

Clubs and Activities at Gaithersburg High School 2018-2019

Senior Class Sponsor (Class of 2019) - Ryan O'Connell

Junior Class Sponsor (Class of 2020) - Sarah Lindquist

Sophomore Class Sponsor (Class of 2021) - Meggan Anaya

Freshman Class Sponsor (Class of 2022) - TBD

| Club Name | Sponsor/Teacher | Meeting Time | Room Location | Description |
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| A Cappella/Chorus Ensemble | Sidney Clarke-Lequerique | Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 | Room 1080 | A Cappella Ensemble is an auditioned group of singers that perform pop music. Participation in chorus is not necessary. |
| Academy of Finance (AOF) | Kimberly Jackson and Jarreau Barron | 4th Monday of Every Month During Lunch | Room 2024 | The Academy of Finance club is open to all students interested in business and finance courses. Many of these students are currently taking a business class and plan on completing all of the courses in this pathway. This club will focus on building relationships, sharing information, discussing career and college options, completing projects, and having fun with other students passionate about business. |
| Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) | Timothy Milligan | 3rd Monday during Lunch | Room 2025 | Encourages students pursuing IT careers |
| Alliance of Minority Clubs | Krystal Caraballo | ad hoc (club sponsors and officers will receive invitations) | Room 3018 | Our chamber's goal is to unite the minority clubs of GHS in an effort to provide support for activities and events. We intend to provide opportunities where we can connect minority groups in their joined visions for better minority representation |
| Asian American Awareness Association (4A) | Brian Tsou | Mondays During Lunch and After School | Room 2027 | We welcome everyone! It doesn't matter who you are or what your identity/race is! We are a club that is like a family. A safe environment for members to commute and share their thoughts on their identity and experiences. We learn about different Asian cultures and current news/events |

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| | | | | that are happening all around Asia that we are not aware about. We can talk about anything from history, games, languages, songs, and politics to lifestyles. Anything. Meetings are not only fun (activities, prizes, games, conversation) but purposeful and planned to be a learning experience. Field trips, parties, fundraisers, etc... |
| Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) | Maureen Wrightson | Every 2 weeks on Wednesdays During Lunch | TBA | The ALAS members must be in a Spanish For Spanish Speakers class or in an AP Spanish class. This Association will work towards helping students to achieve academic success, help the hispanic community and earn their Student Service Learning Hours (SSL hours) by helping the school and the community. Additionally, we will talk about the Hispanic culture and their issues. |
| Best Buddies | Marci Cohen | See Ms. Cohen for semester schedule. Usually one Thursday during lunch and one day after school monthly. | Room 1107 | A National club that pairs peer buddies (students without disabilities) with buddies (students who have disabilities). We do monthly lunches, events, and have lots of fun. |
| Book Club | Joycelyn Nelson | Thursdays during SHOWTime | Media Center | The book club provides a safe and welcoming environment for members to develop a lifelong interest in and appreciation for reading and learning. |
| Bowdown Dance Team | Tess Walston | Tuesdays and Thursdays | | To grant a place of expression for dancers and enable them to grow in their life as dancers. |
| Brothers Reaching Out To Help Each Reach Success (BROTHERS) | Morris Hudson | Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30 | Room 2005 | BROTHERS is a student-driven mentoring program that assists high-school males in their academic, social, and emotional growth. Student service is the primary focus. |
| Chess Club | | Tuesdays at Lunch | Room 2005 | Learn how to play chess and participate in competitions with one another. |
| Christian Faith Student Club | Tamara Henneman | Mondays and Wednesdays at Lunch | Room 1125 | Students will meet to discuss religious faith and how to use this faith to get the best out of life. |
| Comic Book Club | Chris Taylor | Every Other | Room 1137 | Explore how good storytelling works in comic books and |

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| | | Thursday at lunch | | share recommendations of what we've been reading |
| Debate Team | Lauren MacTurk | Mondays During Lunch - As Needed | Room 2004 (TV Studio) | Participation in debates with other high schools. |
| Drama Club | Sarah Fitzgerald and Amy Dugger | Rehearsals daily after school from 2:45-5:00 | PAC | Drama club is a home for all students interested in Theatre and the performing arts! If you are an actor, singer, dancer, artist, techie, or just want to make friends and gain confidence, we welcome you! We produce two mainstage productions every year: the fall play and the spring musical. Auditions for the fall play are held in September, and auditions for the musical are held at the end of January. Those who are not interested in performing on stage, and those who do not win acting roles, are invited to join the stage crew. |
| Ebony Awareness | Tiwana Harris | Mondays During Lunch | Room 1124 | Ebony Awareness is a group of students who are passionate about race relations and other societal issues that face young adults. We provide safe space to discuss and explore these issues and contend with solutions for these issues. We also explore common societal misconceptions and seek ways to minimize them in the GHS community. Also responsible for Black History Month Show and Fashion/Talent Show |
| ESOL Club | Eric Brandt and Jeff Joyce | TBD | Room 1125 | |
| Extended Media Center Program | Robert Harper | TBD when program will begin | Media Center | The media center is open for extended hours after school for students and their families on Mondays through Thursdays until 4:30 pm. This program provides an opportunity to study, work on homework, and to receive tutoring and extra assistance. |
| Fashion Club | Andrew Payne | 1st & Last Tuesday of Month | #3074 | Discuss different careers in fashion design industry. Design and transform clothing. Make clothes to donate to homeless shelters and families in need. Invite speakers from design industry. Host interactive events. |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) | Adrian McDaniel | Tuesdays During Lunch | Room 1095 | Fellowship of Christian Athletes is welcome to any religion. You don't have to be an athlete to join! FCA is a mixture of |

