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## **ALANA (African American, Latinx, Asian, Native American & Allies)**

ALANA (African, Latinx, Asian, Native American, & Allies) is a student alliance that promotes cultural awareness, inclusion, diversity, and leadership. It provides a safe and brave space to help navigate through school and life. The club meets every other week on Thursdays. **Advisor: Dr. Carr**

## **Amnesty International**

An official student branch of the larger organization, Amnesty International Club meets to focus on topics including freedom of speech, tolerance, and the refugee crisis. The club's mission is to support human rights in the community and worldwide so that every single person can enjoy the freedoms they deserve.

**Advisor: Mrs. Atallah**

## **Bass-On-Up**

A choral group for tenor and bass singers, this ensemble works well for students who do not have time to join an in-school choral group. No auditions are required. **Advisor: Mr. Dashew**

## **BC Build It**

BC Build It manufactures in-house goods such as t-shirts and awards for school district groups and events, giving students the opportunity to learn various manufacturing systems and how to promote their products in the process. **Co-advisors: Mr. Fana & Mr. Shannon**

## **BCHS Computer Science Honor Society**

The BCHS Computer Science Honor Society is composed of students who have shown success in rigorous computer science courses. The selection of annual members is based on three qualities, which all members must exhibit; computer science achievement, leadership, and service. **Advisor: Mrs. Noonan**

## **BCHS Eagles Ultimate Frisbee**

Join our team and learn the amazing sport of Ultimate! This club sport welcomes both new and experienced players who want to learn the game and compete with other schools. We currently host two teams, a "Varsity", and "Junior Varsity". We play hard, have fun, and spread the "spirit of the game."

**Advisor: Mr. Nicholas**

## **BCHS Girls Who Code**

Girls Who Code's mission is to increase exposure to computer science concepts and provide experiences that give female students the skills to succeed in a 21st-century world. The BCHS Girls Who Code chapter is run by our own BCHS CSHS students who have completed college-level computer science coursework.

**Advisor: Mrs. Noonan**

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## **BCHS LMC Book Club**

In a partnership between the HS LMC and the Bethlehem Public Library, students are provided with a selection of titles to read independently; after which, readers will meet to discuss the titles they read.

**Advisor: Mrs. Eldeen**

## **BCHS Medical Club**

Medical Club seeks to inspire students who are interested in the healthcare field. We do science activities to learn about human body systems, invite guest speakers to talk about medical careers, take part in the annual Donate Life campaign, and many other healthcare-related activities. **Advisor: Mrs. Ladd**

## **BCHS No Place for Hate**

BCHS No Place for Hate (NP4H) is a national initiative of the ADL. We work to combat hate in schools and put peace, tolerance, and acceptance in their rightful place. We focus on fighting against all bias, and bullying in order to promote a school environment where all can thrive. Our goal is to make everyone feel safe and supported in the school and try to make the world a little better than we found it. NP4H meets biweekly. **Advisor: Ms. Barcia**

## **BCHS Robotics Team**

Teams of 9th-12th grade students meet after school to design, build, program, and test robots to participate in regional VEX Robotics Competitions. **Advisor: Mr. Fana**

## **BC Weekend Backpack Program**

Introduced by the Student Senate in 2017, this program aims to help address food insecurity and shortage issues that affect some of the students in our district; providing backpacks filled with food and/or hygiene items for when school is not in session, focusing on weekends, holidays and school breaks. Program volunteers will meet prior to the start of the school day on Fridays (and before breaks) to help sort and pack food items. Participation in this program may count towards community service hours. **Advisor: Mr. Irons**

## **Best Buddies Club**

Best Buddies is a club that builds one-to-one friendships by pairing students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, offering social interactions and activities both in and out of school. The club officers meet the first Thursday of the month and all members meet later in the month engaging in a variety of activities appropriate for all members. Several times during the school year, the entire club gathers to participate in an out-of-school event. All club members are required to register with Best Buddies International. **Co-advisors: Mrs. Ciavardoni & Mrs. Brown**

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## Bethlehem Chapter of NYS Math Honor Society

The NYS Math Honor Society seeks recognition for students who have completed at least 3 semesters of high school mathematics, have an 85% annual average in their current math courses, and have an 85% overall GPA. Its goals for accepted members are to enhance knowledge and understanding through activities outside of the classroom and to create enthusiasm for futures in the mathematics fields. Club members also actively participate in our peer tutoring program which helps students at all levels. **Advisor: Mrs. Ryan**

