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**BHS CLUB DESCRIPTION BOOKLET
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BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Advisor:	Ms. Rutledge and Ms. Reiss
Co- President:	Tevin Kim & Waiz Mansoor
Secretary:	Nate Tanen
Treasurer:	James Kuhn
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H115 (Science Research Room)

Saturday competitions: Once a Month

MACC tournaments: TBD

WACKO tournaments: TBD

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 seven Saturdays throughout the year.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Advisor:	Ms. McCarthy
Presidents:	Isabella Mingoia
Vice President:	Catherine Carrafiello
Secretary:	Ethan Klar
Treasurer:	Adriana Scanga
Meeting Day:	Tuesday (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
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday
Location:	H135 – Art Studio

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.

NAHS membership provides scholarship opportunities for students pursuing the visual arts at the college level. Officers create goals, develop a community service calendar and plan a museum 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. 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:	Leahna Rodriguez
Secretary:	Carolyn Shao
Treasurer:	Sebastian Lai
Meeting Day:	1 st and 3 rd Monday*
Location:	H104 (Dr. Shen's room)

The Asian Club welcomes anyone who is interested in learning about Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) culture. We celebrate and foster an appreciation for the diverse heritage and traditions of the AAPI community. The umbrella term AAPI includes the diverse cultures from the entire Asian continent - including East, Southeast and South Asia - and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.

(*subject to change, depending on the calendar)

BEAR BONES THEATRE

Advisor:	Ms. Mandel
President:	Zach Hoyer
Vice President:	Gordon Beckler
Secretary:	Conor Duperrouzel
Treasurer:	Saydee Star
Meeting Day:	Monday
Location:	Auditorium

Bear Bones Theatre is for beginner actors as well as advanced actors. The troupe works on improvisation, acting technique, and playwriting. Club members present an evening of original Staged Readings in the spring. All members attend a Broadway play, and we host a variety of speakers. All are welcome!

BOOK CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Fernandez
Co-Presidents:	Paige Mischenko, Lauren Jacoby, Madeline Rowe, Amelia Lightfoot
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Thursday (as needed)
Location:	Writing Lab

The BHS book club, Books Are Great (BAG), welcomes any students who have an interest in reading and discussing a variety of types of books. The club members have input into which books we choose and how long we will have to complete the book. We have also attended author readings, which we hope to continue doing. Meet us in the Writing Lab for some great conversations and yummy snacks!

BRIARCLIFF SINGERS

Advisor:	Dr. Banks
President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Fridays
Location:	Troy

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:	Madeline Rohde
Assistant Editors:	Shannon Lee, Meggy Mani, Nitya Shukla
Secretary:	Saydee Star
Treasurer:	Angelina Meng
Meeting Day:	Thursday
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
Co-Presidents:	Tevin Kim and Ann Pastore
Secretary:	Madeline Rohde
Treasurer:	Waiz Mansoor
Historian	Van Prigozen
Meeting Day:	Friday
Location:	H130 – Orchestra Room

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:	Ms. Mosley
President:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	1st and 3 rd Wednesday
Location:	H229

Chemistry Club (ChemClub) is for any student who has an interest in chemistry. Through participation in chemistry club, students will be encouraged to explore the many ways that chemistry connects to their world. In chemistry club students plan and enjoy a variety of chemistry-focused activities, including: performing demonstrations, helping clean the environment through community projects, and inviting speakers!

CODING CAFÉ CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. Lo
Co-President:	Griffin Isaac, Noah O’Neill
Vice President:	Nathaniel Tanen
Secretary:	Edmund Tsou and Theodore Schwartz
Treasurer(s):	Austin Lee, Nathaniel Lucht
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H117

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

DEBATE TEAM

Advisor:	Ms. Cohen and Mr. Muranelli
Meeting Day:	Every other Wednesday
Location:	College Conference Room

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL (TREEHUGGERS) CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Constantinou
President:	Coby Rinke
Vice-president:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	1 st and 3 rd Friday
Location:	H-231

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 that encourage an environmentally friendly lifestyle.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Boyer
Co-Presidents:	Nico Vargish and Brooke Isola
Treasurer:	Brooke Isola
Meeting Day:	Thursday, once a month
Location:	HS 233

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 FILM MAKERS

Advisor:	Ms. Mandel
President:	Alex Southern
Vice President:	Andrew Labick
Secretary:	Tyler Kehoe
Treasurer:	Conor Duperrouzel
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H133

Future Filmmakers is designed for beginners and for advanced film students. 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. We present our films at an art show and enter many film contests. All are welcome!

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

Advisor:	Ms. Alfonso
President:	Miles Wolin
Vice Presidents	Alexa Fiore and Ariyanna Durani
Secretary:	Jennifer Burnette
Treasurer:	Mia Townes
Meeting Day:	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Location:	H210

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

GIRL UP

Advisor:	Ms. Constantinou
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	2 nd and 4 th Friday
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 awareness and support 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:	Gabe Mirsky, Jonathan Wexler, Gary Torosian
Secretary:	Talia London
Treasurer:	Alessandra Giardini
Meeting Day:	Every other Wednesday
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.

