



Allderdice High School

Club Catalog

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Pittsburgh Allderdice Clubs and Activities 2016.2017 School Year

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DESCRIPTION OF ALLDERDICE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

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Academic World Quest

This is a highly competitive team limited to 4 members. Students may be selected to apply or may self-apply. After a series of study sessions and exams, a team of 4 members will be selected. The group competes in the Regional tournament sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Topics may include **Geography and Flags, Global Economy and Business, People in the News, Current Events, Global Health, Water, History, Languages, Cultures and Religion, and others.** The winning team moves on to the National competition in Washington, D.C., in April. Please note that students spend many hours in independent study. Any student may enter his/her name for consideration.

Sessions usually begin in late September-early October, meeting after school, 1-2 times/week through the competition in February. If the team wins the Regional Tournament, study sessions continue.

African American CAS Council

The African American Centers for Advanced Studies (AACAS) Council is a district wide council established to support and encourage African American CAS students to strive for excellence. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kemp, parents of a former Allderdice student, were the founders of the Council. Students organize an annual forum to discuss exciting topics of particular interest to African American students, such as the “Willie Lynch Syndrome” of internal race divisions and how to overcome them. At each forum, students participate in student workshops, there are guest speakers and a teen forum. Gifted and Talented students from across the District are invited to the event and over 300 African American students have attended.

African American Student Union

African American Student Union is a group of students who meet to discuss and address issues they feel are relevant to the African American student population. They have the opportunity to discuss current happenings either in the community or society at large in order to try and find some solutions to the identified problems. They also hold fundraisers to further the interests of African American students in the building to participate in activities as field trips. Students also provide professional development for teachers and plan activities for Black History Month. Any student can join with the understanding that the focus is on empowering the African American students in the Allderdice community.

The sponsor for this group is Mrs. Halloran, and meetings will be held in room 388 on Mondays after school. An additional meeting is held on Wednesdays during period 4 for students who have lunch that period.

Allderdice Friends

This is a club that gives students with disabilities opportunities to engage in social interactions with students without disabilities. This is a peer run group, meaning they decide the activities that they are going to partake in. Usually some of the club members bring in a snack. Then, the students usually play games or talk about school and various subjects. Sometimes someone brings in a movie or a craft activity.

The club is open to the student body, especially students that are interested in developing friendships with students with significant disabilities and students with a disability looking to develop friendships with students without disabilities.

The club meets 1 time a month, usually toward the end of each month. Please see Mrs. Graham in room 384 or email: jgraham1@pghboe.net

Allderdice Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

GSA is Allderdice's gay-straight alliance; anyone who identifies as gay, bisexual, trans, etc.—and anyone who considers themselves an ally of those who do—is welcome to join the group. Students often use meeting time to discuss contemporary relevant issues and to plan events such as the Day of Silence. We will meet the first Monday of the month in room 214.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International -Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Students learn about global campaigns to promote human rights. Meetings Monday or Wednesday in Room 385.

Asian & Pacific Islander Student Union

APISU stands for Asian & Pacific Islander Student Union. It's a place for students at Allderdice to come and talk about their heritage as well as learn more about others! We encourage taking pride in our heritage, and spread awareness /recognition of the many different cultures in Asia and the Pacific Islands to Allderdice's population. Meetings occur biweekly, and newcomers are always welcome!

Band: Marching Band

Marching Band consists of four sections: **Band** (all woodwind and brass instruments), **Colorguard** (flags, rifles, and/or silks), **Dance Team** (dancers) and **Drumline** (snare drum, bass drum, tenors, cymbals). Together, these four sections work together to provide the visuals and sound of the Allderdice High School Dragon Marching Band. The marching band performs at parades, football games, marching band festivals, and other events in the community and county. The marching band strives to provide quality entertainment in all of its performance while representing Allderdice with class and pride. The marching band has won countless awards as the best marching band in the city and aims to continue that standard of excellence. Anyone is welcome to try out for the marching band. As a performance group, students are held to a high standard and must display the musical and physical ability to perform at the standard expected. Anyone interested in joining the marching band should see Mr. Lee for more information.

The bulk of the performance season occurs in September, October and November, though there are other parades and events scattered throughout the school year. All members are expected to attend all events. Drumline, colorguard, and dance team members must commit to rehearsing at least twice a week during the performance season. Band members do most of their rehearsing during class, though there are occasional after-school rehearsals. Band camp typically takes place in mid-July to early August, where the entire marching band learns most of the routine.

