

Academic League

Advisor – Mr. Matulac, Room 405

This club engages in team competition answering questions based on high school curricula as well as miscellaneous general knowledge questions, sports, and pop culture trivia. The format is a buzzer lock-out system as used in “College Bowl” or “Jeopardy.” Meetings are on Thursdays after school from September through May. From December through March club members will compete against a different school each week. (Best two out of three 20-minute rounds).

Art Service Club

Advisor - Ms. Grasso, Room 707

Students will make signs, posters, murals and flyers using their artistic abilities to enhance our school environment and support school functions. This club runs as an advertising agency, creating works and meeting deadlines.

Arts and Crafts Marketing Club

Advisor - Ms. LaBrake, Room 712

Club members learn new craft-making methods and develop skills using advanced techniques and materials to create a high-end product. Members gain practical experience in making and marketing arts and crafts through the creation of inventive presentations, personal and school products. This club explores career, college and scholarship possibilities, and in addition, visits and participates in professional craft shows.

Chamber Music Club

Advisor – Mr. Rossi, Room 956

This club provides opportunities for small string ensembles (quartets, trios, etc.) to explore and perform various chamber music works ranging from Vivaldi to Joplin. In addition to some school performances, groups may also perform at conferences, senior citizen centers and PTA meetings.

Chamber Orchestra

Advisor – Mr. Rossi, Room 956

This small string orchestra is made up of advanced-level students allowing them an opportunity to explore a more advanced repertoire with a special emphasis on Baroque and early classical literature. The Chamber Orchestra is regularly featured in school concerts throughout the year.

Chinese Language Club

Advisor – Mr. Rossi, Room 956

This club is designed to teach common, useful, practical Chinese conversation. By the end of the first session, you’ll be able to introduce yourself and greet people. By the end of the year, you’ll be able to order your dinner in a Chinese restaurant, buy a souvenir in Chinatown, and much more, all in Chinese! The club is designed for the absolute beginner.

Community Service

Volunteer work can prepare you for life after high school in very basic ways: building self-confidence, expanding skills and giving you practical experience. Today these benefits are not only acknowledged, but also expected by colleges and employers. Credit for volunteer service will be recorded on your transcript (50 hrs. = 1/2 credit; 100 hrs. = 1 credit). See your guidance counselor for more details.

Current Issues/Discussion Club

Advisor – Mr. Greg Laskow, Room 423

The Current Issues/Discussion Club gives students the opportunity to discuss issues in a non-formal setting. This popular club was founded by students during the 2003-2004 school year. Topics are chosen by the students and discussions are organized by students in a respectable, organized and informal fashion.

DECA - Distributive Education Clubs of America

Advisor – Mr. Bergling, C-ZMart

DECA is a national high school organization that gives business students the opportunity to use classroom knowledge by competing against other students on regional, state and national levels. This organization also develops leadership qualities and communication skills.

Drama Club

Advisor – Mr. Ed Clinton, Room 813

The Drama Club offers students an opportunity to work together on scenes to improve their skills or just to have fun. Meetings are once a week with presentations in December and May.

English Honor Society

Advisors – Ms. McMane/Mr. Matulac, Room 414

E.H.S. is a selective service organization that confers distinction for high achievement in English language and literature at Tappan Zee High School, while promoting interest in literature and the English language. Students must apply for admission.

French Club

Advisor – Ms. Root, Room C-1

The French Club is open to all students who are interested in French and Francophone culture. Activities include cooking authentic dishes such as crepes and Belgian waffles, making Mardi Gras masks, celebrating traditional holidays, watching French films, and listening to French music. Each winter we challenge the Italian and Spanish Clubs in our annual bowling competition. We welcome new members and their ideas!

Gay-Straight Alliance

Advisor – Dr. Kathleen Kearney – Guidance Office

The purpose of the Gay-Straight Alliance is to help create a school environment where all can feel welcomed and accepted for their unique talents and contributions and enjoy the full benefits of our educational system, free from fear of harassment or discrimination.

Handbell Choir

Advisor – Mr. Wagoner, Room 954

The purpose of the Handbell Club is to teach students how to play handbells and to prepare pieces for Music Department concerts. This club is open to all students, but some knowledge of music reading is helpful.

History Honor Society

Advisor – Ms. Carroll/Ms. Drivas, Room 306

The History Honor Society was established to give recognition to students who excel in history and demonstrate an enthusiasm for the subject. Additionally, the HHS provides opportunities for students to develop and share their understanding of the world in which we live. Students must meet and maintain the academic and citizenship requirements. Admission open to Juniors and Seniors only.

Interact Club

Advisor – T.B.A.