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| | | | | bible studies, fun games, fellowship, and service projects (Soup kitchens, etc..). We are also hoping this year to support our peers and other FCA student members at their games. |
| Forensic Team | William Fleming | Wednesday at Lunch Tuesday & Thursday from 2:30-4:00 | Room 2027 | Public speaking and Acting |
| Food for Thought | Beryl Bell | Tuesdays After School | Room 2039 | Learn how to cook. Fundraisers to give money for making lunches to take to homeless shelters. |
| Forever Sisters | Maura Dinwiddie Coordinated by the City of Gaithersburg 301-258-6350 | Wednesdays During Lunch | Room 1104 | A girls mentoring group designed to inspire young women to fulfill their potential in all areas of life and to promote peer accountability and encouragement. Included area: Weekly meetings, open discussions (relationships, academics, career choices, conflict resolution and health), community service projects (SSL hours), and guest speakers and retreats. The program is designed to inspire young women to fulfill their potential in all areas of life and to promote peer accountability. |
| French Honor Society | Caitlin Nadjibe | Every other Monday During Lunch | Room 3014 | For Francophiles who want to do some service hours and French related activities |
| Future Scientists and Doctors Club | Sarah Daniel | Mondays at Lunch | Room 3041 | This is a chartered club open to all students and of all professions. It is to encourage students into sciences under the umbrella of many Science and Medical Companies. All are welcome. |
| GHS Flagline | Meggan Anaya | Weekly During Lunch | Band Room - Room 1082 | The GHS Flagline interprets the music that the marching band is playing via the synchronized work of flags. |

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| GHS Millionaires Club | Kim Jackson | 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Lunch | Room 2024 | The purpose of this club is to encourage and promote financial and investment literacy by utilizing a stock market simulation and engaging students in practical discussions that will increase their personal financial knowledge |
| History Club | Nicole Murray-Lewis | 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Lunch | Room 2054 | |
| I Am College Ready (IACR) | Morris Hudson | TBD | TBD | Focus is to help male students fulfill their academic potential, to enhance student leadership qualities, and to provide community service. IACR utilizes an effective peer-led mentoring/tutoring model which partners successful high school students with less successful high school students to assist with the development of skills necessary for academic and career success. |
| Ice Hockey Club | Andy Schultz and Alex Peck | Lunch during Hockey Season (TBD) | Room 3057 | This club is to allow students who are part of the Damascus/G-burg/C-burg/WM Ice Hockey Team from the Maryland Student Hockey League associate with their home school. |
| Interact Club | Elizabeth Nardin | TBD | Room 1115 | Interact Club brings together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of "Service above Self." We work closely with the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. |
| International Club | Christina Neidlinger and Krystal Caraballo | TBD | TBD | International Club promotes, celebrates, embraces, and raises awareness of cultural diversity, international issues, and culture itself. This is a club that works on projects to promote the international diversity GHS has through art, research, videos, and International Night! International Night is a talent/fashion show that brings the school together to celebrate cultures. |
| It's Academic Quiz | Kurt Richter | Every day | Room 3037 | Fun trivia in a positive setting. No specific GPA (aside from |