Band: Concert Orchestra and Concert Band

Concert Orchestra and Concert Band are classes at Allderdice. These advanced musicians rehearse during class to perform at the winter and spring concerts. Students perform a wide array of music, from classical to soundtrack to Broadway to pop to jazz. These students become better musicians individually and as an ensemble through daily rehearsals.

Anyone is welcome to take these classes. If a student does not know how to play an instrument, they are welcome to join Band 1 to learn their instrument. Typically, if a student works hard in class, they are ready for the advanced group after one year.

The winter concert is usually held in mid-December, while the spring concert is held in late May or early June. Select students may also be asked to perform in other events in the community or school throughout the year. All rehearsals take place during class unless a smaller ensemble is requested to rehearse after school.

Band: Jazz Band

Jazz Band is an ensemble for advanced students interested in performing jazz. Musicians in the jazz band will learn how to improvise and play in a big band setting. The jazz band then performs at school concerts and various events in the community. Anyone is welcome to join the jazz band, provided they are proficient in their instrument. Anyone interested in joining the jazz band should see Mr. Lee for more information.

Rehearsals take place once or twice a week after school, starting in October. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals to build a cohesive ensemble sound. A rehearsal schedule will be built amongst the interested members to ensure an optimal rehearsal schedule.

Becca's Closet

Becca's Closet provides formal attire to high school students who otherwise would not be able to attend their prom. Our chapter is the only one in western Pennsylvania. Students in this club work under the direction of the student president to collect donated prom dresses and assist students who need a dress by setting up appointments for them to come and find a dress. Club members are also responsible for maintaining the racks of dresses that are donated. Students who are interested in helping with Becca's Closet can contact student president, Julie Missry at jamsmile98@gmail.com.

Bicycle Club

Bicycle club is a group which aims to bring together students with a shared interest in bicycling. In addition to riding, the club provides instruction on proper bicycle maintenance and safety. Bike trips can vary in length from a couple of hours to an overnight experience. Rides take place primarily on trails in and around the City of Pittsburgh. The club is open to high school students of all skill levels. Meeting dates and times are yet to be determined. If interested in joining or learning more, contact Ethan Musser at ethanmusserf1@gmail.com or Dr. Waldeck at jwaldeck1@pghboe.net.

Book Club

Interested in reading books with Ms. Provance after school? Book Club will meet beginning 9/28 in Room 378 and we will start with the book, *Wonder*. During our club time, we will read and discuss our club book. After we are done reading, we will see the movie together if one is released on DVD. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Students are asked to purchase the books if they can, but Ms. Provance will have a couple copies to share with kids.

Meets: Thursdays beginning 9/28
Room 378
Time: 3-4:15

Chain Reaction Contraption Club

Students compete against other area schools to design and build the best Rube Goldberg device. This is a type of kooky scientist machine that goes through many steps (minimum of 20) to perform a simple action, such as closing a door. Last year's team took a Special Award for Most Efficient Reset, earning them a tour of Bayer's Health Services facility and invitation to demo their device to the engineers at Westinghouse Corporation during Engineering Week. The

competition is sponsored by Westinghouse Corporation, Carnegie Science Center, and Covestro, and is a fun activity for students who are interested in art or science, and like to build something that has a "domino effect"! Students from any grade are welcome.

Cheerleaders

The Allderdice Dragon Cheerleaders cheer for both football and basketball season as well as travel to all away games with both teams. We jump, chant, tumble, stunt and meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school. To become a cheerleader you must attend tryout dates which are always posted before each season starts.

Chinese Club

The Chinese language club meets approximately once per month to do Chinese-related things such as cultural events and holding conversation with each other as fluent speakers. Anyone is welcome to join but some Chinese language is preferred. The club strives to raise awareness for the growing popularity of this language and culture. Contact student Jesse Sowell at sowell.j@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Cooking Club

Cooking club is a club for students who like to cook, eat, try new foods, and give back to the community. Cooking club activities include, but are not limited to the following.