The Interact Club provides community and international service opportunities for high school students. It is sponsored by Rotary International and participates in projects to serve the community, and one international project to help promote international understanding. Fundraising opportunities allow the club to make donations to charity.

Italian Club

Advisor – Ms. Castelli/Ms. Stillo, Room C-3/C4

The Italian Club is open to all students interested in Italian culture, language, food, music, etc. Members will be able to participate in varied activities, including after school-cooking meetings, during which students will prepare (and eat!) dishes from Italy's varied regional cuisine. Music enthusiasts will enjoy a performance at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The Italian Honor Society

Advisor – Ms. Castelli/Ms. Stillo, Room C-3/C-4

The Italian Honor Society is a national organization whose goals are to recognize students who have achieved excellence in the study of Italian, as well as to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Italian culture and civilization. Students must be inducted and must meet the academic and service requirements to maintain membership. Italian Honor Society students tutor in the Learning Center, both during the school day and at after-school extra-help sessions, as well as participate in many community service activities.

The Jazz Ensemble

Advisor – Mr. Hughes, Band Room

The Jazz Ensemble was formed to promote the performance of jazz and blues music through rehearsals, performances, and analysis of jazz music. The Jazz Ensemble performs at school concerts as well as special occasions and off-campus programs.

The Leo Club

Advisor – Ms. Castelli, Room C3

The Leo Club, sponsored by the Blauvelt Lions Club and Lions Clubs International, is a community service club working with these two organizations to help the blind and visually impaired, as well as volunteering in the local, national and international community. Leos work on community clean-up and beautification projects, help maintain Blauvelt Lions Park, assist with fundraisers for various charities and less fortunate members of the community, and work and interact with Leos from around the United States and the world.

Lighting Service

Advisor – Mr. Clinton, Room 813

Students learn the different types of lighting instruments and how to focus them. They also learn how to set up a basic design plot for various presentations that may occur in the high school auditorium and take turns running the light board for school productions and other activities.

Math Team

Advisor – Mr. Resnikoff, Room 301

This club allows students to compete in the New York Math League and the Rockland County Math League. The former is held once a month in school for thirty minutes while the latter provides an opportunity for students to travel to another school each month for competition. Separate standings are kept for each course level.

Model U. N.

Advisor – Mr. DiDomenico, Room 408

In Model U.N. students step into the shoes of ambassadors from U.N. member states to debate current issues on the organization's vast agenda. Student "delegates" prepare draft resolutions, plot strategy, negotiate with supporters and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the U.N.'s rules of procedures – all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect almost every country.

Mu Alpha Theta

Advisors – Mr. Resnikoff/ Ms. Benecke, Room 301/307

The purpose of this national math honor society is to enrich students' knowledge and enjoyment of mathematics. Requirements include a 90 average for three years of math (or 95 for two), service, and project work.

Multi-Cultural Coalition

Advisor – Ms. Bonfiglio/Mr. Bramman, Rooms 401

The Multi-Cultural Coalition is an organization that promotes knowledge, understanding, tolerance and acceptance of people of all cultures and ethnic backgrounds. The Multi-Cultural Coalition focuses on the worth and uniqueness of all people regardless of their ethnic backgrounds, while helping to eliminate the notion of stereotyping and/or discriminating against people because of their racial and/or cultural differences.

National Honor Society

Advisors –Ms. Farish/Ms. Lai, Rm. 816

N.H.S. is a selective organization that promotes recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service. Students must apply for admission. Admission is open to academically eligible Juniors and Seniors only.

New York State Science Honor Society

Advisor – Ms. Kilkelly, Room 801

NYSSHS promotes extracurricular activity and academic excellence in science. Students must: (a) have completed as least 1.5 semesters of Regents level science; (b) maintained high grades in science; (c) be recommended by two faculty members; and (d) be active in one science-related program, competition or independent research project (with a presentation) each year

Peer Leadership

Advisors – Ms. McMane/Ms. O’Brien, Rooms 414/206

Peer Leadership is a mentorship program in which selected juniors and seniors (Peer Leaders) are paired with freshmen to introduce new students to Tappan Zee High School. Students apply to become Peer Leaders in their sophomore and junior years and participate in an intensive training program in leadership and peer counseling. All freshmen are assigned Peer Leaders.

Peer Mediation Club

Advisors–Dr. Honcharski, Guidance

Ms. Fiorentino/Mr. Bramman, Room 406

This club helps resolve student conflicts before they escalate to the level of requiring serious administrative intervention. The club currently has more than thirty trained student mediators. All mediations are confidential as are the agreements that are drawn up by the mediators once the conflict is resolved. Other club activities include training new mediators, planning, coordinating, facilitating and tracking mediations, practice or mock mediations, and trips to visit real mediations.

