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**BHS CLUB DESCRIPTION BOOKLET
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BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Advisor:	Ms. Rutledge
President:	Michael Tu
Vice President:	Sydney Zhang
Secretary:	Aditya Sridhar
Treasurer:	Ziad Chalabi
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H206

Academic Challenge competes in quiz-bowl competitions against other schools from Westchester County as well as nearby Connecticut, Long Island and New Jersey. The club appeals to students with solid general knowledge as well as an interest in esoterica. We meet on Tuesday afternoons, when we hold practice mock competitions. Our official meets are held on eight or nine Saturdays throughout the year. We usually have a team qualify to compete at the National level, an event which in past years has been held in Orlando, Washington DC, and/or New Orleans. In June, 2016 we took 2nd Place overall at Nationals in Chicago.

AMERICAN RED CROSS CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. McCarthy
Co-Presidents:	Skylar Kamen and Sarah Manganello
Vice President:	Hanna Khalili
Secretary:	Annie Dineen and Cassie Lawler
Treasurer:	Caitlyn Dornau
Meeting Day:	Wednesday (As needed)
Location:	H217

The American Red Cross Club, led by youth volunteers, will support the American Red Cross mission to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies, by being an advocate and resource for disaster preparedness education, information, and training for the BHS campus.

ART NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor:	Ms. Ritacco
President:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	2nd and 4th Thursdays (every month)
Location:	H135

The BHS Chapter 885 of The National Art Honor Society offers membership to students with exemplary character in grades 10-12 who are enrolled in at least one semester of Art, maintain a 90 or above average in visual arts and are leaders in the community through art services. Membership applications must be submitted by the deadline. Seventy percent minimum attendance is required. Freshmen and new members are inducted into NAHS at the annual spring Art Salon. NAHS membership provides scholarship opportunities for students pursuing the visual arts at the college level.

The NAHS is student governed. Officers are elected. They create goals, develop a community service calendar and plan a field trip. Members volunteer their services to the community through visual arts such as mural painting, the 'Memory Project', mentoring younger students, virtual & school gallery maintenance, fundraising, Art Salon preparation & club designs. Community service hours are available. Competitions (Scholastic Arts, Young Arts, etc.) are encouraged. Artists submit to Briars and Ivy, etc.

ASIAN CLUB

Co-Advisors:	Ms. Lee and Dr. Shen
President:	Michael Tu
Vice President:	Angela Cao
Co-Secretaries:	Nancy Li and Vishwa Shukla
Treasurer:	Brian Zhou
Meeting Day:	Every other Monday
Location:	H104

Asian Club promotes awareness of Asian culture through celebrations of Asian holidays and other traditional aspects of Asian culture. The club welcomes people of all ethnicities.

BEAR BONES THEATRE

Advisor:	Ms. Mandel
President:	Rachel Kern and Isabella Gualtiere
Vice President:	Jared Singer
Secretary:	Tyler Amsterdam
Treasurer:	Emily Boviero
Meeting Day:	Monday
Location:	Auditorium

Bear Bones Theatre is for the beginner actor as well as the advanced actor. The troupe works on improvisation, acting technique, and playwriting. Club members present an evening of original Staged Readings in the spring. Selected members attend the New York State Theatre Educators Student Conference for a weekend in January. Finally, all members attend a Broadway play and host a variety of speakers.

BRIARCLIFF SINGERS

Advisor:	Dr. Banks
President:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Friday
Location:	Lecture Hall

The Briarcliff Singers is a vocal ensemble that primarily performs a cappella music. The repertoire ranges from 16th/17th century madrigals to contemporary and jazz arrangements. The Briarcliff Singers perform for local civic events, school concerts and adjudicated music festivals. Students wishing to participate in the ensemble must audition for the ensemble.

BRIARS & IVY

Advisor:	Ms. McCarthy
Editor in Chief:	Sydney Zhang
Secretary:	Casey Lindeman
Treasurer:	Saule Konstantinavicius
Meeting Day:	Friday (As needed)
Location:	Writing Lab

Briars & Ivy is an award-winning, student-run literary magazine which fuses original art and writing from BHS students. The club works on editing, formatting and publication skills while discussing student submissions in a non-threatening environment.

CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP

Advisor:	Mr. Fraioli
President:	Tyler Lindemann/Mathena Chan
Secretary:	Aman Choudhri
Treasurer:	Aditya Sridhar
Meeting Day:	Friday
Location:	H130

This is an opportunity for students to study the Chamber Music repertoire and play unusual arrangements for duos, trios, quartets, quintets, chamber orchestra, etc. Students of all instruments, including voice, are encouraged to participate. Students will have opportunities to perform as soloists within the group. Students are expected to perform at NYSSMA Level 4 and above. In addition to performances at BHS, the group performs at other venues. Each year we take a field trip into New York City.

CHEMISTRY CLUB

Advisor:	Dr. Saar
Co-Presidents:	Lauren Rogers and Camryn Jaeger
Co-Vice Presidents:	Matthew Li and Matthew Burnette
Secretary:	Nancy Li
Treasurer:	Joshua Linett
Meeting Day:	Alternate Fridays
Location:	H229

Special experiments, discussion of emerging issues and technologies in chemistry and testing new equipment and procedures.

CODING CAFÉ CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. Lo
President:	Harry Hennessy
Co-Vice Presidents:	Alex Klein & Gil Halevi
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H117 – World Language Lab

Student run discussions and activities on current topics, new innovations, and any other area of interest in computer science.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS (NHSDA) NYS Chapter No. 007

Advisor:	Ms. Guida
President:	Rachel Sukonnik
Vice President:	Zoe London
Secretary:	Julia Lucarelli
Treasurer	Rina Tucci
Meeting Day:	Monday
Location:	Dance Studio

Induction into NHSDA requires that a student is currently enrolled in the BHS Dance Program, a highly active dancer within the program with exemplary character, and submits the proper application by the deadline. The candidates earn eligibility points toward induction through participation in special projects, artist residencies, community service, and field trips, in addition to the daily dance classes.

NHSDA also serves as a training ground for teaching, producing, and choreographing, as an extension of the Dance Program curriculum. The Society sponsors the Middle School Dance Club and facilitates open events when opportunities become available.

DEBATE CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Fishman
Co-Presidents:	Chris Arroyo, Gil Halevi, Saule Konstantinavicius, Julia Hoyer
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	Writing Lab

Members of the Debate Club will participate in an oral interpretation contest in the fall semester. Students can choose to participate by reading a poem, a monologue, an original piece about an assigned topic, an excerpt from a long prose or can select an impromptu topic on the day of the event. During the spring semester, students will conduct research and formulate positions on an assigned topic. The research and positions will prepare students for a formal debate competition to be held in March.

ENGINEERING CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. Diamente
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Wednesday
Location:	H120

The Engineering Club is designed to allow students an opportunity to work on engineering projects outside the classroom. Students are able to utilize the equipment, including the 3D printer, and materials found in the class to experiment and build projects of their own design. Students can enter a variety of engineering based contests including the Electrathon-Electric Car Race, the Rube Goldberg Competition and the MIT Inventors Competition. All high school students are welcome.

ENVIRONMENTAL (TREEHUGGER) CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Constantinou
Co-Presidents:	Fareed Mohideen and Brendan O'Neill
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	Fareed Mohideen
Meeting Day:	Thursday
Location:	H231

The Environmental/Treehugger Club's goal is to implement programs and activities that benefit the environment and that raise awareness about protecting our environment. We are involved in activities throughout the year that encourage everyone to live sustainably. In addition, the Treehuggers participate in environmental activities in the community.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Boyer
President:	Kenza Lahbabi
Vice President:	Camden Couch & Jared Singer
Treasurer:	Abigail DeGasperis
Meeting Day:	Twice a month on Tuesdays
Location:	H233

The French Club is open to any student who wishes to explore aspects of French culture and language beyond the classroom. During our meetings, we focus on preparing and celebrating holidays *à la française*, preparing and eating various kinds of French food, discussing current events taking place in the Francophone world, as well as planning club outings to restaurants, plays, museum exhibits, etc. Other activities include playing games, listening to French music and preparing for Foreign Language Week as well as National French Week.