- Cooking food to raise money for a charity.
- Inviting parents to meetings to teach students how to make different foods.
- Cooking special foods/snacks to share with club members.
- Inviting local chefs to teach/demonstrate new recipes.
- Going on field trips.
- Partnering with the Garden Club to make dishes with food from the Allderdice garden.

Any student who is currently in a Culinary Arts class or who has previously taken a Culinary Arts class in high school can join. Cooking club meets on Thursdays after school in room 418. We will be meeting 1-2 times a month starting in September through May.

Communism Club

The Allderdice Communism Club aims to discuss the tenants of communism, as well as the history of different communist endeavors. Among those include the rise and fall of the USSR, the People's Republic of China, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). As well as history, the club will be discussing the inner workings of a communism and speculate why communism does not seem to be a sustainable form of government. The United States and the USSR struggled severely with one another during the Cold War period of modern history, and the club also aims to discuss why

problems arose and what could have happened to alleviate tensions. The group will be meeting every Monday in room 396 after school.

Crew Team

The Allderdice Crew team is a club sport open to anyone who wishes to join, regardless of experience or athletic ability. We train on the water in the fall and spring and indoors in the winter. We race against other high schools in Pittsburgh and throughout the Midwest. Rowing is a fantastic sport that teaches endurance, builds teamwork and promotes cardiovascular fitness, flexibility and a total body workout. Plus, it's really fun. Because we are a club sport, we charge dues to cover the costs of boats, travel and coaching. Some scholarship funds are available. Our teacher liaison is Christy O'Connell, and our Coach is AJ Smith, 412-996-2877 or alfred.smith.2011@gmail.com

Debate Team

The Debate team is a club for students interested in learning argument skills and participating in debates on current events issues with students at Allderdice and other schools in the region. The team primarily competes in a Public Forum debate, an event in which pairs of students debate on a topic of national or global interest (some of last year's topics include genetically modified food, free universal college education and for-profit prisons). There are several other debate formats offered as well. Participation in debate builds research and argumentative writing, critical thinking and public speaking skills.

Students of all grade levels are invited to join and no previous debate experience is necessary. Practices are held each Tuesday in Room 271 and typically begin in October. Tournament competition begins in November. Students can participate flexibly; there are tournaments offered every week until April and students can write and practice cases outside of scheduled practice times if necessary.

Dragonbreath

Dragonbreath is Allderdice's long-standing journal of the creative arts. It is published annually (late spring), in both electronic and print editions. Although primarily focused on the literary arts, *Dragonbreath* usually contains a variety of student work, including poetry, short prose—both fiction and nonfiction, black and white photography, and camera-ready artwork. Students serve as editors and are in charge of its output and distribution. The journal is a showcase for students' literary and artistic endeavors. *Dragonbreath* takes student work from the various Creative Writing courses and independently submitted manuscripts and images.

Dragonbreath is open to the entire Allderdice student community, grades 9-12. Students who wish to assist in the editing process can take a leadership role in the journal's production (including reviewing, editing, and layout). Additionally, all students are welcome to submit original poetry, prose, photography, and camera-ready art, even if they don't wish to become an editor.

Dragonbreath meets as an afterschool club beginning in mid- to late-October in room 251, usually on Mondays. Meetings last anywhere from 15-30 minutes, depending on the schedule and workload. Many editing tasks are completed outside of formal club time and communication is usually done via email between editors and faculty sponsor. The aim is to have a published journal available for the school community by late-April or early-May.

Dragonbreath can be found online at <<http://dragonbreath.wikispaces.com/>> and on Facebook. The website contains contact information, submission guidelines, examples of past issues, and ways to download and purchase print copies of the journal.

Euro-Challenge

This is a highly competitive team limited to 5 members. Students may be selected to apply or may self-apply. Euro-challenge is sponsored by the European Union and focuses on economic issues and crises in countries that use the euro. "The Euro Challenge introduces students to the European Union and the global economy. Teams create presentations that explore real world economic problems and allow students the opportunity to step into the shoes of international policy makers by crafting recommendations and solutions." The winner of the Regional competition moves on to the National competition in New York City, sometime in April. Please note that students spend many hours in independent study.

Any student in grades 9 or 10 may enter his/her name for consideration.

The sessions usually begin in October, meeting once/week through February. This increases, as needed, as we move closer to the competition in March. If the team wins the Regional Tournament, study sessions continue.

