

## **Roslyn High School Clubs**

### **Activities and Programs for Students**

**CLUBS** are an integral part of the Roslyn High School experience. With nearly all of our students participating in after-school activities, clubs provide a meaningful extension of the school day under the supervision of faculty advisors. Clubs enable students to explore areas in which they have a special interest, as well as to discover new activities and ideas. We encourage parents to discuss the many opportunities provided by the more than 40 clubs described in this brochure with their children and to call Assistant Principal Carol Murphy (801-5100) or their child's guidance counselor if they have any questions.

**AIDS Awareness Club** is comprised of students who wish to become educated about HIV/AIDS and to educate others about the disease and how to avoid it. We do fundraising throughout the year toward research and education about AIDS/HIV.

**Animal Rights Club** is a club dedicated to enriching the lives of animals in need. We seek to educate the community about the purpose and necessity of animal shelters. Field trips to elementary schools and fundraisers help us to achieve our goal.

**Art Club** provides opportunities for students who have an interest or aptitude in art to gain additional exposure and practical experience in art production, appreciation and presentation as well as providing service to the school.

**Asian Cultural Exchange (ACE)** welcomes members from all races and backgrounds who are interested in learning about new cultures and languages. Meetings will include fun cultural activities, language instruction, and planning school wide events. As a club that strives to promote intercultural and interpersonal communication, ACE strongly encourages new students in the district to join this club and form connections with other students.

**Astronomy Club** members explore everything from meteor showers and the planets of our solar system to black holes and supernovas through the use of the internet, videos, discussions, and a trip to the planetarium, if possible. The club has its own 10" Dobsonian telescope which can be used to look at planets and galaxies during evening observations! There is usually at least one observation scheduled for each semester.

**Athletes Helping Athletes (AHA)** is a peer leadership program that emphasizes positive behaviors in sports and abstinence from the use of controlled substances. They also stress the importance of education and participation in sports as well as other positive activities.

**Auditorium Crew** members assist with the technical aspects (sound, light, etc.) at auditorium-type events such as shows, assemblies and special programs.

**Autism Awareness Club** members work to raise awareness about autism. Students will become more knowledgeable about autism and work to educate others. Students raise funds and participate in events that promote autism awareness.

**CARE (Cancer Awareness, Research and Education) Club** members work to instill awareness and raise funds for health issues concerning cancer. They participate in walk-a-thons, a Cancer Benefit Fashion Show and other events.

**Code Club** is designed to create a community of coders at RHS by guiding each other on how to code, exploring how technology and coding are shaping the world, and participating in fun competitions.

**Distributive Education Club of America (DECA)** encourages students to become acquainted with the business world. Students are involved in business operations, competitions, and state and national conventions. DECA also runs the High School Bookstore.

**Environment Club** offers students a means by which they can help to promote the conservation and improvement of our environment both locally and globally. The club sponsors recycling and cleanup projects and addresses current environmental issues. Trips are taken throughout the year to conduct club community service and to learn about the ecology. The club also sponsors musical events to raise funds for local and national environment groups.

**Fashion Club** members explore the areas of fashion design as well as learn the “how-to” of creating and making designs and projects.

**Forensics** offers an opportunity for students to compete in interscholastic speech, debate and student congress tournaments. Competitions include original oratory, extemporaneous speech, oral interpretation of literature, dramatic and humorous performance, duo interpretation and declamation, in addition to one-on-one Lincoln-Douglas debates and student congress. Students also have the opportunity to attend state, national and college tournaments.

**Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)** works to create a more accepting and tolerant environment, specifically to end homophobia in the high school. The club’s goal is to eliminate stereotypes and prejudices.

**Global Awareness Club** meets to discuss a variety of current events in an informal manner. Students also have the opportunity to compete with students from other schools.

**Habitat for Humanity** for Suffolk is a nonprofit housing organization. Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with those who lack adequate shelter. Students participate in fundraising activities and volunteer labor through Student Builds: “Everyone deserves to have a place they can call home.”

