

Club Life at Bishop Watterson High School

At Bishop Watterson High School, we strive to develop our students morally, spiritually, intellectually, and socially. Several clubs have been created to promote these aspects. These clubs are divided into the following categories: academic, athletic, cultural, faith-based/service, political, social, and special interest. Each club varies on the amount of time spent each week. Meeting times and places will vary as well. Some clubs may have club dues and/or fees.

Academic Clubs: These clubs will focus on opportunities for students to discuss and/or share information on a specific academic topic, interest or discipline. Members will be able to develop skills in networking, leadership, and communication.

-Battle of the Books, Book Club, Business Club, Chemistry of Cooking, In the Know, Journalism Club, PenOhio, and Technology Club

Athletic Clubs: These clubs will focus more on physical activities or physical and/or mental aspects of sports outside of the daily classroom. Members are able to engage in a favorite activity with peers. Some fees may be applied to the club.

-Dance Club, Health Careers Club, Ski Club, Triathlon Club, and Powerlifting Club

Cultural Clubs: These clubs will focus on the importance of experiencing and understanding world cultures. Each club will explore the culture and will host and attend cultural events. A student exchange opportunity may be available during different times of the year.

-French Club, Italian Club, Paso a Paso, and Spanish Club

Faith-Based/Service: These clubs will focus on our mission statement. Members will restore all things in Christ through prayer, service, and study. Membership is not limited to any particular faith or belief- all students are welcome.

-A Kid Again, Art with a Heart, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Human Rights Club, Prayer Club, She's the First, and St. Vincent dePaul Society

Political: These clubs will focus on judicial or political issues facing our society and culture. These issues can be local, state, national, or international. These clubs will develop debating and communication skills.

-Conspiracy Theories Club, Debate Team, Mock Trial, Model UN Club, and Youth Leadership Association

Social: These clubs will foster social interaction while spending time with others, making new friends, and enjoying new activities.

-all clubs have social aspects

Special Interest : These clubs will allow students who share a common interest to participate in activities for either educational or recreational purposes.

-Anime, Best Buddies Club, Guitar Club, Nintendo Club, and Mind Matters

Club Descriptions and Advisors

A Kid Again: This club is a volunteer organization that fosters hope, happiness, and healing for families raising kids with life-threatening illnesses. If you join this club you can expect year 'round fun-filled adventures that allow children with life-threatening illnesses to feel like "A Kid Again." A majority of the volunteer work will take place outside of school, so if you don't have a busy schedule this may be the club for you. If you are busy, you can pick and choose how you help.

Advisor: Mrs. Julie Bibb/
Mrs. Betsy Clamen

Anime: Anime Club is a student-run group that likes all things Japanese, especially the anime art form. Members watch videos, draw, and sometimes have Japanese events, depending on who is attending. Club meets twice a month TBA.

Advisor: Mrs. Georgiana VanSyckle

Art with a Heart: Art with A Heart Club would meet once a month to create artwork that supports charitable causes. Our artwork may be hung in homeless shelters to provide hope, in foster homes to support families, or in hospitals to cheer up patients. Our first club meeting we will paint canvases to go on display in Community Kitchen. Possible future projects may include hand painted Christmas ornaments to be sent to veterans. There are endless possibilities to use our God given talents to give back to the community.

Advisor: Mrs. Julie Bibb

Battle of the Books: This club is a reading competition between various high schools in and around Franklin County. It is organized by the high school librarians. A list of books will be distributed for students to read. Two schools at a time will compete to answer questions about the books as fast as possible. The battle will be at a local high school from 7-9 pm, date TBD.

Advisor: Mrs. Georgiana VanSyckle

Best Buddies Club: This club is an international non-profit organization that consists of volunteers that create opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The BWHS club will work with other schools to host events and promote inclusion for special needs teens.

Advisor: Mr. David Klemm/
Miss Mary Kate Campbell

Book Club: This club is for students who enjoy reading and discussing books they have read.

Advisor: Mrs. Georgiana VanSyckle

Business Club: The purpose of this club is to promote service learning initiatives through active involvement in the planning, marketing, and implementation of fundraising activities for the Christine Wilson Burn Unit at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, as well as, various other organizations. Open to all students.