Fashion Club

Fashion Club is a high school club program sponsored by FIDM/Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising whose members all have one thing in common- they love fashion! Our goals throughout the school year will be to produce and showcase a fashion show, organize a clothing drive, invite speakers to talk about the fashion industry, attending FIDM's DEBUT runway show in Los Angeles, and of course have fun!

Feminist Student Union

The goal of the Feminist Student Union is to spread awareness of the issues related to feminism and empower people to speak up. Meetings are every Wednesday after school until 4:00 in room 386. Anyone is welcome to join or come to any meeting. Different topics will be discussed at each meeting and videos and presentations will also be shown. Though sensitive topics may be discussed, it is a great learning experience and a way to bond with fellow feminist peers. Last year FSU held a drive for clothing and other necessities for a woman's shelter and we hope to do even more projects this year.

Fencing Club

The fencing team begins practice after school in the later part of October. **No experience required. Equipment will be provided.** They have competitions beginning in January and running through early spring. Students should see Mrs. Neely in room 186 for more information.

The Foreword

The Foreword is Allerdice's award-winning student newspaper. Students produce six editions of the newspaper per year and supervise every facet of production, from ad sales to article writing to layout and printing. Students should possess strong writing skills and the ability to work productively with classmates.

The Foreword is offered as an English elective—Journalism 2. Students who are interested in being on The Foreword staff should register for Journalism 1 in their sophomore or junior year and for Journalism 2 in the junior and/or senior year. Currently Journalism 1 is taught by Ms. Mazzocco, and Journalism 2 is offered fourth period each day. The Foreword is always interested in students' perspectives, so any student can submit a letter or an article to the editorial staff. This year's editor-in-chief is Carolyn Pallof, and she can be reached via email at carolyngeno23@gmail.com. Other inquiries can be directed to the sponsor—Jon Parker—at jparker1@pghboe.net

French Club

The French club will be focused on forming a community among Allderdice French students of all levels. We hope to foster a community of die-hard francophiles. Activities will include viewing of French films, conversing in French (or franglais, if need be), making French crêpes; cheese tasting, and perhaps some excursions to local bakeries, museums... It will be a club for the students, by the students, so what they initiate, we will try to accomplish.

Anyone will be invited to join- foreign exchange students, French students, former French students; want-to be French students; or simply admirers of the francophone world.

We will start meeting in November, and will find one afternoon every 2 weeks, after school, to meet.

Friends of Animals Club

The Taylor Allderdice Friends of Animals Club is created to create a forum for those of us who love all types of animals. Members plan fund raisers and events to help local shelters. Students periodically meet during 6th period in Ms. Mueller's room. The club may also take a trip to a local shelter to visit with the animals and to discuss how the club may be helpful to the shelter. Anyone can join the club; no experience is necessary.

Glee Club

Glee club is for any student interested in singing. Glee is Acapella singing which means our voices will be our instruments. Glee plans to perform for school concerts, fundraisers, etc.

Anyone who can sing and/or rap may try out for Glee Club. Tryouts take place in October.

Glee club will meet on Thursdays after school in room 388.

Government Club

This club aims to learn about government and how it operates while incorporating civil service. The club is open to ninth grade students who want to "be the change." The club will meet during the ninth grade lunch in room 396.

Horticultural Society

The Taylor Allderdice Horticultural Society is in charge of the student-run vegetable garden. Members plan, water, weed, harvest and eat their produce. Students meet the first Friday of every month. The club also takes a field trip to the Frick Greenhouse before planting the gardens.

Anyone can join the club; no experience necessary.

Students meet the first Friday of each month at various times. If interested, see Mrs. Withers to get on the list of students who will be contacted for the meetings. In the spring, the club meets on various days

afterschool to plan the garden. Students will also be responsible for watering the gardens and a schedule will be established for that.

International Club

The International club will be focused on forming a community with the exchange students who come to Allderdice each year- to support them, help them integrate into our school, give them advice, and form lasting global relationships. In addition, we will give advice to prospective exchange students at Allderdice about how to make an exchange year possible, and give them information about the different programs available.

Anyone will be invited to join- foreign exchange students, former exchange students returning from a year/semester abroad, prospective exchange students currently attending Allderdice, and any other student who would be interested in being part of the community.

