

**CO-CURRICULAR
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**BHS CLUB DESCRIPTION BOOKLET
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BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Advisor:	Ms. Rutledge
Co - President:	Ziad Chalabi & Aditya Srihar
Secretary:	Aaqib Mansoor
Treasurer:	Ari Mirsky
Meeting Day & Time:	Tuesday, 4pm
Location:	Virtual on HS Academic Challenge Teams

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 competitions are held on eight or nine Saturdays throughout the year. All competitions will be virtual this year.

ART NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor:	Ms. Ritacco
President:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day & Time:	1st Wednesday at 3:30 PM and 3rd Wednesday at 4:45 PM
Location:	Virtual

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
Co-Presidents:	Angela Cao and Vishwa Shukla
Secretary:	Brian Zhou
Treasurer:	Nancy Li
Meeting Day & Time:	Alternating Mondays, 4:00 PM
Location:	Virtually on Microsoft Teams (HS Asian Club)

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
Co Presidents:	Tyler Amsterdam, Rachel Kern, Jared Singer
Vice President:	Elizabeth Anderson
Secretary:	Kelly Friedel
Treasurer:	Kelly Friedel
Meeting Day & Time:	Monday, 6:30 PM
Location:	Virtual

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.

BRIARS & IVY

Advisor:	Ms. McCarthy
Editor in Chief:	Eve Tanios
Secretary:	Nancy Li
Treasurer:	Angela Cao
Meeting Day & Time:	Thursday, 8:15 AM (as needed)
Location:	Virtual

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.

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

Advisor:	Ms. Guida
President:	Julia Lucarelli
Vice President:	Mathena Chan
Secretary:	Rina Tucci
Treasurer	Isabel Schumacher
Community Liaison:	Gianna Galiani
Chapter Journalist:	Hannah Epstein
Meeting Day & Time:	Monday 8:15 AM
Location:	Virtual

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 that they submit 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.

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

Advisor:	Ms. Alfonso
Presidents:	Sophie McGranaghan
Vice President:	Emily Garlasco
Secretary:	Tyler Amsterdam
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day & Time:	Tuesday, 6:00 PM
Location:	Virtual

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.

MATHLETES

Advisor:	Ms. Rutledge
Co - President:	Ari Mirsky & Vasu Gupta
Treasurer:	Lucas Martin
Secretary:	David Hao
Meeting Day & Time:	Mondays, 4pm
Location:	Virtual on HS Mathletes Teams

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. All league competitions will be virtual this year.

MOCK TRIAL

Advisor:	Mr. Muranelli
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day & Time:	Friday at 8:15 AM
Location:	Virtual

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.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor:	Mr. Courtney
Co-Presidents:	Samuel Orientale & Raghav Rastogi
Co-Vice Presidents:	Vasu Gupta & Aditya Sridhar
Secretary:	Cassie Lawler
Treasurer:	Jack Newman
Meeting Day & Time:	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday at 8:15 AM
Location:	Virtual

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:	Annie Dineen, Aiden Rutman & Jolie Wasserman
Meeting Day & Time:	As required, announcements will be made
Location:	Virtual

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:	Ms. Huber and Ms. O'Brien
President:	Harrison Beckler
Vice President:	Angela Cao
Secretary/Treasurer:	Sophia Tang
Meeting Day & Time:	2nd Thursday of the month at 8:00 AM and as needed
Location:	Virtual

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.

RHO KAPPA – Social Studies Honor Society

Advisor:	Ms. Gualtiere
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Meeting Day & Time:	Alternating Wednesdays at 8:45 AM
Location:	Virtual

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.

STUDENT COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

Advisor:	Ms. Boyer
Co-Presidents:	Aaqib Mansoor, Raghav Rastogi, Aiden Rutman
Secretary:	Catherine Seok
Meeting Day & Time:	Mon. 8:00 PM & Thurs. 9:00 AM
Location:	Virtual

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:	Ms. Gordon and Ms. Manchisi
Co-Presidents:	Jack Sendek & Bryant Seok
Secretary:	Andrew Hammond
Treasurer:	Harrison Beckler
Meeting Day & Time:	Monday, 8:00 AM
Location:	Virtual

The Student Council consists of student elected officers for each grade. The group plans and organizes a wide range of events and activities for the student body and for the Briarcliff community.

TRI-M HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Song Leader	Dr. Banks and Mr. Fraioli Michelle Ho
President:	Brian Zhou
Vice President:	Kelly Friedel
Secretary:	Clara Barden
Treasurer:	Aaqib Mansoor
Historian:	Ryan Wancier
Meeting Day & Time:	Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Location:	Virtual

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 at secondary schools.

YEARBOOK

Advisor:	Ms. Bendlin and Ms. Sipe
Editors-in-Chief:	Mathena Chan, Ally Labick, and Grace Wickey
Treasurer:	Jenna Miller
Meeting Day & Time:	Wednesday, 8:30 AM
Location:	Virtual

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.