

Comsewogue High School Class and Club Handbook 2022 -2023



Academic Quiz Bowl Club: Ms. McGuinness

If you're good at Trivial Pursuit, Jeopardy, or just have a lot of knowledge, this club may be for you! Quiz Bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for which players attend practices and then represent their school at junior and varsity tournaments. Quiz bowl questions range over the entire spectrum of a High School curriculum and also include a certain amount of current events, sports, and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Comsewogue High School competes in the Regional Quiz Bowl Tournaments of Long Island. The club meets every Wednesday for practice rounds but it is not mandatory to attend all practices. I hope to see you there!

Art Club: Ms. Coffman

Looking for a place to help your artistic talents grow? The Art Club is a comfortable place to explore many areas in art. An open studio atmosphere allows for individual projects as well as group work.

Art Honor Society: Ms. Melton

The Art Honor Society created in 1994 is designed to recognize students with outstanding achievement in art and assist in the development of their artistic abilities.

Athletes Helping Athletes: Ms. Kidd

Athletes Helping Athletes is a selective club in which varsity athletes will be trained as facilitators, by current and former professional athletes, to engage young people and work with them in our community. Through this process they will help younger students examine personal and group behaviors, and discuss issues and choices that exist in their lives such as healthy life decisions, bullying and drug/alcohol prevention. As leaders they will model positive behaviors and decisions necessary for success not only in athletics but in life as well.

B.U.T.Y. (Bring Unity to Youth): Ms. Kinane

The BUTY Program was first started in 1989. The goal is to foster mutual respect and understanding among all groups regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. We also strive to enforce character building traits within the school population and community. Activities have included school-wide "contests" to encourage respect and kindness between all members of the school, surveys to show how similar we all are, field trips to become involved in Unity Day, and the like. We also participate in fundraisers for organizations such as Ride for Life. Club member's input determines many of our yearly projects and the focus of our projects. This is a service organization that will be an asset on your college resume.

Chess Club: Ms. Montgomery

The Chess Club meets once a week to practice and learn the game. All levels welcome! If you are a beginner, we have teachers; if you want to practice, we have a partner; if you want to master the game, we have strategies. We hope to host an inter school tournament this year and to provide service to the community by teaching younger children to play. Join us!

Comic Book Club: Mr. Hughes

It's a bird... Its's a plane... No...It's the Comsewogue Comic Book Club!

Club Activities consist of reading comic books, watching films of Comic Book nature, and discussing the history behind them. All are Welcome.

The club will meet every other Thursday at 2:15 in room 112

Comsewogue Cultural Connections Club: Mr. Harris

The Comsewogue Connections Club aims to assist English as a New Language learner's transition into American culture and the New York Educational System and to bridge cultural divides by educating students, forming mentor/mentee relationships, and providing a forum for community outreach. Students who are interested in fostering an understanding and inclusive culture in Comsewogue, in fighting discrimination in general, and who would like to make a lasting impact on others that will be mutually beneficial should sign up for this club.

Students will speak English and Spanish and will improve both communication and team building skills. Students will broaden their own knowledge of the world as a result of having direct access to different cultures. Students will have the opportunity to teach, tutor, and mentor--all roles which shape leaders.

DECA Club: Mr. Ketterer

With a 75-year history, DECA has impacted the lives of more than ten million students, educators, school administrators and business professionals since it was founded in 1946. DECA has resonated into a brand that people identify as a remarkable experience in the preparation of emerging leaders and entrepreneurs. DECA's programs, competitions, and activities have constantly evolved with use of the latest technology and cutting-edge educational research. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. For more information, please visit the National DECA website, deca.org

Drama Club: Ms. Johnson

Comsewogue High School's Drama Club is responsible for putting on the school's theatrical productions. From the yearly musical to the fall and spring dramas, there are plenty of opportunities to be involved in the dramatic arts. Learn about acting, lighting, sound, song, and stage direction. Experience the thrill of live performance and the challenge of putting a quality show together.