We will start meeting as soon as possible, and will try to find a regular time to meet. In addition, we will try to do activities outside of the school day- ex: tour of Pittsburgh, traditional American activities, etc.

Japan Culture Club

Japan culture club is open to all students with an interest in Japan and Japanese culture. The club meets every Thursday after school in Room 373. Students take part in a variety of events such as the cos-play parade, anime viewing and discussions, anime and manga drawing competition, karaoke, Japanese cooking, origami, Japanese dancing and video game competitions. Every year students elect a President and Vice president to lead the club and coordinate activities. Students also present at various school events, such as the multicultural dinner, Discover Allderdice, etc.

Jewelry Club

This club is for motivated advanced jewelry students who have a passion for metal smithing. Each weekly session will be an opportunity for these students to refine their skills, explore new techniques and work with other creative students who have the same interests.

JSU (Jewish Student Union)

JSU is a series of informal, informational sessions that address cultural and religious issues related to Judaism. Activities include interactive sessions and discussions. JSU is open to **any student that attends Allderdice H.S., regardless of religious affiliation or lack thereof.** JSU meets during the students' lunch periods on alternating weeks in Room 308; one week it meets periods 4 & 5 and the following week it meets during periods 6 & 7. Kosher pizza is provided for all attendees and students may bring their own lunches, as well. **Please note:** No student is to be excused from any class to attend JSU. Those students without a scheduled lunch period should contact Rabbi Goldberg and Mrs. Levenson to make arrangements.

Junior Achievement Company

Junior Achievement Company is a 13 week after school program where students create and run their own company. Students will also get the opportunity to visit to a local college where they will experience a few lessons and get a tour. Students looking for entrepreneurial experience should see Mrs. Neely in room 186 for more information. Contact: aneely1@pghboe.net

Leadership

Students, entering grade 10 in September, spend 1 week of intense training off-campus. The week implements a course developed by the MAPS program at the University of Pittsburgh. Students learn to understand themselves, to work in pairs, small and large groups. There is no charge for the program, including lunch and transportation. During the school year, students that have been trained participate in many activities such as Welcome Back, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Discover Allderdice, etc. by guiding parents and visitors. They also have other opportunities opened up to them. This is an excellent component for the student's resume. Any student entering grade 10 may enter his/her name for consideration. 42-48 students are selected from the list, based on recommendations from teachers, administrators, and staff at Allderdice. We try to include students from as many zip codes, as possible. The training is usually held within 1-2 weeks after school finishes in June. Sometimes the date is moved to August, if necessary. There are some follow-up opportunities during the school year.

Math League

The Math League is a traveling math team. We compete in a section with Pittsburgh Obama, Pittsburgh Sci-Tech, and Winchester Thurston. At each competition students compete in 2 individual rounds and then a team round. At the end of the year, winning schools take their top scorers to the finals for Western Pennsylvania. Students must be enrolled in Algebra 2 or beyond to join. Any student interested in joining should see Ms. Britton in room 278 to be placed on the email list. There are no meetings except for the competitions.

Mock Trial

Mock trial is a club for students with an interest in law and the legal system as well as students who want to sharpen their public speaking skills. The competition gives eight-member student teams the opportunity to argue both sides of a case in an actual courtroom before a judge. Case materials are distributed in early November and students prepare to play the roles of lawyers, witnesses, prosecutors/plaintiffs and defendants. Students work together with a teacher coach and lawyer adviser in preparing for the competition. Volunteer lawyers and community leaders serve as jurors in the trials. The juries determine the winners in each trial based on the teams' abilities to prepare their cases, present arguments and follow court rules. All students are welcome to attend the initial mock trial meetings. If necessary, try-outs will be held to determine the actual mock trial team. Students need to be committed to the rigorous work schedule, willing to work independently preparing and memorizing their roles, and dedicated to working together to produce a quality mock trial team. Mock Trial meetings will begin in early November. Students should listen to the announcements and watch for signs advertising the initial meeting. Once the official case is released, students will practice as needed to prepare for the University of Pittsburgh competition held on January 9 and 10, 2016. Based on performance at the Pitt competition, the team will be determined and begin preparing for the statewide competition in February. During January and February, the team generally meets after school at least once a week and one day over the weekend while preparing for the competition. Smaller groups (i.e. prosecution, defense, witnesses, etc.) may also hold additional meetings as needed. Mock trial can continue into April if the team does exceptionally well and makes it to the finals.