**Harbor Hill Light** is the yearbook, published by the students and sponsored by the Board of Education, depicting the various sports, clubs, events and activities of the school year. Students are given the opportunity to work on photography, layout, graphics, writing, art, business and organization. The yearbook is sold during the school year and distributed in June.

**Hilltop Beacon** is the student newspaper, sponsored by the Board of Education, published throughout the year under the direction of a student staff that is supervised by a faculty advisor. The newspaper contains editorial features, interviews, columns, sports, photographs and advertising.

**JANE (The Women's Empowerment Club)** is a club dedicated to promoting and supporting gender equality. The members of the club work towards correcting the negative view of feminism, empowering women (through speakers, volunteering, and group support), providing volunteer opportunities, and eliminating gender roles within RHS and the surrounding community. JANE wishes to promote knowledge on feminism and cooperation and equality among members of all genders.

**Jewish Student Union (JSU)** is open to all students of Roslyn High School. Students are given the opportunity to explore different aspects of Jewish culture. Activities may include guest speakers, multimedia presentations and special projects. (The Roslyn Public Schools does not endorse this club but permits its activities, as required by the Federal Equal Access Act.)

**Junior Scope** is a club dedicated to raising funds for sick children hospitalized at Schneider Children's Hospital. The club's goal is to raise funds by organizing toy drives, fashion shows, bake sales and other activities in order to donate money to the hospital. In addition, club members decorate the halls of the hospital and spend time with young patients. Our motto is: "Caring is the first step in curing."

**Key Club** activities include school, community and special interest service. Members participate in fundraising activities for a variety of worthwhile charities. They also supply the support services necessary to run many of our school's activities.

**Math Team A** is open to all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Club members participate in the Nassau County Interscholastic Math League and the New York State Math League. There are eighteen competitions during the school year. Outside mathematicians or club members lecture the students on an unusual problem or concept or present their own papers. The purpose of the club is learning and sharing.

**Math Team B** is open to all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Club members participate in the Nassau County Interscholastic Math League and the New York State Math League. There are eighteen competitions during the school year. Outside mathematicians or club members lecture the students on an unusual problem or concept or present their own papers. The purpose of the club is learning and sharing.

**Medical Explorers Club** exposes students to various fields of medicine. Medical professionals speak to members about their specialties and there are visits to local hospitals. Students may also be involved in ongoing medical research projects.

**Mock Trial Team** competes in the Nassau County Mock Trial competitions in which club members act as attorneys and witnesses in mock trials argued before actual judges.

**Model Government** fosters knowledge of current events and public speaking prowess. Students draft and debate mock legislation about a range of social, economic, and political issues. Events throughout the year enable students to compete in a range of intra and interscholastic tournaments.

**National Honor Society (NHS)**, Roslyn Chapter, is an organization dedicated to honoring excellence in scholarship, leadership, character and service. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 92. The GPA, however, does not automatically entitle one to membership. Students must complete an application form, be recommended by the faculty, and be evaluated on three additional criteria: service, leadership and character, which are nationally established criteria.

**Organization of Class Councils (OCC)** is the school's elected student government. The OCC is led by its elected officers and is comprised of the councils from each class. The OCC meets weekly to plan and implement school-wide events and respond to issues and problems. Committees meet twice a month or more often as needed.

**Principal's Advisory Council for Preventing Prejudice (PAC)** discusses and educates the youth of Roslyn on issues of racism, discrimination and tolerance. Prejudice reduction workshops and interactive drama are techniques used to convey its message to the students of our community. The Anti-Bias Task Force is an outgrowth of this group. It also addresses all forms of discrimination.

**Quiz Bowl Team** is comprised of students knowledgeable in a variety of academic and non-academic topics who take part in Quiz Bowl tournaments across Long Island. The varsity team is comprised of mainly 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders while the junior varsity team competes with other 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Besides helping students hone their existing skills, the club also helps develop "buzzer skills." We encourage everyone to try out for one of the teams.