INTER-GENERATIONAL ALLIANCE CLUB

Advisors:	Ms. O'Brien
President:	J.P. Kuhn
Vice President:	Diana Jones
Treasurer:	Zoe Franks
Secretary:	Nate Tanen
Location:	H115 – Science Research Room
Meetings:	3 rd Friday of every Month

The Intergenerational Alliance believes there is much to be gained by fostering relationships between high school students and older adults in the community. Ideally this is achieved through in-person visits to local retirement homes when possible, but also includes card-making drives to send warm wishes throughout the year.

JAZZ BAND

Advisor:	Mr. Toland
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Vice Presidents:	TBD
Secretaries:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	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-Presidents:	Tevin Kim and Karan Keerthy
Vice President:	Gordon Beckler
Treasurer:	Maryum Faisal
Secretary:	James Kuhn
Meeting Day:	Monday
Location:	H206

WIML league competitions: TBD

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:	Sofia Choudhari & Gautam Gupta
Vice President:	Samuel Plitt
Meeting Day:	Tuesdays
Location:	College Conference Room

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.

MUSIC MAKERS

Advisor:	Dr. Banks
Co-Presidents	TBD
Co-Vice Presidents:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer:	TBD
Meeting Day:	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Location:	Troy

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor:	Mr. Courtney
Co-Presidents:	Ardian Ivezaj & Tevin Kim
Co-Vice Presidents:	Sasha Carter & Shane Landau
Secretary:	Jessica Gordon
Treasurer:	Hannah Melnick
Meeting Day:	3rd Tuesday of every month (8:15 am)
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 September from the B.H.S National Honor Society faculty advisor. 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. (If conditions permit, the BHS National Honor Society sponsors an annual blood drive during the school year).

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

Advisor:	Ms. Guida
President:	Madeline Rohde
Vice President:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Treasurer	TBD
Meeting Day:	Every other Tuesday
Location:	Dance Studio

Induction into NHSDA requires that a student is currently enrolled in the BHS Dance Program, is 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 at BHS.

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.

NEWSPAPER – THE BULLETIN

Advisor:	Ms. Fishman
Editors-in-Chief:	Ella Culotta, Talia London, Ava Swidler
Meeting Day:	Wednesday
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:	Ms. Huber and Ms. O'Brien
Co-Presidents:	Suraya Chalabi and Shannon Lee
Secretary/Treasurer:	Annabelle Kung and Karan Keerthy
Meeting Day:	TBD
Location:	HS Library

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:	Ms. Buatti
Co-Presidents:	Jared Haberman & Spencer Ramer
Meeting Day:	Wednesday
Location:	H232

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:	Ms. Buatti
Co-Presidents:	TBD
Secretary:	TBD
Meeting Day:	TBD
Location:	H232

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.

ROBOTICS TEAM (BearBots)

Advisor(s):	Mr. Lo and Mr. Sandomenico
Co-Presidents:	Austin Lee and Nick Gornisiewicz
Co-Vice Presidents:	Edmund Tsou and Jordan Kratz
Secretary:	Theodore Schwartz and Hudson Ludwig
Treasurer:	Nathaniel Tanen and Ethan Weiss
Public Relations:	Samuel Plitt and Noah O’Neill
Meeting Day:	Wednesday
Location:	H103

The Robotics Team is designed to allow students an opportunity to work on robotics projects outside of the classroom. Students are able to utilize materials found in the class to experiment and build projects towards competing in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) competition and events throughout the year. All high school students are welcome.

SPANISH CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Manchisi
Co-Presidents:	Greta Martin and Elena Bright
Secretary:	Will Alenstein
Treasurer	Ava Makaran
Meeting Day:	Every other Tuesday
Location:	H124

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 CLUB

Advisor:	Mr. Fiorillo
President:	Gavin Panitz
Vice President:	Justin Boder and Jason Rosenbaum
Secretary:	Shannon Lee
Treasurer:	Paige Mischenko
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
Location:	H226

"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.

STUDENT COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Boyer
Co-Presidents:	Hannah Melnick and Talia London
Meeting Day:	Tuesday
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 human rights, anti-bullying, acceptance and inclusivity are discussed and acted on with school-wide campaigns focusing on social justice and equality. The club also commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January, tying his efforts from the 1960's to today's world. All students are encouraged to participate.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Co-Advisors:	Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Manchisi
President:	Jessica Gordon
Treasurer:	Ardian Ivezaj
Secretary:	Benjamin Raphael
Meeting Day:	Monday
Location:	H122

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:	Dr. Banks and Mr. Fraioli
President:	Tevin Kim
Vice President:	Madeline Rohde
Secretary:	Mirabel Solomon
Treasurer:	Ann Pastore
Historian:	Van Prigozen
Song Leader:	Sage Willey
Meeting Day:	Wednesdays
Location:	Troy

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 CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Becerra and Ms. Mosley
President:	Sasha Carter
Vice President:	Hannah Melnick
Secretary and Treasurer:	Paige Mischenko and Lauren Jacoby
Meeting Day:	TBD
Location:	H200

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.

WRITERS' CIRCLE CLUB

Advisor:	Ms. Fernandez
President:	Shannon Lee
Vice President:	Diana Jones and Sabrina Venezia
Meeting Day:	Thursday
Location:	Writing Lab

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:	Ms. Bendlin and Ms. Sipe
Editors-in-Chief:	Tevin Kim and Isabella Mingoia
Meeting Day:	Monday
Location:	Writing lab

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.