## Bethlehem Ski Club

The Bethlehem Ski Club offers an outlet to students in the winter to ski at a local ski resort at an affordable price during the school week. Trips take place after school by bus. BC students in grades 6-12, at every level from beginner to expert, are welcome to ski or snowboard. We look forward to a great ski season with many fun memories. **Advisor: Mr. Hogan**

## Buy-It/School Store

Personable and responsible students are always needed to work in the store. Tasks include interacting with the public, stocking/keeping an inventory of items, and assisting with general store maintenance. **Advisor: Mrs. Brown**

## CareerX

CareerX explores career opportunities by hosting guest speakers from various fields. **Advisor: Ms. Hudecek**

## Class Councils

The Junior and Senior class councils are a part of the school government that meets regularly to discuss upcoming events and school policies. The primary goal is to raise money for class functions including the Jr. Prom, Sr. Ball, and other school events. **Jr. Class Advisors: Mr. Carlino & Mrs. Spath, Sr. Class Advisor: Ms. Westervelt**

## Coloring Club

Come join us on Friday afternoons for relaxing coloring and casual socialization. Students are encouraged to stop by when they are available and choose from a variety of exciting coloring sheets or to work on an art project of their choice. **Advisor: Mrs. LeDuc**

## Concert Singers

This is a non-audition ensemble for soprano and alto singers and is ideal for those who do not have time to join an in-school choral group. **Advisor: Mr. Dashew**

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## Crossword Puzzle Club

Students meet twice a month to work on crossword puzzles. **Advisor: Mr. Guilfoyle**

## Dungeons and Dragons

Students meet to play the fantasy tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons and Dragons. **Advisor: Mrs. Edgar**

## Environmental Club

This club meets weekly to discuss and plan projects that improve the environment. Projects involve creative crafting with recycled materials, gardening, and raising funds to donate to environmental groups.

**Advisor: Mrs. Engelson**

## Esports Club

Esports meets to foster a positive and productive gaming community within BCHS. Students will learn internet hygiene & etiquette, practice good sportsmanship, and be provided with opportunities to participate in Esports tournaments and to earn scholarships. **Advisor: Ms. Nigro**

## FACS Club: Cooking & Crafting for the Community

FACS Club meets the first and third week of the month to cook and craft together as an act of service within the school, our district, and the community. Students work together to make food and various craft items to support a variety of initiatives such as Teacher Appreciation Week, Police Week, Veterans Day, and Fire Prevention Month to name a few. We also host the MS Junior Chef students for a make & take-dinner event. **Advisor: Mrs. Hayes**

## Fashion Club

Fashion Club is a meeting of students interested in the world of fashion and the many different styles and techniques used to create it. The club meets on a bi-weekly basis. Past creations have included mood boards, distressed jeans, dyed fashion and fabric, and altered t-shirts. Generally, group time is spent experimenting with a variety of techniques used to create different styles. All are welcome! **Advisor: Mrs.**

**Hahn**

## Film Club

Film Club members watch a film one week, and then meet the following week to discuss the film, and current topics related to it. **Advisor: Mrs. Turo**

## French Club

For students interested in the French language and francophone cultures. All levels are welcome! **Advisor: Mrs. Pellitteri**

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## Gardening Club

This club provides a great way for students to learn about gardening and gain hands-on experience growing a variety of flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Our goal is to foster the love of gardening and to share the fruits of our labor while beautifying the courtyards and grounds of the high school. Join others like you who have a passion for transforming green spaces into color gardens that everyone can enjoy! **Advisor: Mr. Petraccione**

## Genders and Sexualities Alliance (GSA)

The GSA builds bridges among students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The GSA coordinates the high school's annual participation in the National Day of Silence. **Co-advisors: Ms. Panaro & Mrs. Graves**

## Girls Who Start

Girls Who Start is dedicated to inspiring and empowering future female leaders and girls with an interest in entrepreneurship & business! We meet biweekly and offer dynamic guest speakers and workshops to help educate our members. **Co-advisors: Dr. Carr, Mr. Frese, & Ms. Sullivan**

## Guerrilla Art Club

Established in 2016, GAC allows students to create safe and imaginative after-school art activities and to spread positivity through public art. This is an opportunity for students interested in participating and promoting positive creativity at BCHS and within the community. **Advisor: Mrs. Hahn**

