

W.T. CLARKE HIGH SCHOOL



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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INTRODUCTION

After-school clubs and organizations play an important role in enhancing the educational experience. Students are provided with opportunities to explore their interests and passions beyond the traditional classroom setting. At W.T. Clarke High School, we pride ourselves in offering a wide variety of clubs and activities that allow students to not only gain valuable skills and knowledge but also develop skills such as teamwork, leadership, and time management. We encourage all of our students to join after-school clubs!



CLUBS

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Across the globe, young people have always been at the forefront of social change—and student activism is at the heart of the Amnesty International Club. This club is part of a global network that advocates for justice, freedom, truth, and dignity for all people. Students meet regularly to research and discuss specific human-rights issues, educate the public, and advocate for change. It's a great opportunity to build leadership and communication skills and be a positive force in the world. We believe that one person can make a difference—and when we join together we can change the world!

ART CLUB

During Art Club, students gather to take part in all kinds of artistic and crafty projects. We create seasonal crafts, participate in school events, and fundraise selling our artistic creations. Art Club is a space for students to be creative, meet new friends, and explore various artistic techniques from fine art to fashion.

AMP (AUDIO-MUSIC PRODUCTION)

Calling all Composers, Producers and Audio Engineers. Interested in music and recording technology? Learn the basics in today's professional recording industry in our own Clarke Mac computer lab.

BOOK CLUB

The Clarke High School Book Club is a great opportunity for readers to share what they love with other students. In this club the students select the reading material, not the teacher. Each time we meet we decide how much of the book to read before we next meet; sometimes a lot (if it is a fast read) and sometimes a little (if it is a challenging read). When we gather, we discuss how the texts make us feel and what we think may happen (no spoilers please). This is a no pressure club - if we all dislike the book, we stop reading it. The goal is to enjoy what we read and share that enjoyment with others. Plus, sometimes we share snacks as we chat.

DECA

DECA is an international association of high school students and teachers of marketing, management, and entrepreneurship. DECA prepares future entrepreneurs and leaders for careers in finance, marketing, management, sales, hospitality, service industries, and other business areas. DECA sponsors different events in which students compete against each other in various categories and disciplines.



DOG RESCUE CLUB

Clarke's Dog Rescue Club is perfect for students who are animal lovers, who have pets of their own, or who want to give back to the community. We work throughout the year to fundraise money and collect supplies to donate to local dog shelters. We also are lucky enough to hear from guest speakers from local dog shelters who help educate our club on shelters and the animal fostering and adoption process.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The Environmental Club meets to build awareness about sustainable environmental practices in school and the broader community. The club often teams up with larger environmental groups, such as The Citizens' Campaign for the Environment, to support environmental change through petitions and activism. We have worked on campaigns to improve drinking water in New York State, planted trees to combat global warming, organized food drives, and hosted clothing swaps as part of our efforts to help address environmental concerns. Come join us in "Keeping an eye on the Earth"!

FRIENDS OF RACHEL

F.O.R. is a student-led organization named after 17-year-old Rachel Scott, who was killed at Columbine High School in 1999. F.O.R aims to inspire kindness and compassion in the school community through outreach, anti-bullying and violence-prevention programs, and performing acts of kindness. Our goal is to start a chain reaction of goodwill and understanding in both the school and the broader community to help build a better and more peaceful world.

FUTURE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS CLUB

Clarke High School has many students eager to become medical professionals. Future Medical Professionals Club offers unique opportunities to students, including volunteering, donating to local charities, listening to guest speakers, and opportunities to shadow professionals in the field. Meetings are held monthly. Guest speakers discuss their journeys to becoming a medical professional via Zoom or in person.

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

GSA provides a space in which LGBTQ+ youth and their friends can flourish in terms of their community and education. Weekly meetings feature educational discussions, conflict resolution, and group activities.

KEY CLUB

Key Club is an international student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to do community service, build character, and develop leadership skills. It is the high-school level of Kiwanis and the oldest and largest service program for high-school students in the country. The core values are leadership, character building, caring, and inclusiveness. Key club members support the endeavors and charities of the Kiwanis, such as Kamp Kiwanis, Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, and the Eliminate Project. Among our major events are the Senior Citizen/Veteran Thanksgiving Dinner, SAFE Halloween, food drive, Adopt-a-Family, and badminton tournament.

MATH FAIR

Each spring, students from across Long Island converge on Hofstra University to compete in the Long Island Math Fair with hopes of winning a Bronze, Silver, or perhaps even a Gold Medal! Students who participate in the Math Fair work on independent research projects, then present their findings to a panel of judges in a regional competition with the hope of winning a resume-enhancing, college-impressing medal. The Math Fair advisor meets with students throughout the year to offer advice, guidance, and suggestions that may improve their self-guided, independent project.

MATHLETES

Mathletes is an organization for students who enjoy mathematics and competition. The Nassau County Interscholastic Math Teams compete at monthly math competitions against students from across the county. Contests are held once a month beginning in October and running through March.