FUTURE FILMMAKERS

Advisor:	Ms. Mandel
Co-Presidents:	Sofia Lee and Brett Danuff
Vice President:	Ryan Herh and Raghav Rastogi
Secretary:	Avery Chamberlain
Treasurer:	Jack Newman
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H133 (Film Studio)

Future Filmmakers is designed for the beginner and for the advanced film student. Members learn the basics of pre-production, production and post-production. Students use school video and audio equipment and Avid, digital editing software to create short spots to be aired on our cable access channel. Members take field trips to the Jacob Burns Film Center and/or the NBC Studios to learn how to “read” movies and how to understand the techniques used. Finally, we present our films at an art show and enter many film contests.

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

Advisor:	Ms. Alfonso
Presidents:	Jessica Scott
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Wednesday
Location:	H210

The Briarcliff GSA seeks to cultivate equality and awareness of the LGBTQ+ community within the school. Within the meetings, we discuss how to make BHS a safe environment. We stand for the acceptance and tolerance of all people at BHS and participate in many activities throughout the year, such as Ally Week and National Day of Silence, to encourage support for the LGBTQ+ community.

GIRL UP

Advisor:	Mrs. Constantinou
Co-Presidents:	Sofia Lee and Muriel Oppong
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	Muriel Oppong
Meeting Day:	2nd and 4th Mondays
Location:	H231

Girl Up is a club at BHS that is also found in other high schools throughout the United States. Girl Up is part of an initiative of the United Nations Foundation. The most important mission of Girl Up is to develop future global leaders who have an interest in raising funds and awareness for UN programs that aid adolescent girls throughout the world. In our meetings, we discuss issues that affect girls and young women throughout the world and we participate in fundraisers and activities that raise awareness about issues such as lack of access to education for girls in some areas of the world. Boys and girls are always welcome at Girl Up meetings.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Co-Advisors:	Ms. Dilworth and Mrs. Manchisi
Co-Presidents:	Katie Yip and Jake Wexler
Secretary:	Muriel Oppong
Treasurer:	Caitlyn Dornau
Meeting Day:	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Location:	H124

The purpose of this club is to help eliminate poverty housing in Westchester County and to make a decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. The club will meet on Thursday afternoons. Fundraising efforts in support of the local Habitat chapter will be a primary focus. In addition, we will assist the local chapter with their current projects.

INTERACT CLUB

Co-Advisors:	Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Manchisi
Co-Presidents:	Camilla Couch and Catherine Flanagan
Secretary:	Stella Ross
Treasurer:	Abby Hertz
Location:	H122
Meetings:	Every other Tuesday

The Interact Club is a community service organization dedicated to the motto “service above self”. Active members receive community service hours for their support of club endeavors. Throughout the year, the club supports individuals in need locally, nationally and internationally.

JAZZ BAND

Advisor:	Mr. Tartell
Co-Presidents:	Chris Li and Kevin Mani
Vice Presidents:	Nathan Golovscenko, Jessica Casper
Secretaries:	Claire O'Neill, Sophia Tang
Treasurer:	Jack Silvershein
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H131 Band Room

Come and learn how to swing and tap that foot to a variety of music from jazz, rock, to pop! The Jazz Band is a select group of musicians including guitarists, pianists and vocalists who audition in September. Performing for school and community functions, rehearsals generally take place after school on Tuesdays and on an as needed limited basis on Friday afternoons and before concerts on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 -9:00 pm. Enrollment in the High School Concert Band or Orchestra is a pre-requisite except for piano, bass and guitar players. Since all members are essential to the quality of the group, regular rehearsal attendance is expected.

MATHLETES

Advisor:	Ms. Rutledge
Co - President:	Christopher Arroyo & Gil Halevi
Vice President:	Vasu Gupta
Treasurer:	Ari Mirsky
Secretary:	Lucas Martin
Meeting Day:	Monday (Competitions once a month)
Location:	H206

Students compete in the Westchester Invitational Math League as a team of five members and as individuals. Competitions take place once a month (October to March). Our league consists of Pleasantville, Westlake and Briarcliff. The Westchester County meet takes place in March at White Plains HS. Depending on individual results, students may move on to the state level. The New York State competition takes place in April. Depending on location, it may require an overnight trip.

