more difficult than the first four. All high school students are welcome to join. The club meets in Room 310. Please contact Ms. Sirakos (sirakosp@dfsd.org) for more information.

Model UN

The Model UN club is open to all students. The purpose of the club is to discuss and debate issues of international importance. A secondary goal of the club is to prepare students to participate in conferences where they will represent DFHS against other schools from the area. The conferences are an excellent opportunity for students to work on important skills such as debate, resolution, cooperation, and bill writing. The club meets in Room 200. Please contact Ms. Cairo (cairom@dfsd.org) for more information.

National Honor Society (NHS)

The National Honor Society is not a co-curricular club in the usual sense. Students in NHS are nominated as second semester juniors based on their cumulative GPA. Nominated juniors must

then undergo as rigorous nomination process that will look at the student's character, scholarship, service, and leadership --- the four tenants of the National Honor Society. Accepted students will serve as members of the NHS during their senior year. Please contact Mr. Cottingham (cottinghamj@dfsd.org) for more information.

Peer Tutoring

The Peer Tutoring Club is designed to support students in Math, Science, English, Social Studies, or World Language by pairing them with a qualified peer tutor at least once a week. Peer tutors can earn community service credit for participating. The club meets in Room 310. Please contact Ms. Sirakos (sirakosp@dfsd.org) for more information.

Political Debate Club

The Debate Club provides an opportunity for students to question and analyze political and world issues. In doing so, students develop public speaking and presentation skills as they work collaboratively with their peers. The Political Debate Club also teaches students to formulate and organize their own opinions and arguments as they support their statements with research and statistical data. The club meets in Room 110. Please contact Mr. Meagh (meagham@dfsd.org) for more information.

Select Chorus

The Select Chorus is for any student Grades 9-12 who would like to sing in a choir. Select Chorus will sing a variety of pop and standard repertoire and will perform at the Winter and Spring Music Concerts, as well as other performances outside of school. Previous singing experience is preferred, but not necessary. Please contact Ms. DeFalco (defalcog@dfsd.org) for more information.

Sign Language Club

Members will learn basic conversational ASL (American Sign Language), about the deaf culture and various job opportunities for translators for the hearing-impaired. They will also view clips from movies about the deaf (such as *Johnny Belinda*, *Man of a Thousand Faces*, *Mr. Holland's Opus*) and possibly visit a school for deaf/hearing-impaired children. The club will meet in Room 310. Please contact Ms. Sirakos (sirkakosp@dfsd.org) for more information.

Student Government: Activities Branch

The charge of the Activities Branch is to promote school spirit, grade unity, and community within our school. This group organizes and runs MAC field day, spirit week, color wars, the pep rally, and decorates the hallways and school for holidays. The Activities Branch also supports and promotes other clubs and students raise money for a charity of their choice each year. The group meets during activity periods, at lunch, and after school throughout the entire year. This might be the largest club in the school with approximately 80 members each year. Please contact Ms. Addona (addonam@dfsd.org) for more information.

Student Government: Legislative Branch

Members of the Legislative Branch are elected by their peers and serve for one year. The group meets on a weekly basis and discusses issues within the high school that impact student life. The club then prioritizes these issues and writes bills that are submitted to the school administration for review. The club is an excellent venue for students to work on important skills such as debate and bill writing. The club meets in Room 110. Please contact Mr. Meagh (meaghm@dfsd.org) for more information.

World Language Honor Society

The World Language Honor Society is an induction of 11th grade students of Italian, Spanish and French. The induction ceremony takes place in May of junior year. Please contact Ms. Addona (addonam@dfsd.org) for more information.

Yearbook Club (Periauger)

The goal of the Yearbook Club is for students of all grades to work together to create a yearbook commemorating the graduating class. Club members can contribute to the development of the yearbook in a variety of manners, depending on their strengths and interests, including but not limited to formatting, organization, photography, writing, and illustration. Above all, the club is a fantastic opportunity for students to preserve their memories and collaborate in the creation of a keepsake to be cherished for years after graduation. The club meets in Room 200. Please contact Ms. Newhouse (newhousea@dfsd.org) or Ms. Cairo (cairom@dfsd.org) for more information.

Youth to Youth

The S.A.D.D. Club is now known as Youth to Youth, but is still about positivity, support, awareness, and good decision making. There are many exciting things planned for the new school year. Please speak with Ms. Roberto (robertoj@dfsd.org) if you have any questions.