Advisor: Mrs. Sheri Cook

Chemistry of Cooking: This club will use the book, *Molecular Gastronomy*, to guide us through the cooking of chemistry. The club will use chemistry to cook and bake. This is for students who are interested in chemistry and want to have fun with it.

Advisor: Dr. Ralph Nicolosi/
Mr. Joe Parise

Conspiracy Theories Club: The focus of this club will be to discuss conspiracy theories circulating in the world. Members will be able to bring and discuss their own conspiracy theories to each meeting. The club will also discuss current theories as well. Students will have the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions on these theories or members can sit back and listen. The club plans to meet every other Thursday before school.

Advisor: Mrs. Heather Law

Dance Team: The dance team is a group of diverse dancers performing styles such as jazz, hip-hop and pom. They will perform at events throughout the year, such as pep rallies, halftime shows, and an end of the season dance showcase. Practices will occur weekly from October to March. Each member must tryout for a spot on the dance team. Tryouts are usually in the beginning of the school year.

Advisor: Mrs. Alyssa Jones/
Ms. Mackenzie Hanna

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: FCA is a national organization geared towards student-athletes to discuss their faith. The BWHS chapter will have "huddles" in order to discuss the overlap between faith and athletics. "Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His word through integrity, serving, teamwork and excellence." -FCA

Advisor: Mrs. Abby Dorsainvil

French Club: This club will focus on speaking and practicing French as well as studying the French culture. It is open to French and non-French students. The club will create fun ways to learn about French culture through activities such as board games, food tasting, conversations, etc. The club will possibly try to start a French exchange program.

Advisor: Mr. Jim Dury

Guitar Club: The purpose of this club is for knowledgeable and new musicians to come together to share ideas and talents while having fun singing/playing music.

Advisor: Mr. Mike Royer/
Mr. Ray Maurer

Health Careers Club: This club is for those wanting to get into a health profession or for those exploring possible career choices. There will be plenty of opportunities to listen to speakers from various health fields who can explain their daily roles in the profession, suggest classes to take in high school to prepare for a certain career and answer any questions you may have. We will also be participating in many activities to help us further explore the health-sciences.

Advisor: Mrs. Trisha Hulme

Human Rights Club: This club will focus on the following activities, each school year, yet we'll always respond to other issues as they arise: 40 Days for Life (in the fall), March for Life in Columbus and 40 Days for Life (in the spring). The underlying goal of our club is to promote and protect the culture of life. We will not have "regular" meetings.

Advisors: Mr. David Klemm

In the Know: This club is an academic competition that matches brains and quick recall against teams from other schools in both televised matches as well as non-televised contests. All grades are welcome to join.

Advisors: Mrs. Karissa Bowman

Italian Club: This mission of this club is to spread knowledge and enthusiasm for the Italian language and culture. All students are welcome to join Italian Club and help us plan and enjoy our projects and special events.

Advisor: Mrs. Kelly Matthews

Mind Matters: This club will educate the school community and raise awareness of suicide prevention and other areas of mental health. This club will perform research regarding mental health and effectively communicate this information to the school community. The club will organize events and fundraisers for mental health organizations. This club will be a safe environment and will provide mental or emotional support for all BWHS students.

Advisor: Mrs. Heather Law

Mock Trial Club: This club is open to all students and will take place throughout the school year. Teams will compete in a real courtroom against other schools in front of practicing lawyers who serve as judges. All grades are welcome and encouraged to join.

Advisor: Mr. Mike Huff

Model UN Club: In Model United Nations, students will represent countries in a group to solve various problems across the world from terrorism to deforestation. The club allows members to experience debating and problem solving on a diplomatic level. The club will increase speaking and debating skills and knowledge of politics and international affairs.

Advisor: Mr. Steve Edwards/
Mr. Lance Clarke

Nintendo Club: The purpose of this club is to bring students together through the culture of Nintendo video games. This club is designed for students who enjoy playing classical games and interacting with people who share the same interest.