Model United Nations

Model UN is a simulation of the sessions of the United Nations. This is an opportunity for students to apply prior research and studies in real-world context and practice diplomacy, negotiating, and resolution

writing. Students will meet in groups of experienced students and new members to discuss country demographics and resolutions to global issues. All students are welcome to be involved in Model UN. The first conference, November 2nd, 2015 mainly experienced seniors will attend. Students who write position papers and work with others will be allowed to attend the CMU model UN March 11th & 12th. Registration will close 10/22/15. Students are asked to wear professional attire to the University conferences and stay the duration (8am-5pm). Please see Ms. Henze in room 385 4th or 7th period to stay informed.

Students will be connected via email and Facebook. There will be several meetings 4th and 7th the last two weeks of October to get organized for Pitt 11/2/15. Students will be asked to do research around several countries and report back to student leaders and Ms. Henze. Meetings will start mid-January 2016 for the CMU conference held March 11th & 12th 2016.

Movie Club

The movie club is a fun club for anyone who likes movies. Every month we choose a new movie theme and then each week we watch a movie that goes with that theme. We then discuss what we watched. Movie club is open to anyone who wants to join and we meet on Thursdays in room 430. Interested students can also contact Olivia Irwin at omirwin@msn.com for more information.

National Art Honor Society

The **National Art Honor Society** (NAHS) is designed specifically for high school students in grades 9-12. In 1978, the National Art Education Association began the National Art Honor Society program to inspire and recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in attaining the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community. Students must be enrolled in grades 6-12, have completed at least one semester of art in the school, and have a minimum art GPA of "B" to be eligible for membership. Membership is based upon art scholarship, service, and character. All students are welcome to attend the initial meeting. A portfolio review consisting of 2-3 student works will be held to determine entry to the program. Students need to be committed to producing quality art and performing service to the art community. There will also be some fundraising to cover the cost of the charter as well as to fund some community art projects in the area. NAHS meetings will begin in early November. Monthly meetings will be held Monday's after school. Students should listen to the announcements and watch for signs advertising the initial meeting.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization established by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are eligible for membership in the second semester of their sophomore year. The first criterion for eligibility is scholarship. Students with a cumulative weighted or unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above will be invited to submit an application for membership. A five-member Faculty Council examines the applications along with two required recommendations to determine candidates' eligibility based on service, leadership, and character. Acceptance notification occurs a few weeks after applications are due, and an Induction Ceremony for new members is held in April or May.

Since NHS becomes involved in a variety of activities each year, meetings occur on an as-needed basis. The major event that NHS participates in is the Blood Drive program with the Central Blood Bank. We hold three blood drives in the gym each year, typically in the months of November, February, and April.

Current NHS members are encouraged to participate in the Blood Drives as well as to suggest other opportunities for service at Allderdice and beyond.

Typically the first meeting is held in mid-September and will include information regarding the election of new officers. Offices include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Public Relations. Any current member of NHS is eligible to run for office. Meeting dates will be shared on the morning announcements and via email members provided at the end of last school year.

Questions about NHS may be directed to Mrs. Monroe at hmonroe1@pghboe.net or Mrs. Mazzocco at jmazzocco1@pghboe.net.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science

PJAS is a state-wide science fair which gives students the opportunity to complete a science project and present it to judges and peers. Students are encouraged to research their project and utilize the scientific method to solve real-world issues. Winners of regional meets are invited up to the state meet, where they are given the opportunity to win a wide range of scholarships up to \$2,000. The regional competition is on February 6, 2015 at Duquesne University. Dr. Waldeck is the teacher in charge of the Allderdice PJAS team.

Quiz Bowl

Quiz bowl is an academic game where teams of four students compete to answer questions in a wide variety of topics, ranging from Roman history, to quantum mechanics, to postmodernist literature. The Allderdice History and Quiz Bowl teams have competed in both regional and national tournaments and found considerable success, winning the past two regional championships with an undefeated record. Teams will meet on Wednesdays after school in Mrs. Mazzocco's room. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Mrs. Mazzocco at Jmazzocco1@pghboe.net

Random Acts of Kindness

This club will focus on sharing kindness within the school and will work on spreading love and charity outside of school. We will work on small projects like helping the less fortunate or spreading positivity within and outside of the school and big projects like volunteer field trips to soup kitchens and projects with other organizations in our community like Friendship Circle, or local shelters. The club will meet on Thursdays in Mr. McGuire's room. Please reach out to Noelle DiSilvio (noelledisilvio@gmail.com) or Becca Glickman (becca.jbrocks@gmail.com.)