Pep Band

Advisor – Mr. Hughes, Band Room

This performing group plays music from the 1940’s through the 1990’s, as well as school cheers and fanfares. The group usually rehearses once each week and plays at several sporting events, pep rallies and other events during the year.

Reality Check

Advisor – Ms. Maher, Room 609

Our goal is to expose the truth about the tobacco industry and the manipulative practices they use to target teens. We want to reduce the impact of the number one most preventable cause of death and disease in the country, which is tobacco use. Reality Check is made up of youth from every state. We want tobacco companies to know, “If they think they can keep targeting New York teens without resistance, they need a reality check.”

Science Olympiad Team

Advisors –Ms. Distante/ Mr. Francesco, Rooms 316/324

The Science Olympiad Team consists of 15 students chosen to compete in twenty events at the Westchester-Rockland division of the Science Olympiad in March of each year at a local high school. Events include construction projects (bridge, car, clock, airplane, Rube Goldberg device), rock and mineral identification, qualitative chemical analysis, balancing equations, labs, genetics, tree identification, map reading, periodic table and experimental design. Winning schools go on to statewide and national competitions.

Spanish Club

Advisor – Ms. Moloney, Room C-6

The Spanish Club offers students the opportunity to interact with each other while enjoying a variety of fun activities. The club is open to all students interested in Hispanic culture. Activities include: cooking authentic dishes, arts and crafts activities, celebrating Latino holidays, eating at local Hispanic restaurants, and challenging the Italian and French Clubs to informal sports matches. We welcome new members and their ideas! Students need not be taking Spanish in order to join.

Foreign Language Journal

Advisor – Ms. Arietta, Room C-2

Help gather original poetry, plays, essays, short stories, reviews, recipes and any other creative and original works by students in a foreign language. Assist in the editing process, layout and publication of the yearly Foreign Language Journal.

Spanish Honor Society

Advisors – Ms. Moloney/Mr. Burgos, Rooms C-6/C-5

The Spanish Honor Society is a national organization whose goals are to recognize students who have achieved excellence in the study of Spanish, as well as to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Spanish culture and civilization. Students must apply for membership and must meet and maintain the academic and citizenship requirements. Spanish Honor Society members are required to tutor in the Learning Center, during the school day, at after-school extra-help sessions, and during mid-terms and finals. Members are also required to perform school and/or community related service and attend monthly meetings.

Student Organization (S.O.)

Advisors –Mr. Hughes, Band Room

The Student Organization (S.O.) is the “voice” of the student body. Every year each class elects students to form the representative body of the S.O. A general election is held for election of S.O. officers. S.O. acts as the liaison between the School Administration and student body in issues dealing with the welfare of student life at TZHS. S.O. is involved in many altruistic programs from collecting toys for Nyack Hospital to food drives for the needy. S.O. truly represents the “spirit” of TZHS.

Students Against Destructive Decisions

Advisors –Ms. Maher/Ms. Golino, Room 609

S.A.D.D. is a group of concerned students who publicize the dangers of destructive decisions teens face on a daily basis. Informative presentations, guest speakers and/or handouts are set up by S.A.D.D. members to help educate their peers about the negative effects of alcohol and other drugs. Each year S.A.D.D. organizes a “S.A.D.D. Week,” usually at prom time, with daily activities that focus on under-age drinking and high school drug use.

Sustainability Club

Advisor - Mr. Matulac, Room 405

The Sustainability Club deals with environmental education. Members of the club learn the concepts of environmental sustainability and discuss environmental issues in the school. Members try to find feasible solutions, which are later presented to administration. Lastly, the club performs public service projects around the school to raise student awareness of the current state of our environment.

Tapress

Advisor – Mr. Stanford/Ms. Duffy, Rooms 413/407

Tapress, the newspaper of TZHS, informs students about what is happening in our school while promoting spirit and interest. It is a great opportunity for those who have an interest in writing, art or photography. Every issue is written and edited by students.

Tones

Advisors – Ms. Grasso/Ms. McMane, Rooms 707/414

Tones, TZHS’s literary magazine, is published each spring and allows students to express their creativity in poetry, short stories, essays and artwork. The staff plays a diverse role. It not only oversees the work submitted, but also takes on the responsibility for the magazine’s layout. It is a magazine published entirely by students.

Yearbook – Halfmoon

Advisor –Ms. Meyers/Mr. Anderson, Room 118

Students are involved in all phases of design and production of the high school yearbook, which is, in essence, a log of the school year. Yearbook membership is open to all students at TZHS.

Tappan Zee High School offers students a diverse choice of co-curricular clubs and activities. We encourage all students to take advantage of these opportunities to enrich a personal interest or talent. Please consider the many activities offered, and listen for morning announcements regarding meeting days and times.

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