

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.

-Book Club, Business Club, Chemistry of Cooking, Creative Writing Club, In the Know, Journalism Club, 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.

-Health Careers Club, Powerlifting Club, Running Club, Ski Club, and Triathlon 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, Feed2Succeed, 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.

-Mock Trial, Political Club, Student Minorities Union, 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, Bring Change 2 Mind, and Nintendo Club

PROCEDURE FOR FORMING A NEW CLUB

Forming a new club provides you with the opportunity to share a common interest with friends and faculty, and to serve as an advocate for other students. By starting a club, you serve as the primary officer for the organization and are required to work with the advisor to plan meetings, arrange activities, plan fundraisers (if applicable), communicate with other members, etc. All of these experiences will help you to gain leadership qualities that will benefit you in the future.

Please make sure to follow the steps below to form a new club. The proposal form is the last page of this document.

1. Plan an informal meeting with the advisor and those interested. During this meeting, you will need to discuss the goals and objectives of the club, whether or not you will charge a membership fee, what activities the club will participate in, the mission for the club, and when, where and how often the club will meet.
2. Decide on the positions you will need: president, vice-president, treasurer, etc. and what roles those positions will have.
3. Confirm with the faculty or staff member his/her commitment to the club and have them sign the proposal form.
4. Complete the proposal form and return the form to Mrs. Rush. Proposals will be turned into the administration for approval on certain dates and times. Then Mrs. Rush will inform you through your BWHS email of approval or denial of the formation of the club.

CLUB DAY 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. Heather Harrison

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 usually meets twice a month TBA.

Advisor: Mrs. Georgiana VanSyckle

Art with A Heart: Art with a Heart will meet once a month (the first Tuesday of each month after school from 3:15-4:00 in room 15) 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 Hope Hollow. There are endless possibilities to use our God given talents to give back to the community.

Advisor: Mrs. Julie Bibb

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 student-led club is for anyone who enjoys reading and discussing books they have read. Opportunities exist for writing book reviews that will be published in *Teen Ink* magazine.

Advisor: Mrs. Georgiana VanSyckle

Bring Change To Mind (BM2M): This organization's mission is to end the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness. It was co-founded by actress, Glenn Close, in 2010. The BC2M high school program gives teens a platform to share their voices and raise awareness around mental health. The goal is to empower students to educate each other and the community. The members will create a culture of peer support within our school.

Advisor: Mrs. Trisha Hulme

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.

Advisors: Dr. Ralph Nicolosi/
Mr. Joe Parise

Creative Writing Club: For this organization, students will write and discuss short fiction and creative nonfiction. We will work to support each other as writers. There will be opportunities for submission to competitions at the state and national level throughout the year, as well as opportunities to write brief pieces during club meetings.

Advisor: Mr. Jared Tedrick

Feed2Succeed: The members of this club will help limit the amount of child malnourishment in the Philippines as well as give underprivileged children the opportunity to attend school and get a good education. This nonprofit organization works with multiple schools to help raise money for children in need. Members will raise money through fundraisers and will also make holiday cards, care packages, etc. It only takes \$3.00 to feed a child for an entire month.

Advisor: Mrs. Alyssa Jones

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: Mr. Tony Cleveland

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: Mrs. Natalia Jouikova

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 encourage anyone interested in health sciences to join.

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.

Advisor: 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. Christina Steele

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: Mrs. Mimi Geswein

Nintendo Club: The purpose of this club is for students to compete against each other playing Nintendo video games. This club is designed for students who enjoy playing classical games and interacting with people who share the same interest. The Watterson team has the opportunity to compete against other Catholic High Schools.

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

Political Club: Our club's goal is to educate students, grades 9-12, about controversial political issues and the current political climate. The club members will highlight prevalent issues involving both parties through discussions, presentations, civil discourse, and various educational activities. Students will learn from each other and have the opportunity to form their own opinion. Students will be able to learn how to be politically active, forming healthy political practices as young adults, so when the time comes to cast a vote they are well informed and confident in their decision.

Advisor: Mr. Joseph Parise

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 deeper 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

Running Club: This club will promote fitness and running. Members will train to get fit and/or run road races in the spring and/or summer like Race for the Cure. The club is open to all students and staff.

Advisor: Mr. Matt McGowan

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: Ms. Patti Creighton

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. Trisha Hulme

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. Colleen Summanen

Student Minorities Union: This club is open to all students interested in a discussion based forum on minority issues and concerns. The goal is to bring the Bishop Watterson community together so they can share ideas and learn to work together to gain a better understanding and appreciation of other cultures, races, genders, etc. Members will work to highlight multicultural holidays and events that celebrate diversity. These include, but are not limited to, Black History Month and National Women's Day.

Advisor: Mr. Steve Edwards

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.

Advisor: 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: TBA

NEW CLUB PROPOSAL

Name _____ Date _____

CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB ADVISOR: _____

SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR: _____

CLUB PURPOSE: Mission statement (1-2 sentences)

CLUB DESCRIPTION: (3-5 sentences)

MEMBERS INTERESTED: You must list at least 5 students interested in club.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

MEETING DATES AND TIMES: (if known)

FEES: _____

FUNDRAISING: ____ YES ____ NO

If so, what for?

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APPROVAL: ____ YES ____ NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____