**Robotics Club** provides an environment for any students passionate and/or curious about the worlds of engineering, robotics, and programming. Even if students have minimal background in building and programming robots, they will be working alongside supportive individuals and advisors that will guide and teach them. Local and state competitions will be the culmination of our teams' hard work and dedication to each project. The opportunity for students to sharpen the necessary 21st century skills of team building, communication, critical thinking, and collaboration are an inherent quality of this club.

**Roslyn Film Society** provides students with the opportunity to study the art of film. Students watch and discuss classic films and create original films.

**Roslyn Marching Bulldogs** is a competitive marching band which performs at the N.Y.S. Championship, competitions on Long Island, as well as parades on the east coast. Anyone who is in the Roslyn band program is eligible for this exciting group. The Marching Bulldogs is a precision show of marching and music to a different theme each year. The Marching Bulldogs rehearse outside of the school day and all members are required to attend all rehearsals and events. The color guard, a group within the marching band who perform dance moves with flags, is open to anyone who can perform a brief audition after being taught a simple flag routine.

**Roslyn Shakespeare Society** provides members with an opportunity to explore the many works of William Shakespeare in a variety of ways. Society members immerse themselves in activities that include live performance, film projects, discussion of plays, and the creation of modern updates. Weekly meetings may involve performances of scenes, film viewings, Shakespeare related games, and other activities. The club will culminate each year with the organization of the annual school Shakespeare Festival in the spring.

**Royal Crown Players Drama Club (RCP)** is a theater company that performs two plays per year. In addition to offering opportunities for students to perform on stage, the organization comprises all aspects of production: set design & construction, stage management, lighting design & execution, sound engineering, makeup, props, pit orchestra, costuming, publicity, advertising sales & playbill publishing, ticket printing & sales, ushering and refreshment sales.

**Royal Crown Players Stagecraft** works closely with the Royal Crown Players in creating sets, executing lighting, moving scenery, gathering props, and running backstage operations.

**Science National Honor Society** The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought, to advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science, and to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.

**Science Olympiad Club** trains students in all grade levels in problem-solving, practical application of classroom scientific principles, and brainstorming innovative ideas in addition to rehearsing for actual team competition.

**Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** is a chapter of a nationwide organization designed to increase awareness of the dangers of driving while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and other destructive behaviors. Assemblies and activities are planned throughout the school year.

**Stock Market Club** offers students the opportunity to learn about the stock market by following market trends and studying about investments.

**Student Prints** is the literary magazine published each year. Students and their advisor meet weekly throughout the year to read and select literary material submitted by students for publication.

**Students for Social Responsibility (SFSR)** meet to gain information and to stimulate other students to be better informed on issues pertaining to the survival of the human race. The club is also dedicated to helping the hungry and homeless of Long Island. The group pursues its aims through lectures, debates, speakers and fundraising.

**The Exchange** is open to all students of Roslyn High School. Students meet to learn about the aspects and beliefs of Christianity. (The Roslyn Public Schools does not endorse this club but permits its activities, as required by the Federal Equal Access Act.)

**Tri-M Music Honor Society** recognizes musical achievements and encourages instrumental and vocal students to work together toward reaching their full musical potential. To be eligible for membership, students must meet nationally established criteria including academic, performance and participation requirements and be recommended by a member of the music faculty.

**Volunteers for the Education of Developmentally Disabled Adults (VEDDA)** are dedicated to bridging the gap between Roslyn High School students and developmentally disabled people whose social contacts are somewhat limited. The club sponsors numerous functions throughout the year, including holiday parties and Carnival Night.

**World Languages Honor Society Club** promotes students' facility with, and interest in, the languages and cultures of the countries in which French, Italian, Japanese and Spanish are spoken.