MOCK TRIAL

Advisor:	Mr. Muranelli
Co-Presidents:	Stephanie Markowitz & Hanlin Wang
Vice President:	Daniel de Castro & Max Fante
Treasurer:	Breno Tepedino
Meeting Day:	Monday (Will begin in December 2019)
Location:	Library

In this educational program, co-sponsored by The New York Bar Foundation, high school students have the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of civil/criminal law and courtroom procedures. Thousands of students participate each year. Objectives of the tournament are to: Teach students ethics, civility and professionalism; Further students' understanding of the law, court procedures and the legal system; Improve proficiency in basic life skills, such as listening, speaking, reading and reasoning; Promote better communication and cooperation among the school community, teachers and students and members of the legal profession; and Heighten appreciation for academic studies and stimulate interest in law-related careers.

MODEL UN

Advisor:	Mr. Muranelli
President:	Chris Arroyo
Vice President:	Camden Couch
Treasurers:	Jack Madden
Co-Research Advisors:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Thursday
Location:	HS Cafeteria

Model United Nations is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. While playing their roles as ambassadors, student "delegates" make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the Model UN conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing international cooperation to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world. Model UN promotes students' and teachers' interest in the world around them and broadens a student's knowledge in a variety of subjects. Model UN also teaches vital skills in negotiation, public speaking, problem solving, conflict resolution, research and communication. Model UN also gives students and teachers the opportunity to meet interesting new people and make new friends.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor:	Mr. Courtney
Co-Presidents:	Zoe London and Fareed Mohideen
Co-Vice Presidents:	Lauren Rogers and Mark Rogers
Secretary:	Julia Barbalato
Treasurer:	Gil Halevi
Meeting Day:	1st Tuesday of every Month: Officers 3rd Tuesday of every Month: NHS
Location:	H201

The members of the National Honor Society are selected from the Junior class (and Senior class for any student who did not qualify as an entering Junior but attains the required GPA for eligibility as an entering Senior), using criteria based on scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students who wish to be members of this prestigious organization must show a dedication to community service, leadership in school organizations, and exemplary character. Eligible Juniors who have a weighted cumulative average of 93 (unrounded) after 4 semesters of work or an eligible senior after 6 semesters of work will receive NHS candidacy applications in October from the B.H.S National Honor Society advisors. Students will receive official confirmation of their induction the first week of November. National Honor Society members are involved in projects designed to raise funds for projects and scholarships, improve their school environment (including an obligation to tutor other Briarcliff students), and assist their local and global communities. (The BHS National Honor Society sponsors two annual blood drives during the school year).

NEWSPAPER – THE BULLETIN

Advisor:	Ms. Fishman
Editors-in-Chief:	Zoe London, Elizabeth Madden, Stephanie Markowitz
Meeting Day:	Listen to announcements
Location:	Writing Lab

The school newspaper is a forum for all students to write about current issues, express opinions and become familiar with journalistic style. Students are responsible for generating ideas, interviewing subjects, writing and editing articles, and creating the layout of the school paper.

NYS MATH HONOR SOCIETY

Co-Advisors:	Mrs. Huber and Mrs. O'Brien
Co-Presidents:	Daniel de Castro & Kevin Mani
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jolie Wasserman
Meeting Day:	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Location:	H206

The NYS Math Honor Society offers students who excel in mathematics an opportunity to share their interest with others and to learn from those in math-related fields by inviting professionals in to speak. Members are required to perform a service by assisting in the Math Lab, a room dedicated to providing additional math support for students who need it.

PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. Muranelli
Co-Presidents:	Maya Celaj & Zednik
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H226

This club's purpose is to bring awareness to and raise donations for Pediatric Cancer. The club does this by making gift boxes for young children who have been diagnosed with cancer. It also participates in annual walks and other activities that promote cancer research and support throughout the year.

RHO KAPPA – Social Studies Honor Society

Advisor:	Mrs. Gualtiere
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Meeting Day:	2nd Tuesday of each Month
Location:	H221

Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. Our club promotes scholarship and recognizes academic excellence in social studies, and provides opportunities for exploration in social studies in the school and the community.