English Honor Society: Ms. Casey

The English Honor Society is dedicated to promoting love of reading and writing, and specifically focusing on these in our own community. One of our most successful programs is Reading Partners, where students work directly with elementary teachers after school, helping young students improve their reading and writing skills. We also do an annual reading assembly for kindergartners, as well as participate in many community-driven school events, like trick-or-treat street, carnivals, and the winter wonderland. All members must complete 20 hours of service and participate in at least 2 fundraisers by graduation. All students interested must have two years of unweighted 93 or better in English, and have an overall unweighted average of 85 or better. Applications are due by May 1 of the student's sophomore or junior year.

E-Sports: Mr. Rendall

Comsewogue's eSports Club promotes strategy, teamwork and communication skills. Our students will compete with other local, regional and national teams in various games. Practices and Skirmishes can take place in the school or remotely depending on the time and the game. Recently, colleges have begun offering scholarships to attract eSports students to attend their college and join their teams. Esports (also known as electronic sports, e-sports, or eSports) is a form of competition using video games. Most commonly, esports takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players and teams. Although organized online and offline competitions have long been a part of video game culture, these were largely between amateurs until the late 2000s, when participation by professional gamers and spectatorship in these events through live streaming saw a large surge in popularity. By the 2010s, esports was a significant factor in the video game industry, with many game developers actively designing toward a professional esports subculture. The most common video game genres associated with esports are real-time strategy (RTS), first-person shooter (FPS), fighting and

multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA). Popular games for esports include League of Legends, Dota 2, Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, Call of Duty, Hearthstone, Overwatch, Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Siege, Player Unknown's Battlegrounds, Fortnite Battle Royale, and StarCraft II. Tournaments such as the League of Legends World Championship, Dota 2's The International, the fighting games-specific Evolution Championship Series, and the Intel Extreme Masters provide live broadcasts of the competition and prize money to competitors.

French Honor Society: Ms. Daneels

The French Club/French Honor Society participates in many different activities throughout the year. Our focus is to expand cultural awareness through participation in different holiday celebrations such as Mardi Gras, Candlemas and le Poisson d'Avril. Each year we plan a different cultural trip such as Broadway shows, visiting museums and eating at authentic French restaurants. In addition, we actively participate in community service projects.

Girl's Leader Club: Ms. O'Hara

This club is a great way for girls to participate in and plan important school/ community activities. Activities include collecting for our Food Drive, planning and running Trick-or-Treat Street, Holiday Gift Shopping and donations, planning and participation of our annual Senior Citizens Prom, and participation in all school/community events. In the recent past, we have also helped families in need by providing meals and necessities, participated in major fundraisers such as Relay for Life and Ride for Life, and participated in the Community Carnival. Students in all grades are welcome.

Greenagers: Ms. Hutter

The Greenagers Club will work within the school and community to promote environmentally friendly practices. Club members will become familiar with current environmental issues and learn ways in which to become more "green" in everyday life.

Math Honor Society: Ms. Bryant and Ms. Danisi

NYS Math Honor Society will be working toward sponsoring a "Family Math Fun Night". High school student members will sponsor a night designed for elementary school students and their parents to engage in Math activities and events that will heighten student's awareness and interest in math. with an overall scholastic average of 85% and a minimum of 3 semesters of high school math with an 85% average and having good character and service can apply for admission.

National Honor Society: Ms. Holmes/Ms. K. Verdisco

The National Honor Society is a Community Service Organization. All students are required to maintain a GPA of 91 or above and complete both In-School and Out - of - School Community Service in order to maintain membership.

10th & 11th grade students receive an invitation to apply mid-year based on GPA. The induction ceremony for new members takes place in October and the Cording Ceremony for 12th Grade students in good standing takes place during May.