Advisor: Mrs. Georgiana VanSyckle

Paso a Paso: This club will educate members about the education systems in the countries that International Samaritan serves- with a focus on Guatemala. The club will work to raise

funds to donate to the Paso a Paso program of International Samaritan, which helps impoverished youth gain access to a private school education. The average cost for a student to attend a private school is \$2500 each year.

Advisor: Mrs. Marleigh Vaccaro

PenOhio: The PenOhio team is a group of students that meets to write and discuss short pieces of fiction. The team also participates in regional and state tournaments. Varsity and JV teams compete in an all-day tournament during which competitors are given a prompt in each of three 40-minute rounds.

Advisor: Mr. Jared Tedrick

Powerlifting Club: Each member will learn the fundamentals of weight lifting as a means to become and remain physically fit for a lifetime. The goal for the club is to teach motivated students the fundamentals of the power lifts and to travel and compete in high school level meets.

Advisor: Mr. Brian Mong

Prayer Club: Prayer club is a community of individuals seeking a deep relationship with Jesus, wanting to honor Him first. Through prayer, the Divine Mercy chaplet, pilgrimages and social events, praise and worship, and Lectio Divina (scripture), we are striving to transform our hearts and our school with Jesus' love. We are the ONLY club that meets daily because we believe that we need Him daily!

Advisor: Mr. Mike Fry/
Mrs. Kerri Ritchey

She's the First: This organization focuses on providing scholarships for girls in low-income nations to become the first in their family to get a higher education. The organization also provides necessities like books, supplies, and lunches along with tools like tutoring and membership. The club will do fundraisers throughout the year to have enough money to sponsor a girl by the end of the year. In our meetings we would set a fundraising goal and discuss and plan how to meet our goal. We will choose which country we would like to support and the money we raise will go towards a scholarship and supplies for a girl in that country.

Advisor: Miss Christen Joyce

Ski Club: This club will ski at a location in Ohio on Wednesday nights beginning in early January for five weeks. The Ski Club may also sponsor a weekend trip to Seven Springs, Pennsylvania.

Advisors: Mrs. Jennifer Rush/
Mrs. Kelly Matthews

Spanish Club: In Spanish Club, students participate in activities relating to the study of Hispanic culture and the Spanish language. It is open to any student enrolled in Spanish.

Advisors: Mrs. Tina Kestella/
Mrs. Colleen Summanen

St. Vincent de Paul Service Organization: This club was formerly known as Key Club. It is a great way to learn of a variety of service opportunities in the Northwest area. This is a service club is for students who enjoy working together on community service projects. It is a great club for students who have time to help either on individual projects or on long-term projects. We will meet every two weeks before or after school in Rm. 109.

Advisors: Mrs. Mary Pat Simmers/
Ms. Alyssa Jones

Technology Club: Members will learn about and use the latest technology such as drones, virtual reality, robotics, 3-D printing, GoPro videos etc. There will be after school demos, competitions and field trips. Take a Computer Science class or see Mr. Springer to join.

Advisor: Mr. Eric Springer

Triathlon Club: This club is for anyone who is interested in running a triathlon or who is new to the sport of triathlon. No background or equipment is needed to join. People playing other sports are welcome to join as well. The club will meet once a month in the guidance office throughout the year. In the spring, the club will train together doing each sport at least once a week. The goal is to have people to train with and finish a triathlon.

Advisor: Mrs. Jamie Kirby

Youth Leadership Association: The club will primarily focus on engaging students in civic leadership development. YLA will meet one or two times a month to prepare students at BWHS and St. Charles for the Youth in Government Summit in early April. Students from all over the state attend this three day mock legislative and judicial summit. The club will help members become better leaders and better, more confident individuals. Fees include \$190.00 for summit attendance and \$35.00 annual fee. If you just want to join the club, but not attend the conference then no fee is required.

Advisor: Mrs. Abby Dorsainvil

NEW CLUB PROPOSAL

Date _____

CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB ADVISOR: _____

SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR: _____

CLUB PURPOSE: (1-2 sentences)

CLUB DESCRIPTION: (3-5 sentences)

MEETING DATES AND TIMES: (if known)

FEES: _____

FUNDRAISING: ____ YES ____ NO

If so, what for?

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APPROVAL: ____ YES ____ NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____