SPANISH CLUB

Advisor:	Mrs. Manchisi
Co-Presidents:	Declan O'Neill and Sam Orientale
Secretary:	Bailey Zednik
Meeting Day:	2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Location:	H124
Treasurer	Jack Silvershein
Vice-President	Brendon O'Neill

The Spanish Club is open to all students who are eager to learn more about the Spanish language and culture. Some activities include exploring holidays, customs and music along with preparing foods and playing games. We also work to promote cultural awareness through events like the International Festival.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Advisor:	Mr. Fiorillo
President:	James Varriano
Vice President:	Ryan Panitz
Secretary:	Daniel DeCastro
Treasurer:	Massimo Fante
Meeting Day:	Thursday
Location:	H234

"Special Olympics provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy and friendship" Our club volunteers at Special Olympics events throughout Westchester. We keep score, escort athletes around events, cheer them on, give out medals and help with what the Special Olympics organization needs. We have a lot of fun, especially interacting with athletes. They are very excited to have us there and proud to share their skills with us.

STAND TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM (STAR)

Advisor:	Ms. Boyer
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Rehearsals leading up to assembly
Location:	TBD

STAR's Mission is to celebrate differences through a variety of activities with the hope of uniting our community and encouraging peace in our world. The main activity of STAR is to participate in the annual MLK Jr. Assembly. Other activities may include but are not limited to: workshops, field trips and peaceful campaigns to bring unity into our school community. Other clubs are welcome to participate in the assembly.

STUDENT COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

Advisor:	Ms. Boyer
Co-Presidents:	Stephanie Markowitz and Fareed Mohideen
Secretary:	Katie Sullivan
Treasurer:	Gil Halevi
Meeting Day:	Friday
Location:	H233

The Student Coalition for Human Dignity mission is to bring attention to violations of human dignity as they pertain to the global and local community. Topics such as genocide, child soldiers, honor killings and slavery will be discussed in the context of world historical events. Local issues such as anti-bullying, food security and clean water will be acted upon locally by participating in Anti-bullying Actions, workshops and Human Rights conferences during the school year. Additionally, the SCFHD will host the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. All students are encouraged to participate.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Co-Advisors:	Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Manchisi
Co-Presidents:	Katy Burns and Emma Smoler
Treasurer:	Kenza Lahbabi
Secretary:	Daniela Spino
Meeting Day:	Every Monday
Location:	H122

TRI-M HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor:	Dr. Banks
President:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Historian:	TBD
Meeting Day:	1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Location:	H131 Band Room

The Tri-M (Modern Music Makers) Music Honor Society is an international program dedicated to the recognition of exceptional music students in grades 6-12 that meet a notable music, academic, leadership and character criteria asked of every Tri-M member. Tri-M is a program of NAFME: The National Association for Music Education, which is the largest arts education association in the world. The purpose of this organization is to inspire music participation, create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service and promote leadership in music students of secondary schools.

WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Advisor:	Mrs. Carnahan
Executive Committee	Gaelen Weinberg
	Camryn Jaeger
	Sarah Seissler
Meeting Day:	1st and 3rd Mondays
Location:	H226

This is a club that promotes engaged communication, awareness and tolerance amongst our members and society at large. Members work to create a difference within the BHS and local communities. We meet twice a month to actively engage one another in how to raise awareness on the issues of age, gender, religion, socio-economic status, levels of education, and sexuality. Students work to develop a support system for our schools and community at large, to build inroads of communication about our differences and celebrations of our shared interests and backgrounds. Students also select several charities to provide assistance throughout the year.

WRITER'S CIRCLE

Advisor:	Ms. Fernandez
President:	Zoe London
Vice President:	Claire O'Neill
Meeting Day:	Wednesday
Location:	H214

Writers' Circle is designed to explore creative writing processes, to analyze author techniques, and to engage in a variety of genres. Students will write and workshop pieces for peer editing and submission to contests and literary publications. The club also pursues venues for author readings and conferences as well as engaging in school related publications like Briars and Ivy.

YEARBOOK

Advisor:	Mrs. Bendlin and Mrs. Sipe
Editors-in-Chief:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Wednesday 2:20 – 3:30
Location:	H115

Members of the Yearbook Club work on various tasks leading up to the annual publication of our award winning yearbook, The Bruin. These tasks include computer software training, organizing photography coverage of events and preparing layouts and formats for the Yearbook.