Newspaper Club: Ms. O'Hara

The Newspaper Club is a great opportunity to explore a career in journalism and start building a professional, journalistic resume on day one by being directly involved in writing, editing, and designing a real newspaper! Some of the best Journalists in the world, writing and producing for the most prestigious publications in the world, have made their starts right here in the Newspaper club.

Outdoor Activity Club: Ms. Goldberg

This club gives offers an opportunity to disconnect from digital learning and social media. During our meetings members will learn and discover new things about the natural world. Activities include learning how to forage for food in the wild, create art with natural materials, bird watching, hiking, outdoor cooking, learning and practicing survival skills. Additionally, we will plan field trips and a club event at the high school.

Peer Pals: Ms. Ahmadyieh

Peer Pals is a club aimed to provide support and friendship between both general and special education students. This club builds leadership skills while embracing acceptance, diversity, and fun.

Pep Band: Mr. Wilbur

The Comsewogue High School Warrior Pep Band is an ensemble that will be in the stands at all home football games. This will give students the opportunity to support our school and community the best way we know how - by performing unique arrangements of pop songs, rock classics, and stadium anthems. Members will be required to attend all rehearsals and four home football games. Not only is performing with the pep band going to be fun, but it is also a great way to earn service hours. The group is open to all students who are able to play brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. GO WARRIORS!

S.A.D.D: Ms. Casey

Students Against Drunk Driving is an organization dedicated to providing students with information about the hazards of substance abuse. Activities have included a presentation of a school play, pre-prom activities, promoting alcohol free parties, poster contests, guest support programs and peer intervention programs at the elementary schools.

Italian Honor Society: Mr. Drucker

The Italian Honor Society is involved in community service activities such as food and clothing drives. The society also provides tutoring in Italian for those students in need of assistance. Fundraising allows the society to enjoy holiday parties, welcoming and farewell parties for our exchange students, and field trips to museums, theater productions, and restaurants. Students who wish to become members of the Italian Honor Society must have a cumulative average of at least 90 in Italian and must have attended meetings and participated in various activities from the beginning of that year prior to applying for membership in March

Law Club: Mr. Schauss

The Comsewogue Law Club participates in the New York State Bar Association Mock Trial Tournament. If you're thinking of being a lawyer or love watching episodes of Law and Order and can picture yourself saying "Objection!" this club may be for you. The mock trial program teaches high school students basic trial practice skills. Students learn how to conduct direct and cross-examinations, how to present opening and closing statements, how to think on their feet and learn the dynamics of a courtroom. Students will also learn how to analyze legal issues and apply the law to the facts of the case. Additionally, Mock Trial teaches professionalism. Students learn ethics, civility and how to be zealous but courteous advocates for their clients. Good sportsmanship and respect for all participants are central to this competition. (Adapted from NYS Mock trial tournament materials.)

L.E.A.P. (Just Say No): Ms. Casey

Leading and Empowering to Achieve your Potential. Through training, programming, and volunteerism, L.E.A.P. will help committed students develop themselves in a way that will empower them, giving them the knowledge and experience to successfully navigate and work toward the betterment of the world in which they live. All students are required to sign a contract before they begin the program

and L.E.A.P. is open to all students in Comsewogue High School. Do not be afraid to TAKE THE LEAP!

LGBTQIA Club: Ms. Palin

The LGBTQIA club recognizes and embraces individuals of all identities. We work together to create an atmosphere of acceptance where students can succeed and thrive. We have meaningful discussion about issues that impact the LGBTQIA community and brainstorm ways in which we can increase understanding and tolerance. We conduct fundraisers in order to bring in guest speakers to increase education for our members.

Literary Magazine: Ms. Montgomery

We are proud to announce the return of the Comsewogue High School Literary Magazine Club this year! The goal of the Literary Magazine Club is to offer students a creative outlet for their written and artistic work in a quarterly online forum. We invite students to share their original poetry, short fiction, creative essays, art/photography, and even musical talents with the school and community. Meetings run like writing workshops and students make the decisions about the ideas, themes, images, and language they wish to explore and offer the world. Live readings, guest speakers, and community outreach will also enrich the experience for our members. We hope you stop by for a meeting and share your words with us.