Science Bowl

Anybody may join. There are two teams consisting of five students. We meet on Tuesday after school to about 4:00 - 4:30. The competition takes place at CCAC south campus and is in a "Jeopardy"- like format.

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad comes in many shapes and sizes to fit the needs of different students. In grades 6-12, Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year. Each school-based team is allowed to bring 15 students who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set, but some school clubs have more than 75 members, allowing for an apprentice and mentoring system.

Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school; Division C is high school). Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal. Teamwork is a required skill in most scientific careers today, and Science Olympiad encourages group learning by designing events that forge alliances. In Elevated Bridge, an engineering whiz and a kid from wood shop can become gold medalists. Similarly, a talented builder and a student with a good science vocabulary can excel in Write It Do It, one of Science Olympiad's most popular events.

All students are welcome to come to the initial meeting. However, only 15 students from the school can compete. The first meeting has not occurred. It should occur in the next two weeks. There are no regularly scheduled meeting times until second semester. However, students are encouraged to begin studying and coming up with ideas ASAP!

Ski Club

The Allderdice Ski Club provides students the opportunity to learn to ski or snowboard or improve their snow sport abilities. Our trips are to Seven Springs on Fridays immediately after school with the potential for one day trip on a student day off. This is a great way to spend time with old friends and make some new ones, too. Presently, only Allderdice students are eligible to become a member of the Allderdice Ski Club.

The initial meeting for the club is scheduled for early November. Students should listen to the announcements and watch for signs advertising the ski season kickoff meeting. At this meeting the students will receive the season schedule and pricing information for the trips along with all the necessary permission forms.

Spanish Club

The Allderdice Spanish Club is a group focused on further exploring the cultures of Spanish speaking countries through food, media, and games.

Spring of Hope

A Spring of Hope is a nonprofit organization that aims to raise money for schools in Africa that do not have access to clean water. Our club has a sister school in South Africa that needs your help! Our job in Pittsburgh is to help raise money for our sister school. From brainstorming of ways the club can fundraise to volunteering in the fundraisers, every little bit helps! Anyone can join. Club meetings will start soon. Listen to the morning announcements for upcoming meetings! When the meetings occur they will be held in Mrs. Price's room after school for no longer than one hour.

STEMinism Club

We plan events featuring women in science. Every other Wednesday. STEMInism club brings a variety of guest speakers (from the University of Pittsburgh and beyond) and programs in order to promote female interest and participation in STEM subjects. This club is open to all students who want to join (all

genders are welcome) and is a great opportunity and learning experience for any student interested in STEM.

Theater

Allderdice produces three different theatricals in a school year: the Broadway Cabaret, the Fall Play, and the Spring Musical.

Students who wish to participate in any theatrical production at Allderdice must abide by a participation contract. **Students who break the contract or fail to meet the following expectations will be dismissed from the production.**

- Be in good academic standing
- Attend all of their classes
- Participate in fundraising for the production(s)
- Respect and listen to the director, choreographer, musical director, and stage managers

The **Fall Play** is a full-length comedy or drama. Auditions will be early in the school year for a late fall performance. For auditions, students do not need prior experience, but must be prepared to perform a 1-2 minute monologue of their choice. It is wise for students to read, or at least be familiar with, the Fall Play script, so that they choose an appropriate monologue for auditions. Auditioning does not guarantee a place in the show. Rehearsals will be immediately after school and on the weekend prior to opening night. Rehearsals are generally 2-3 hours, immediately after school. As the performance dates approach, rehearsals are longer than 3 hours.

The **Spring Musical** is a full-length production of a Broadway musical, performed during the second semester. This is a student-driven production, with professional advisors. Students act, sing, dance, build the sets, market the performance to the public, create and assemble costumes, and manage the theater's lighting and sound systems. A fall performance-fundraiser, the **Broadway Cabaret**, is an opportunity for students to gain experience on stage with a smaller production.

