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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Many clubs and organizations are available at OPHS. All club and organization activities are planned by officers and sponsors. Students who request information on existing clubs or who are interested in organizing a new club should contact the administrator responsible for Student Activities in the Student Services Center..

OPHS FULL LISTING OF CLUBS & SPONSORSHIPS

ACADEMIC GAMES

The purpose of the Academic Games is to enhance school curriculum by providing an arena in which students engage in intellectual play by out thinking each other in the areas of language, logic mathematics and social life.

BOOK CLUB

Monthly novels are selected by the committee chair based on suggestions. Anyone may choose to purchase the selected novel (or check the novel out at the library), and join the book club in an intriguing conversation of genre, conflict, character analysis, and resolution. The community also participates.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (BPA)

Business Professional of America-the mission of the Michigan Business Professional of America is to empower students (who are currently enrolled in the Office Technology class) to succeed in a world-class workforce through the development of leadership, academics, and technological skills and an opportunity to participate in Regional, State and National Leadership conferences. This club is directly related to classes taken in the Business Department (Career and Technical Education).

BROADCAST ARTS CLUB (Cable Channel 17)

Looking for the club that stimulates your creative side? Consider the Broadcast Arts Club, Video Production! As a member of Video Production (VP) 17 you'll learn to produce and work on a variety of programming including commercials, Public Service Announcements (PSA), News, and even District Productions! Join today! This club is directly related to the Broadcasting course taken in the Fine Arts Department.

CHESS CLUB and BOARD GAMES

Chess/Backgammon/Checkers/Scrabble Club offers students the opportunity to drop in when they can, to learn and practice the strategies necessary in playing various board games. All levels of players are welcome including those who want to learn and advanced players.

CHOIR

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in a choir class that suits their ability level during the school day. Consult the choir director for further information. This club is directly related to Music/Choir courses (Fine Arts Department).

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CLASS SPONSORSHIPS

“The class of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016”, as an organization of Oak Park High School, is devoted to the service of graduating Oak Park High School students and to the community as a whole. It is responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of class events-including prom, homecoming, and graduation. Leadership, accountability and responsibility are emphasis of this club.

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band plays and studies music of different periods including works of contemporary composers. Solo and ensemble work is encouraged. Performances include evening and daytime concerts and football games. The Concert Band is the Marching Band during the football season. Prerequisite: Admission by audition or recommendation. This club is directly related to classes taken in the Music Department (Fine Arts Department).

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

The Concert Orchestra plays and studies music of different periods. Students play and study Orchestra Music of all periods. Solo and Ensemble work is encouraged, as well as mandatory performances including both daytime and evening concerts. Concert participation is mandatory. Pre-requisite: Admission by audition or recommendation.

DISTRIBUTION EDUCATION CLUBS of AMERICA (DECA)

DECA encourages students to explore the world of marketing. OPHS DECA students also compete with other students on a regional, state, and national level in a fun and exciting environment. Many nationally known companies support DECA and offer scholarships to outstanding DECA participants.

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club engages students to discover and develop their theater and stage potential, beginning with improvisational activities, stage movement exercises, essential voice techniques and basic audition skills, before moving on toward performing. While opportunities for stagehand and technician work are also included, live stage performance remains the focus of this exciting club.

HEAD, HEART, HANDS, AND HEALTH (4-H CLUB) & THE HELPING HANDS

The 4-Hs stand for Head, Heart, Hands & Health Michigan 4-H youth programs is a youth development that involves volunteers in providing positive experiential educational opportunities for and with youth. The mission is to create environments through collaboration that builds strong, healthy youth who are proactive in a complex and changing world.

The Helping Hands club is composed of boys and girls who would like to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others. They are willing to share their time and energy in helping other young people. There are a variety of interesting projects from cooking, sewing, arts and crafts, acting, writing, computer skills, health and fitness,

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exercise, bicycles and car safety, child development, baby sitting, career works, etc. The club is an extension of the Life Management Education classes.

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENT OF AMERICA CLUB (HOSA)

A national student organization for young adults interested in any of the 2,000 careers in the health services arena (including child care, care of sick and injured persons and food service to name a few). HOSA students sponsor two blood drives/yr and are often involved in other projects such as TB or sickle cell testing. There are many areas of competitive events taking place at a regional, state and national level which leads not only to travel opportunities but the opportunity to meet other future health professionals.

INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

The Inspirational Choir is a group committed to singing uplifting Inspirational Music. This group also appears and participates in various school performances throughout the year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)

Is an organization for pupils not only with high academic merit but also outstanding character and a record of school and community involvement. It functions as a service organization.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Students use 3D designs, Web Pages, Computer Programming and participate in Fund Raising in order to compete. The Robotics club builds a robot and program it for the First Inspiration Recognition Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics competition.

STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (SADD)

Its purpose is to work within the school community to inform students about the dangers of drinking and driving. SADD meets on a weekly basis and encourages students from all grade levels to join and participate in a variety of activities including Day of the Dead. One day is set aside usually before the December vacation and another before graduation day to make students particularly sensitive about drinking SADD has enjoyed strong support from students and staff who have allowed SADD members to participate in some school time activities. Currently, SADD is initiating plans to establish a Student Lock-In for seniors to provide a safe and entertaining way for them to celebrate graduation.

SCIENCE CLUB

If science is your interest, this is the Club. We meet challenges in twenty-three events and compete in the science Olympics held at Lawrence Technological University.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION (S.L.A)

Students learn Leadership Skills and then apply them to various projects that the school and community deem necessary. Teachers recommend students to the group, and half credit in Social Studies is earned. SLA meets during class periods daily. This club is offered as a class during the day, and a club after school.

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STUDENT SENATE

This will promote ownership of Oak Park High School within our student body. Through this program, students will have a forum in which they can voice concerns and have them addressed through representation. We will increase the involvement of our students and decrease the feeling of apathy in our students. We will also bridge the gap between faculty including teachers and administration and our students.

SPONSORS

The Class Sponsor, along with students, plan events, field trips and fundraisers for their Class Fund. This money is used to pay for senior year activities like Prom and Homecoming. All sponsors are required to maintain a positive balance in their accounts.

YEARBOOK

The yearbook class is responsible for production of the annual school yearbook, The Revoir and the Oak Park High School literary magazine, The Round Table. Students will study and use all organizational, marketing, language arts and graphic arts skills required for a high quality publication. See the Yearbook teacher for questions.