## Helping Hands

Working with the middle school's Helping Hands club, this club hopes to increase student community service involvement at the high school. We meet every other Wednesday. **Co-advisors: Ms. Flynn & Mr. Patel**

## History Bowl

Members participate in College Bowl-like academic competitions focusing on questions in both the United States and world history. **Advisor: Ms. LeDuc**

## HS Pep Band ("Hooligans")

The HS Pep Band meets every Friday Period 9 in the Band Room for rehearsals. The Pep Band plays at many of BCHS sporting events including home football, soccer, and hockey games. The Pep Band also plays at most senior nights as well, the first and last day of school, and the Pep Rally. The 2022- 2023 band had 23 members and we are always looking for new members. Come check us out!! **Advisor: Mrs. Ciavardoni**

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## Inclusive Literary Club

This club reads, discusses, and explores literature created by female authors, lgbtia+ authors, and authors of color. Meets every other Friday. **Advisor: Mrs. Trombadore**

## Jazz Lab Band

This non-auditioned group meets weekly after school. Members are required to be in the school's band/orchestra program unless playing piano or guitar. Reading music is a must for this ensemble.

**Advisor: Mr. Beauregard**

## Jazztic Measures

This auditioned ensemble meets weekly in the evening. The auditions are open to students who have at least 1-year experience in Jazz Lab Band. Reading sheet music and notation is a must. **Advisor: Mr.**

**Beauregard**

## Jewish Food Club

Jewish Food Club is a place for both Jewish and non-Jewish students to experience Jewish foods and learn about Jewish culture. We enjoy different Jewish foods at each meeting while learning about their significance. **Advisor: Mrs. Edgar**

## Key Club

This community service club is affiliated with Kiwanis International and focuses on charitable fundraising and promoting a spirit of service. **Advisor: Mrs. Wise**

## Magic: The Gathering Club (MTG)

Magic: The Gathering Club is a friendly environment to learn, improve, and test your skills with the world's most popular (and original!) collectible card game. Whether you are just curious, starting out, or a seasoned cardboard slinger, the club is a place to play, trade, and learn about this entertaining game.

**Advisor: Mr. Agel**

## Masterminds & Science Bowl

Members participate in Jeopardy/College Bowl-like academic competitions. Masterminds is geared toward general knowledge and Science Bowl focuses on math and science. **Co-advisors: Mr. O'Reilly & Mr.**

**Mowry**

## Mock Trial

The Mock Trial Team allows students to participate in a fictional American criminal justice system as lawyers and witnesses. Competitions are held primarily in the spring. **Advisor: Mrs. Trombadore**

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## Model United Nations (Model UN)

Model UN is an authentic simulation of the UN's General Assembly, Security Council, or other multilateral body that introduces students to the world of diplomacy, negotiation, and decision-making. **Advisor: Mrs. Atallah**

## Multicultural Club

The Multicultural Club was established to explore world cultures and languages. We believe that the study of other cultures gives us a better understanding of ourselves and a greater appreciation of the uniqueness of others. **Advisor: Ms. Westervelt**

## Muslim Student Association

The goals of MSA include developing friendships with other Muslims, bringing awareness to issues that are important to Muslims, as well as helping to educate the BCHS community about Muslim customs, holidays, and other subjects of importance. **Advisor: Ms. DeVanzo**

## National Art Honor Society

The BC Chapter of this nationally recognized organization is for students who achieve excellence in art and seek to promote it in the community. Applications for new members are available. **Advisor: Mrs. Painter**

## The Oriole (BCHS Yearbook)

This club designs and edits the HS Yearbook, and works on its promotion, sales, and distribution. There is both hands-on and critical work with computer layout and digital camera imaging. Students are trained and guided in each step along the way of creating each volume. No experience is necessary to join us. Weekly meetings (depending on assignments and deadlines). **Co-advisors: Ms. Barcia & Mrs. Atallah**

## Peer Helpers

This club is designed to help young people choose positive ways to take care of themselves and improve their school community. **Co-advisors: Mrs. Colloton & Mr. Anderson**

## Philosophy Club

We hold weekly meetings and host civil discussions on ethics, free will, government, and more. The club focuses on creating a productive dialogue where students feel free to speak their minds. **Advisor: Mr. Greco**

