

Dobbs Ferry High School

Co-Curricular Clubs (2020-21)

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. Henry: henryj@dfsd.org)
- Sophomore Class Ms. Petruolo: petruolom@dfsd.org)
- Junior Class (Ms. Molloy: molloyd@dfsd.org)
- Senior Class (Ms. Cairo: cairom@dfsd.org)

Anime Club

The goal of this club is to explore Anime. The club meets to share, discuss, and analyze shows of this popular genre. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Ms. Lindner at lindnerm@dfsd.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. Please contact Mr. Falconetti (falconettit@dfsd.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. Please contact Mr. Fischbeck (fischbecka@dfsd.org) for more information.

Debate Club

The Debate Club will foster participation and understanding of political and controversial issues. Students will build confidence in public speaking and be open-minded to current events and differing points of view. Students will also meet to practice public speaking, watch informative videos such as Tedx Talks and debate competitions, and engage in current events discussions as well as research and prepare their own debates and talks. Please contact Ms. Halberg (halbergm@dfsd.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@dfsd.org) for more information.

Ecology Club

The Ecology Club aims to promote conservation, recycling, "going green" and environmental activism. Past activities include participation at the Saw Mill River clean up, gardening at Springhurst, organizing a school wide aqueduct clean up involving students and staff, and presenting at the Zero Waste Leadership Summit. In addition, we are actively involved in the recycling and composting initiatives at the Dobbs Ferry schools. Please contact Mrs. Ravo (ravok@dfsd.org) with any questions.

FUNDraising Club

This club focuses on raising money, funds, goods, and awareness, for various charities, events, and current issues that students feel passionate about. 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. Please contact Ms. Wing (wingr@dfsd.org) for more information.

GSA

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance's (GSA) mission is to create a more accepting environment for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, through education, support, social action, and advocacy. Please contact Ms. Silk (silkc@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. Please contact Ms. Swart (swartj@dfsd.org) for more information.

Hands-In DFHS (Service)

This newly created club is designed to provide students at DFHS with an opportunity to “give back” to our local community through various service initiatives. Given the current pandemic, all service experiences will be “virtual,” and will require “out of the box” approaches to keeping everyone connected during this challenging time! Please contact Ms. Fahy (fahym@dfsd.org) for more information.

History Bowl

The History Bowl is a team history quiz competition played over four quarters in each math. The goal of this club is to build students’ knowledge of history while enhancing communication and collaboration skills. Please contact Ms. Pallone (pallonej@dfsd.org) for more information.

International Club

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. Please contact Ms. Halberg (halbergm@dfsd.org) for more information.

Investments Club

This Investments Club introduces students to investments and money management while providing students with a platform to trade ideas around careers in finance. In doing so, the club participates in stock market simulation games, tracks investments, and has guest speakers. Please contact Mr. Cohn (cohnc@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. Please contact Ms. Sirakos (sirakosp@dfsd.org) for more information.

Media Club

This club is a student led content creation and distribution network focused on showcasing the collective and individual aspects of Dobbs Ferry student life. The Media Club presents students with an opportunity to work on content creation skills and podcasts while showing the world the accomplishments of the Dobbs Ferry student body. Please contact Mr. Patrillo (patrillos@dfsd.org) for more information.

Mindfulness and Meditation Club

Social and emotional well-being is important for all members of our school community. Dobbs Ferry Schools are very aware of this and have been working on ways to promote well-being throughout the curriculum and day. Developing an understanding of mindfulness and learning meditation techniques are key practices to achieving well-being and self-regulation through stressful and difficult times. The Mindfulness and Meditation Club will provide background knowledge on a variety of mindfulness and meditation techniques while providing a safe space for practicing mindfulness and meditation. Please contact Ms. Halberg (halbergm@dfsd.org) or Ms. Ravo (ravok@dfsd.org) for more information.

Music Appreciation Club

The Music Appreciation Club is open to all students who have an interest in sharing and exploring new music. We listen to all genres from classic rock of the 60's and 70's to contemporary hip-hop. This is a place to expand your musical horizons. Please contact Mr. Falconetti (falconettit@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. Please contact Ms. Pallone (pallonej@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. Please contact Ms. Sirakos (sirakosp@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. They will also learn songs to perform! Please contact Ms. Sirakos (sirakosp@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. 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 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. Please contact Mr. Meagh (meaghm@dfsd.org) for more information.

Television: Past and Present

Television programming has influenced America and the world since the second half of the 20th century. In as much as the time period has influenced programming, we have also seen that programs have influenced our society and culture. This club will analyze the periods of television programming while analyzing specific television episodes from throughout history in much the same way that film, novels and literature is examined. Please contact Mr. Fischbeck (fischbecka@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. Please contact Ms. Cairo (caiom@dfsd.org) for more information.

Youth to Youth

The Youth-to-Youth focuses on positivity, support, awareness, and good decision making. There are many exciting things planned for the new school year. Please contact Ms. Foster (fosterk@dfsd.org) if you have any questions.