

## INTRODUCTION

The HANDBOOK of ACTIVITIES, CLUBS and TEAMS has been prepared to aid you in selecting those activities that will enrich your high school experience. Your selection is made from the wide spectrum of activities available at Holy Angels, both during the school day and after school. This booklet contains short descriptions of each club to supply you with a clearer idea of the club's purpose, goals and activities. Information about meeting times, moderators, dues/fees and locations introduces each description.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It is very important to choose clubs carefully and to limit the number of activities that you join. Remember that you cannot be a full participating member if you are involved in too many activities. Clubs and organizations, as well as sports and music related activities, require attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings, practices and special events. Therefore, before selecting activities, be sure to check meeting days and times to avoid conflicts and check requirements and tryouts to make certain that you qualify. A student may hold office in more than one club only with the express written permission of all moderators concerned. Each moderator is free to use her own discretion in this regard.

**\*These activities are not be included in this book.**

**Check your Haiku & email, listen to announcements, and look for postings around the school activities such as Chorus, Art Club, Equality Now, Debate, Operation Smile and many more.**

## IN-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Once a month, from the beginning of October to the beginning of May, classes follow an adjusted schedule which provides for a 45 - minute activity period at the end of the day. Second and third choices will be provided in case of over-enrollment. If the activity can only accept a limited number of students a lottery will be conducted to determine membership.

Students not selected in the lottery will be enrolled in their second or third choice.

All seniors are invited to participate in the activities period. Seniors who wish to do so will have the privilege of enrolling first. Seniors who hold office in any club or are members of an honor society will be expected to remain.

**Seniors may not drop out of an activity once they are enrolled.**

## **AHAnime**

Moderator: Mrs.DePalma

To further the knowledge of anime itself and anime in its various media forms (manga, television episodes, etc.) within the AHA community. Anime showings of various genres will occur at every meeting.

## **AHA COMEDY CLUB**

Moderator: Mrs. Schneberger

A place to hone your talents as a stand up comedian and work with others on improvisational skits.

## **ANGELS FOR AUTISM**

Moderators: Mrs. Bogner, Dr. Fallon

The Institute for Educational Achievement is a special school whose mission is to provide for the educational, social and physical development of autistic children. Our group assists the IEA in curriculum development. Teachers are helped in the preparation of the many varied materials they use with their students on a daily basis. Limited to 10.

## **ASIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY**

Moderators: Mrs.Quinnones, Ms. Wroblewski

This is a great club to join if you enjoy Asian history and culture. We encourage students of all backgrounds to join!

## **BLACK and HISPANIC CULTURAL SOCIETY**

Moderators: Mrs. Fama, Mrs. Wroblewski

Here you will be given the chance to educate others about your heritage. The BHCS is a thriving, dynamic society offering a wonderful opportunity for social interaction while providing the chance to sample and learn about the rich heritage and culture of Blacks and Hispanics. BHCS hopes to broaden horizons by bringing people together through enjoyable activities; advancing our culture while making a difference in someone's life through several community service projects.

## **BLUEPRINT**

Moderator: Mrs. Trubac

BLUEPRINT is Holy Angels' Art and Literary magazine which appears in the spring. It is a vehicle for students' creative expression. All students are invited to submit literary and art work. Membership on BLUEPRINT staff is itself a creative opportunity. The staff selects the material for publication and determines the layout of the magazine. Editors must be prepared to work after school daily the two weeks before deadline.

Membership is limited to 10. Contributions are accepted

## **CREATIVE PAPER**

Moderator: Ms. Biskup

Students will bring in their own ideas & create designs & sculpture/origami out of paper.

## **CSI ANGELS**

Moderator: Dr. Weinstein

Forensic science as depicted in popular television programs such as NCIS and CSI.

## **DRAMA CLUB**

Moderator: Ms. McSherry

Drama Department: Fall Drama, Spring Musical, Stage Crew, Talent Show

Drama Club is a group for girls who want to be a part of the productions at AHA. We will explore different ways to get involved with the theatre productions as well as discuss service opportunities that we can do to benefit the Actors Home of Englewood. It is a fun way to get involved in our ever-growing theatre program without having to audition!

## **ECHOES**

Moderator: Mrs. Cucchisi

ECHOES, our school yearbook, are one of Holy Angels' three publications. Its purpose is to tell the story of each school year by means of photojournalism - pictures, poems, articles and stories.

ECHOES consists of layout, literary, art, photography, business and typing staffs, each under the direction of a student-editor. Student editors-in-chief, with the assistance of a faculty moderator, direct the entire production. ECHOES is open to seniors, juniors and sophomores with the approval of the moderator. Limit 30 - yearbook staff is selected in May.

## **EVOLUTION OF SCI FI**

Moderator: Mr. Dunne

Great strides have been made in special effects over the past 60 years. These special effects have brought sci-fi to a new level. Each meeting we will watch the evolution of sci-fi on the screen from 1930s to the present. Limit 20.