No experience is necessary to take part in the production of the spring musical or the fall cabaret. Anyone can audition.

Auditions for the Fall Broadway Cabaret take place in September and the performance is in late October. Students who audition must sing a solo of their choice. Auditioning does not guarantee a place in the Cabaret. Rehearsals take place after school throughout the month of October. Auditions for the spring musical take place in the late fall and students are required to sing a solo, participate in a group dance try-out, and perform a cold read from the script. Auditioning does not guarantee a part in the show. Once the cast list is posted, students will participate in a series of acting workshops during the month of December. Official rehearsals for the play will begin in January. Rehearsals are generally 2-3 hours, immediately after school. As the performance dates approach, rehearsals are longer than 3 hours.

The Allderdice Spring Musical is part of the Gene Kelly Awards through the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera (CLO).

Travel Club

The travel club is a new organization at Allderdice dedicated to expanding the opportunities for global travel to all students. We will meet 1-2 days monthly to discuss where future trips will be planned, potential lessons around trips, how to publicize, fundraising, and how to connect with community organizations to obtain funds in order to maximize travelers. We would also like to create cultural

activities that tie into the trips that involve food, customs, and other experiences that may be relevant. The goal is to make Allderdice the leader in the city for global travel and to push a more globalized mindset within the building that can be shared around the district.

The club is open to everyone and students can see Mrs. Halloran mhalloran1@pghboe.net (Room 388), Ms. Donnelly mdonnelly1@pghboe.net (Room 348), or Ms. Nicholson jfelton1@pghboe.net (Room 375), if they are interested in participating. We will be meeting on Mondays once or twice a month after school in Room 388.

Tutoring Club

The Allderdice Tutoring club is a community volunteer opportunity for all Allderdice students interested in academics, teaching, and youth mentorship. The club meets afterschool Tuesdays and Thursdays in front of the school. We walk together to Pittsburgh Colfax elementary school where club members are divided into groups and paired with a grade level from 3rd-8th. Together with tutors that commute from CMU, we tutor Colfax students in Math, English, Spanish and Science.

Ultimate Frisbee

Boys Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is a club sport open to interested males in all grades. Ultimate Frisbee is a team sport that combines the athletic endurance of soccer and the aerial passing skills of football. A game of ultimate is played by two teams with a Frisbee on a field with end zones. The object of the game is to score by catching a pass in the opponent's end zone. The Boys Ultimate Frisbee team participates in league play in the Spring. Practice begins in late March/early April, and the team practices 3 to 4 days a week. Some fees are involved to cover the cost of league participation and jerseys. If you are interested in participating, please see Mrs. Van Luik who will provide more information and get you connected with the team captain.

Girls Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is a club sport open to interested females in all grades. Ultimate Frisbee is a team sport that combines the athletic endurance of soccer and the aerial passing skills of football. A game of ultimate is played by two teams with a Frisbee on a field with end zones. The object of the game is to score by catching a pass in the opponent's end zone. The Girls Ultimate Frisbee team participates in league play in the Spring. Recruitment begins in March and practice starts in April. The team practices approximately 3 times per week. Some fees are involved to cover the cost of league participation. The team also fundraises to assist with covering costs. If you are interested in participating, please see Mrs. Van Luik who will provide more information and get you connected with the team captain. You can also connect with the team on Facebook (Dice Girls Ultimate) and Twitter (@DICEGIRLSULT).

Walking Club

We will meet one time per week to walk around the trails in Frick Park to get some exercise and fresh air. We will also plan to participate in a 5-K event. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12th. Anyone interested in participating should meet in Ms. Donnelly's room, room 348, immediately after school.

Yearbook

The Yearbook staff meets as a regularly scheduled class during the school year. Interested students should speak to Ms. Patella during the course selection process which begins in January. After an interview process, students who are selected for the yearbook staff will be scheduled into the class. Yearbook chronicles through words and photos the students' identities, sports, activities, and school events over the course of each school year. The staff is picked at the end of the previous school year by the advisor. The staff is involved in all the duties that it takes to put the book together such as: picture taking, selling the yearbook, advertising for the yearbook, creating all the pages, organizing the pages, editing the pages, submitting the pages to the publishing company, making sure all deadlines are met, and finally the distribution of the yearbook at the end of the school year. The yearbook production starts the first day of school, and meets daily.