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| Team | | during Lunch | | min DHS) or class enrollment is required to participate. A team of 3-4 students is formed in practice for matches vs. other schools in the area. |
| Key Club | | | | Key Club International is the high school organization sponsored by <u>Kiwanis International</u> . Key Club assists Kiwanis in carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. High school student members of Key Club perform acts of service in their communities. Here at Gaithersburg, we also work with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, UNICEF, The Thirst Project, and Manna foods. Students learn leadership skills by leading meetings, planning projects, and holding elected leadership positions at the club level. |
| La Fuerza | Nilda Keres | Mondays During Lunch | Room 1069 | The focus is to empower the growing population of Latino students at Gaithersburg High School. The group supports students and creates a place where their voices will be heard and valued. La Fuerza will promote a safe haven for students and allow them to not only envision their student and personal growth but also realize their future leadership roles in America. |
| Leaders, Builders, Scholars (LBS) | Shaun Taylor | Wednesdays from 3-4 pm | Weight Room or Track/Bleachers | LBS is a mentoring group that focuses on physical fitness, nutrition, and positive peer to peer interactions. It is a group designed for coed students to come together to improve self-esteem, self-confidence, and to develop leadership skills with a focus on exercise and physical fitness. |
| Link Generations | Elizabeth Chevalier | Meetings are every other Thursday at lunch. | Room 3005 | A club focusing on connecting teens with older adults of the community. Expect to learn about aging and how to interact with older adults. Students earn SSL hours for meetings and planned weekend events. |
| Math Team | Michelle Welch and Cherise Salmi | During lunch and After School on Wednesdays | Room 3078 | The Math Team competes against other schools in the county in math problems. Some problems are individual and others are team questions. If you like math and are looking for a challenge, this is the club for you! |
| Minority Scholar | | Wednesdays | Team Room | A student-led organization whose mission is to help reduce |

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| Program | | After School from 2:45-4:00 pm | in the Main Office | the achievement gap in GHS, increase the academic success of minority students and foster positive relationships. We foster positive relations and advocate for academic success within the entire Gaithersburg community. This year, we will collaborate with students at our feeder middle schools. |
| Mock Trial Club | Lauren Portell | | | Mock Trial provides students the opportunity to play witnesses and lawyers in a real courtroom setting. The members will play both the defense and prosecution or plaintiff in a competition against other schools in the county in the real courtrooms at the circuit court in Rockville. If you are interested in law and/or acting are are quick on your feet, this is the club for you! |
| National Honor Society (NHS) | | Every other Friday during Lunch | Room 3059 | The National Honor Society student members must have a 3.5 or higher GPA and demonstrate service. We provide tutors to GHS during SHOWTime and after school. Application deadline to join is October 6, 2017. |
| Newspaper Club | | Tuesdays After School | Room 1156 | Students not enrolled in journalism, but interested in writing stories or taking pictures for The Trojan Times should join Newspaper Club! For more information, please see Mrs. Belotte in room 1156. |
| PODER | | Thursdays During Lunch | Room 3016 | PODER is a brotherhood of young, motivated men at GHS. Our mission is to make a positive impact in our school and community through tutoring, service projects, and the promotion of fellowship and leadership opportunities. We particularly focus our efforts on providing service, academic opportunities, and appreciation to our fabulous Hispanic community here in Gaithersburg. |
| Pride Alliance | Lauren Shetler and Sara-Kate Phillips | Fridays During Lunch | Room 1123 | An inclusive club to support and raise awareness about the LGBTQ+ community. Anyone and everyone is welcome. |
| Programming Team | Timothy Milligan | TBD | Room 2025 | Practice computer programming to participate in local spring competitions. |
| R.O.Y.A.L.S. (Responsible Outgoing Young Adult Leaders | Joycelyn Nelson and Vernelle Shaw | Wednesday 2:45p - 4:15p | Room 1156 | The Vision and Purpose of the R.O.Y.A.L.S. (Responsible Outgoing Young Adult Leaders Succeeding) Club is to promote positive bonding |

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| Succeeding) Club. | | | | among female students at GHS through group meetings and activities. We also provide community service by mentoring younger students. We seek to improve ourselves academically and through community service experiences |
| Sabor Latino | Aranda Brown | TBD | Dance Studio | Sabor Latino is the competition Latin dance team where dancers perform group and individual couple routines in the various Latin styles including bachata, salsa, cha cha, and merengue. Dancers must audition to be cast in competitor routines. When not competing, our dancers perform and teach Latin dances at local events. Members may also join to help support in dance routine production including helping with hair, make up, music, and costumes. |
| SAT Club | | TBD | Room 3006 | SAT club provides an educational environment where peers may converse with one another and discuss different strategies on how to tackle the upcoming SAT exam. |
| Science National Honor Society | Kelly Hoffman | TBD | Room 3052 | Students who have a 3.5 GPA and a 3.5 Science GPA can apply to be a part of the society. |
| Sewing Club | Beryl Bell | Wednesdays from 2:40-3:30 | Room 2039 | We will design clothing, repair clothes, use patterns to make clothes, and learn how to use a sewing machine. |
| Social Studies Honor Society (Rho Kappa) | Brian Tsou | Twice Monthly (TBD) | TBD | Promotes success and service amongst social studies |
| Spanish Honors Society | Krystal Caraballo and Liz Chevalier | Wednesdays during Lunch | Rooms 3005 | The Spanish Honors Society is an honor society for HS students who have maintained an honor average in the study of Spanish or Portuguese for a minimum of three semesters and is in the 10th grade or higher. It is a club for students interested in enriching their language, learning about Spanish speaking culture, and increasing awareness of bi-literacy. |
| Stage Crew | Art Burnham and Alexander Peck | Wednesday & Friday from 2:30-4:00 | PAC Backstage | Stage crew builds and supports sets, operates the lighting and sound, and finds and organizes props and costumes for the drama club performances. |