## **FRENCH CLUB**

Moderator: Dr. Mady

The French Club's major activity is: The French Connection - Help A Child, an outreach activity that raises money providing educational financial aid to underprivileged children in Lebanon.

More information is posted on Dr. Mady's webpage. Other fun activities sponsored by the French Club include a Christmas party, interacting with guest speakers, watching a French movie and a mask contest. \$10 fee.

## **FRENCH FOR TRAVELERS**

Moderator: Mrs. Korvin

Focuses on situations most likely encountered when traveling, like meeting and greeting people, ordering a meal at a restaurant or bistro, buying things, asking simple questions, asking for directions, etc. With a combination of pronunciation, practice of basic phrases, and role playing, students will acquire basic French skills.

## **GO GREEN!**

Moderator: Mrs. Jureler

Are you concerned about the safety of our food supply?

Global warming? The air we breathe? The water we drink? Energy conservation?

Endangered species? Recycling? Then join our club and learn ways to address these issues and how you can help to care for our planet. Even a community as small as Holy Angels can have an effect on the quality of our environment. Join us and make a difference!

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Moderator: Mr/ Marciano

Habitat for Humanity is a student run club. The club helps to fundraise for the organization as well as assist in building homes in Bergen County. We meet to talk about different Habitat for Humanity events in Bergen County, fundraising for the organization and future building dates.

## **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Moderator: Mrs. Naimo

The History Society was formed to promote interest in history and current events. Speakers and films on history, politics, and current events are featured at the meetings. Trips to local historic sites may also occur. Some of our past speakers included the history of quilt making, New Jersey's role in the Civil War and, Women of the Arab world. Some of our projects have been contributing to the Holocaust Museum, quilt making for Project Linus and Women's History Month in March.

## **INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE**

Moderator: Mrs. Anecchino

Instrumental Ensemble is an activity open to all student musicians who enjoy playing new music within a relaxed ensemble setting. Student musicians must have some technical facility on their instruments. This activity is highly recommended for all members of the Academy Orchestra.

## **ITALIAN CLUB**

Moderator: Mrs. Kraytem, Mrs. Tuttle

Membership is limited to students of Italian or any past member.

Preference is given to sophomores, juniors and seniors that have already been a member. Activities will include a field trip to Arthur Avenue, "Carnevale" an evening of food, song and dance and fundraisers. Members will make masks before Lent, see Italian films, read magazines, sample food and listen to music (opera and popular). All members are expected to participate in all activities. **Limit 25.** \$10 fee

## **KOREAN CLUB**

Moderator: Mrs. Brizzolara

This club promotes awareness of the Korean culture & teaches key words and phrases in holding conversation in the Korean language. Tea & refreshments will be served.

## **LATIN CLUB**

Moderator: Mr. Kopil

Get extra help in Latin ! Watch roman themed movies ! Help plan our spring TOGA PARTY/ BANQUET !Slave auctions ! Play Latin games ! Fun !

## **LETS PLAY**

Moderator: Mrs. Kohl

We play games – cards, board games, electronic games. Bring in your favorite game & we'll play!

## **MATH CLUB**

Moderator: Mrs. Loo

Students will work on fun and challenging math problems and will also compete in the American Mathematics Contest.

## **MATH EXTRA HELP**

Moderator: Ms. Frabizio

For students who need assistance in Math.

## **MEDS**

Moderator: Mrs. Ferrara

M.E.D.S. is a club to enrich the knowledge of those students interested in the medical field. Through guest speakers and workshops members will be able to familiarize themselves with the elements of this rewarding profession.

## **MUSIC MAKERS**

Moderators: Ms Fay

The Music Makers will lead song when the school community gathers for prayer. The group includes instrumentalists and singers. Activity period time will be spent choosing and rehearsing music. Some lunch time rehearsals may also be required. No auditions are necessary. If you enjoy singing with a group, we need you. Limit 30.

## **NATURE AT AHA**

Moderator: Ms. Prucnel

The beginner course in nature raises awareness of what plant/animal species reside on the AHA campus. Identifying tree and bird species will be the focal point of this activity. \$10 fee

## **OUTREACH**

Moderator: Mrs. Miloscia & Mrs. Sylvester

The purpose of Outreach is to learn about and respond to those in need. Members of Outreach work together to coordinate and carry out school-wide service projects such as:

Our annual food collections, Thanksgiving turkey drive Operation Rice Bowl,  
Bike Bergen,

Trick or treat for UNICEF

This club also works closely with local organizations such as: The Bergen County Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless Center for Food Action

Center for Concern

Habitat for Humanity

to help meet the needs of those less fortunate.