## Science Olympiad

Members participate in science competitions around the Northeast. Tournament events vary from building helicopters and robots to biology labs. If you like science, this club is for you! Find out more at <http://newyorkscioly.org>. **Advisor: Mr. Mowry**

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## Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica)

This group is a local chapter of the national organization that promotes the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Students are admitted based on academic performance and demonstrated interest. Members also serve as peer tutors and participate in multiple service projects. Meets twice a month. **Advisor: Mrs. Ledezma**

## Speech and Debate Club

This club meets weekly to research information for debates and practice debating skills. The group participates in approximately 4 tournaments a season at other local high schools to debate other teams. The goal is to help students become more comfortable preparing arguments and having the confidence to defend those arguments publicly. **Advisor: Mr. Patel**

## Stage 700

Stage 700 consists of members who are involved in performance, technical theater, and orchestra working together to put on one main stage musical per year in the Spring. The purpose is to provide these students an opportunity to be a part of a full-scale production. The training and experiences with the club help to better prepare students seeking future careers in theater. **Director: Mrs. Roos, Choral Director: Mr. Dashew, Choreographer: Mrs. Dashew, Set Designer: Mrs. Bailey, Costume Designer: Mrs. Convertino**

## Stock Market Club

This club offers an opportunity to learn about the importance of financial markets at both the micro and macroeconomic levels. We participate in multiple stock market games throughout the school year. **Advisor: Mr. Majewski**

## Strategic Games Club

This club is for students who are interested in meeting with others to play an assortment of games such as chess, checkers, mancala, sports games, etc. **Advisor: Ms. Flynn**

## Student Senate

The Student Senate serves as the voice of the student body to the BC administration. Student Senators are elected by their classmates from all 4-grade levels. **Advisor: Mr. Irons**

## Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

SADD is a student-run organization that works to increase awareness of making safe decisions regarding your mind, body, and life. SADD is open to all students. **Advisor: Ms. Westervelt**



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## Students for Peace & Survival (SPAS)

SPAS concentrates on raising student awareness of social issues and helping both local and global communities. The club's various fundraisers collect funds for charities that fight poverty and hunger.

**Co-advisors: Mrs. Krishna-Kennedy & Mrs. Weimer**

## Theatre Without A Net (TWON)

TWON typically puts on a full-length play in December and provides performance, design, and technical opportunities for students interested in theater production. **Director: Mrs. Roos**

## The Thinking Reed

Published annually, The Thinking Reed is a literary magazine of poetry, prose, and art submitted by BCHS students. **Co-advisors: Mr. Guilfoyle & Mr. Wojcik**

## Video Production Tech Guild (Light/Sound Club)

The Light/Sound Club is designed to attract students who enjoy the technical aspects of plays, productions, and other events. Students will be trained to develop expertise in sound reinforcement and lighting design and implementation. Club members will run the light and soundboards for school plays, productions, and events. No previous experience is necessary. **Advisor: Mr. Mysliwiec**

## Vincent J Crummles Acting Troupe (VJCAT)

Students will audition, rehearse and perform a Shakespeare play. **Director: Mrs. Edgar**

## Youth Activation Committee

The goal of this student group is to bring diverse student populations together through meaningful interactions including after-school kickball tournaments and fundraisers to support organizations such as the Special Olympics. **Advisor: Mr. Mooney**

## **How to Get Involved**

- Find a club that interests you.
- Read the morning announcements for information about when a club will begin meeting.
- Want to start your own club? Pick up the necessary forms in the Assistant Principal's office.  
**Important:** All clubs require the approval of both the HS Principal and Student Senate before any meetings can begin. Additionally, the proposed club must have a BCHS faculty member as an advisor and a minimum of 17 BCHS students who are interested in participating.

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## **Participation in School Activities is a Privilege**

- Students are required to be in attendance at school on the day they participate in any facet of extracurricular activities. To receive credit for full-day attendance, students must be in school for at least half a day (4 periods).
- Students who are suspended from school (ISS and OSS) will be barred from all school functions (i.e., athletic events, dances, or other school events) on the day(s) of suspension or from the next scheduled function. Inappropriate behavior at extracurricular activities will result in a referral and corresponding disciplinary action.
- Thirty days before a special event (e.g., Homecoming, Snowball Dance, Junior Prom, Senior Ball, etc.) students with three or more referrals and/or suspension will lose the privilege of attending the event.