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| STEM Club | Jocelyn Virtudes | Mondays (Lunchtime) Thursdays (after school) | Room 1083 | This club will provide opportunities for students to engage in fun and meaningful STEM learning activities outside the confines of a regular classroom setting. This is an excellent avenue for students who need to build confidence in conducting scientific explorations and conducting experiments. The primary goal of this club is to increase students' interest, participation and involvement in the field of STEM in multiple ways and in a supportive, inclusive environment that makes STEM accessible for all |
| Student Government Association (SGA) | Nilda Keres | Tuesdays During Lunch | Room 1069 | |
| Student Union | Maura Dinwiddie Coordinated by the City of Gaithersburg 301-258-6350 x168 | Thursdays During Lunch | Room 1114 | This is a club for high school students that offers positive out-of-school development opportunities including: Student Service Learning (SSL) opportunities, after school programs at Bohrer Park, Admission to the Olde Towne & Robertson Park Youth Centers, Access to Gaithersburg Youth Club music studio, and Field trips and fundraisers. There is a nominal annual fee and any high school student is eligible to join. |
| Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) | Heather Ward | Every Thursday during Lunch | Room 3060 | We discuss and educate students about issues and situations students face such as bullying, alcohol, drugs, safe driving, and mental health. The organization participates in national and local events such as World Day for Bullying Prevention, Rock the Belt, and National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. The goal is to educate our students and the community. |
| Students Helping Others Understand Themselves (SHOUT) | Adrian McDaniel and Morris Hudson | Thursdays During Lunch | Team Room in the main office | Provides opportunities for students to bond in a positive environment that encourages peer leadership, community service, and academic excellence. SHOUT aims to contribute to a positive school climate, improved academics, and better social outcomes for all students. |
| UMTTR | Caitlin Nadjibe | TBD During Lunch | Room 3014 | A place to go for students when they feel like they have no one else. It is to help students recognize the signs of |

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| | | | | depression so they can help and save a life. It is a group to give students a safe haven where they can talk about their issues with people around their age and help students realize that they are not alone when it comes to this kind of stuff. Our main focus is to get people involved and possibly save a life. |
| Unique Image Hip Hop Dance Club | Onerlin Bledsoe | Monday through Friday from 2:30-6:00 | Mon/Wed/Fri - PAC Lobby Tues - Cafeteria Thurs - Dance Studio | Club Objectives: To create a positive environment where young people are academically successful, physically fit, and emotionally stable to build self-esteem. Why Dance? Dance helps develop discipline, communication, social skills, and etiquette while learning to function as part of the team. Students earn community service learning hours by participating in exhibitions and community fundraisers, but, more importantly, they earn fundamental life skills and a sense of pride in their accomplishments. Who Should Join? The Dance Club enjoys a diverse multiethnic population open to all students in the GHS Family. |
| Wellness Center | Veronica Stroman | Programs are Tuesdays through Thursdays | Room 1015 | The Wellness Center offers a variety of groups for students that focus on goal setting, leadership, healthy decision making, communication skills, and an overall positive well-being. Through some programs, participants will also have the opportunity to earn SSL hours and participate in recreation activities, field trips, and special activities. For more information, please visit the Wellness Center in room 1015. |
| Write After School | | | | This program offers one-on-one assistance primarily to students who need support to succeed in grades nine and twelve with a focus on writing skills. Based on input from English teachers, counselors, and parents, students are selected to work on specific homework assignments, assignments in academic areas requiring mastery prior to graduations, and test preparation for all levels of assessments. |
| Writing Center | Leslie Fowler | Lunchtime Daily | Lab 1126 | The Writing Center offers detailed writing instruction and |

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| | | <p>Tuesdays and Thursdays during SHOWTime</p> <p>After School Daily from 2:30-3:00</p> | | <p>resource materials. There are also workshops on brainstorming, thesis statements, the research paper, formal and informal writing, resumes and cover letters, job applications, and college essays.</p> |
| <p>Yarn Club</p> | <p>Sarah Ho</p> | <p>Mondays During Lunch</p> | <p>Room 1083</p> | <p>Crocheting and knitting club (all levels welcome). Learn to make amigurumi (toy plushies). Make hats, scarves, blankets, etc. Students may receive SSL hours for making baby hats and blankets to donate to different centers. Yarn and needles are provided or students can bring their own.</p> |