## **PHILOSOPHY IN FILM**

Moderator: Mr. Meyers

Did you ever wonder if it was fair for the Genie from Aladdin to be stuck in his lamp? Should Simba really lead Pride Rock just because his father did? We'll watch some entertaining movies and discuss questions like these in the Philosophy of Film Activity. The list of films we watch will be open for discussion. We'll watch the films and look for philosophical themes inherent within them.

## **PHOTO CLUB**

Moderator: Ms. Lee

Students will learn how to manipulate their photos on the Photoshop Program. They will learn how the different functions can help express their ideas. Please have digital photographic images for the first day. This club works along with Echoes, the yearbook club. Students will take photos of different school events for Holy Angels' Yearbook and other publications. Limit 12.

## **POETRY WORKSHOP**

Moderator: Ms. Ryan

Share favorite poems and try your hand at writing your own!

## **POP MUSIC IN AMERICAN HISTORY**

Moderator: Ms. Young

From the birth of jazz in the 1920's through rock, pop and hip hop of the 1990s, we will listen to and discuss the development of popular music throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century in America. For students who have an interest in learning more about the history of popular music and listening to various genres and styles of music.

## **QUICK & EASY CRAFTS**

Moderator: Mrs. Rushchak

Easy, fun crafts! Limit 12. \$20 fee for supplies

## **SADD**

Moderator: Ms. Moran

Students Against Destructive Decisions

## **SALSA DANCING WITH MS. GOODELL**

Moderator: Ms. Goodell

Students will learn the basics of Salsa footwork and partner dancing to great Latin beats.

## **SCRABBLE, CHECKERS, CHESS**

Moderator: S. Carole

Join us in a session filled with fun competitions of scrabble, checkers and chess. It is a wonderful, relaxing way to enjoy each others company.

## **SHAKESPEARE ON FILM**

Moderator: Mrs. Dominguez

In "Shakespeare on Film" you will view major scenes from as many of the plays as we can cover, from Romeo and Juliet with a very young Leonardo di Caprio to The Merchant of Venice set in the nineteen twenties. We watch traditional interpretations by trained actors and amateur performances by prisoners. It's all good!

## **SPANISH CLUB**

Moderator: Mrs. LeGoff

A club to promote the culture and folklore of a Spanish speaking country and to serve and support charities. Also meets first Friday of the month. Fee - \$10

## **STRATEGY GAMES**

Moderator: S. Kathleen

You can win as you develop strategies in problem solving while having fun. Try: Blokus, Lonpos, Tantrix, Rush Hour, Snafooz, Puzzle Cubes, Square Puzzles, Rubiks...

## **STUDENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Moderators: Mrs. Nordsvan/Ms. Liddy

The Student Athletic Association is an organization for both athletes and non athletes. The club will be responsible for the senior slide show, promoting athletics, pep rallies and assisting the Athletic Director.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Moderator: Ms.Orlando

Meeting: Cycle & after school as needed 2:05-3:00pm

The Student Council's purpose is to promote school spirit and cooperation among the students and faculty, to create a greater responsibility among the student body, to encourage and maintain participation in school activities and to prepare its members more fully for acceptance of their duties and responsibilities as citizens of a democracy.

Student Council represents the entire Holy Angels' student body. All of its members are elected by their classmates and much time, effort and devotion is required. You must be ready and willing to cooperate in school activities, be faithful to regulations, be loyal to school and teachers and be impartial and gracious toward peers.

At the meetings two representatives elected by their homeroom express the ideas and views of their constituency at the meetings. A president and secretary are also elected for each class level. They are directly concerned with the activities of their class as well as attending the Student Council meetings.

The Student Council officers consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The president is both the school leader and an example to all. She presides at all Student Council meetings and prepares the agenda with the help of the moderator. The vice-president reads the morning announcements daily and in the president's absence, takes on her responsibilities. The secretary keeps the minutes of Student Council meetings and is in charge of all written records and correspondence of the organization. The treasurer is in charge of all written account records. To run for Student Council office, one must meet certain requirements:

- 1) B+ average or above in all major subjects (including religion and all semester courses).
- 2) Must have been a Student Council member.

Although all of the members of the Council are elected, all meetings of the Student Council and committees are considered open meetings

## **STUDY**

Moderator: TBA

Silent study. Student will stay in the assigned classroom for the entire activity period. Permission will not be given to leave the classroom for ANY reason, this includes the library.

## **WALK**

Moderator: Mrs. Thurchak

Clear your mind...

Put your sneakers on and take a walk in the fresh air.

## **WATERCOLOR PAINTING**

Moderator: Ms. Wraga

Watercolor painting instruction resulting in a finished painting at the end of each activity period:  
still life, landscape, figure.

## **WII FOR YOU AND MII**

Moderator: Mrs. Connelly

Do you like Dance, Dance, Revolution or perhaps Guitar Hero?

Kick up your heels, warm up your singing voice while playing these games on the Wii and making some new friends in the process. Limit 12.