Science Club: Ms. Goldberg

The purpose of the Science Club is to promote and direct specific skills, knowledge, and information about science. The club meets on a regular basis and will develop specific programs and activities based on students' interest. The club may also conduct field trips.

Science Honor Society: Ms. Goldberg

The Science National Honor Society is an organization designed for the serious science student. Participants are selected for membership, and must have a 90 average in their science classes. Each member will have taken honors or AP science classes, and are required to take at least one AP science class. The students who are involved with the Science National Honor Society are those students who are seriously considering a career in the scientific field, and are strongly looking at science as a college major. By participating in the Science National Honor Society, students will attend scientific lectures, mentor their peers, tutors those in need of additional help, and organize events for scientific inquiry. Students will also have the opportunity to research different scientific fields to help them choose a career path that is best suited for them.

Social Studies Honor Society: Ms. McGuinness

RHI KAPPA Social Studies Honor Society is a national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognize excellence in the field of Social Studies. The mission and purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship and to recognize academic excellence in social studies in secondary school environments and the community, and to encourage interest in, understanding of, and appreciation for the social studies. To become a member, the student must have been in attendance at Comsewogue High School for one semester prior to being considered, must have completed two core courses in the field of social studies and be prepared to complete at least three core courses. The minimum GPA for these courses is an unweighted 3.00 or the numerical equivalent. The student must also have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Spanish Honor Society: Ms. Trypaluk

The honor society is involved in community service activities such as food and clothing drives. The society also provides tutoring in Spanish for those students in need of assistance. Fundraising allows the society to enjoy holiday parties, welcoming or farewell parties for our exchange students and field trips to

museums, theater productions and restaurants. Students who wish to become a member of the Spanish Honor Society must have a cumulative average of at least 90 in Spanish and must have attended meetings and participated in various activities from the beginning of that school year prior to applying for membership in March.

TASK: Ms. Bryant and Ms. Danisi

TASK is the overall governing body of Comsewogue High School. Its representatives are made up of elected student officials and representatives from class and club organizations.

Tri-M: Ms. Holmes

Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) is the National Honor Society of Music. Students who are currently enrolled in a music ensemble may apply to become an apprentice. When the requirements of apprenticeship are completed, the student will be included into the society. Tri-M is a service organization, which assists in cultural endeavors in the Comsewogue community. In the past, this group has assisted at community events, high school plays and musicals, J.F.K. Middle School productions and various concerts throughout the district. Information about meetings and activities may be obtained from the bulletin board in the music wing.

Yearbook: Ms. O'Hara

Students on yearbook staff design, plan, organize and publish the yearbook. The yearbook staff is always looking for students interested in photography, layout, art, and new creative ideas for yearbook sections, as well as organized business types who can help with communication, sales, and scheduling. Students participate in the design, layout, photography, copywriting, and business aspects (yearbook sales, fundraising, money management, etc.) of publishing a yearbook. Students in all grades are welcomed. We meet weekly, but participation can be very self-driven once jobs are assigned. Whether you are artistic or not, we have ways students can contribute to a quality yearbook that is a life-long memory.

Class Advisors

Class of 2023: Ms. Cottone

All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. This year activities include building a Homecoming float, fundraising and planning for the prom, to name just a few.

Class of 2024: Ms. Carter

All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. We will build a float for the Homecoming Parade and have fundraisers.

Class of 2025: Ms. Danisi/Ms. Bryant

All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. We will build a float for the Homecoming Parade and have fundraisers.

Class of 2026: Ms. Goldberg

All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. We will build a float for the Homecoming Parade and have fundraisers.

Once a Warrior, always a Warrior