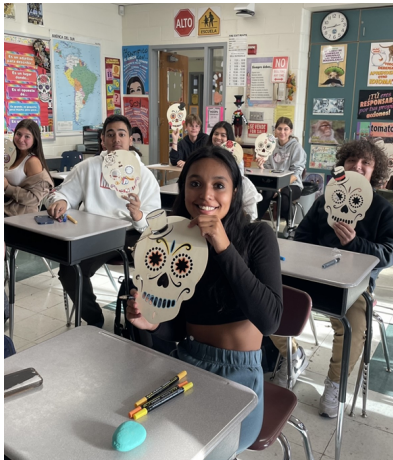
MOCK TRIAL

Students interested in the law, public speaking, and problem solving will want to join the Mock Trial team. Students prepare legal briefs and argue for either the defense or prosecution in a staged civil or criminal trial against another team, which acts as the opposing side.



MODEL U.N.

Model U.N. is a simulation of the United Nations General Assembly where students take on the role of ambassador while debating topics such as gender equality, climate action, global health, and more.



MULTICULTURAL CLUB

The Multicultural club is a place where students can explore different cultures of the world. Students come together to collaborate on activities to make the club engaging. The club increases diversity and highlights important aspects of different cultures. Some things we discuss are: The Lunar New Year, Spanish Heritage Month, Asian Heritage Month and much more! Our members come from countries from all around the world and they happily enlighten us about their traditions. Our goal is to educate, promote cultural awareness and have fun. Everyone is welcome!

NEWSPAPER

The Vanguard is WT Clarke High Schools school informational source. Formally a newspaper, the Vanguard is transitioning into a digital platform using Instagram and X. The Vanguard is for students who want to report on the sports, music departments, and happenings around the building. It also tries to give insight into books and movies and other topics that teens may be interested in.

QUIZ BOWL

Quiz Bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge, including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, popular culture, sports, and more. The game is based on a buzzer system, and the club participates in a variety of casual competitions and organized tournaments throughout the year.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross Club is a club that will sponsor activities to help the community. The goal of the club is to help alleviate problems and to aid in humanitarian efforts both locally and internationally through fundraising and donations. Some of the events and activities will include a Blood Drive.

REFLECTIONS LITERARY MAGAZINE

Clarke High School's literary magazine, *Reflections*, publishes an annual magazine highlighting our school community's artistic and literary talent through the inclusion of original, student-created works. Everyone is welcome to submit work for consideration. Follow us on Instagram @wtclarke.reflections. Interested in designing for us? We'd love to see you. The club meets twice a month on Wednesdays in the library.

SADD

Students Against Destructive Decisions is dedicated to helping educate and raise awareness about issues affecting teens. SADD provides peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism to prevent destructive decisions. Some of SADD's programs include the Semicolon Project, Adopt-a-Family, and campaigns to communicate messages regarding texting and driving, drug and alcohol prevention, and teen violence.

SCIENCE OLYMPIADS



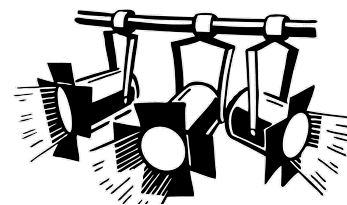
Founded in 1984, Science Olympiad is the country's premier team competition for STEM subjects. Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of 23 team events in different divisions. Each year, events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. Emphasis is on active, hands-on group participation and teamwork. There are nearly 300 regional and state tournaments held each year. Join us for an experience that will last a lifetime!

SHAKESPEARE CLUB

The Shakespeare Club is a place to share love for the Bard or to learn a bit about him. Students engage in a variety of activities, such as viewing films, attending stage productions, and even mounting complete plays! Often, we meet just to share a meal and read one of Shakespeare's plays together. Each year the students who are interested select what best suits their particular interests and desires. Join us if you want to learn more about the Swan of Avon or to tell us your theory about the "second best bed." All levels of experience and interest are welcomed—just don't say the name of the Scottish Play out loud.

TECH SQUAD

The Tech Squad trains students to operate lighting and audio equipment for Clarke's musical productions, concerts and special events. This is great training for students interested in live sound design and theatrical lighting.



TECHNOLOGY CLUB

The Technology Club aims to help young people become science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in an exciting mentor-based program that builds science, engineering, and technology skills, inspires innovation, and fosters well-rounded life capabilities, including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

THEATRE ARTS SOCIETY

The Theatre Arts Society is the sponsoring organization of Clarke High School's annual musical production. Students with any experience level are accepted after an audition, and all students are expected to attend rehearsals daily for singing, acting, and dancing beginning in the fall. The final production takes place in early February. All students who have a passion for theater and are willing to put in the effort and time are encouraged to join! Students who are interested in working backstage for the production should consider joining the Tech Squad. (See above.)

TREBLE CHOIR

The W.T. Clarke High School Treble Choir is an extra-curricular choir that rehearses once a week after school. It consists of only upper voices (Sopranos & Altos) who love to sing and want an extra opportunity to make high level choral music. This choir performs on both the winter and spring choir concerts at W.T. Clarke High School. Admittance to this choir requires an audition with director, Mrs. Melker.

YEARBOOK

The Yearbook Club meets to produce the best yearbook possible! Any student in 9th-12th grade can participate in the Yearbook production! The Yearbook staff club members create layouts, design, submit photos and fundraise for the yearbook. There is a job for almost any interest. Anyone interested can join by coming to any one of the meetings or contacting the club advisors.

HONOR SOCIETIES*

* Honor societies each have specific membership criteria. Students are encouraged to reach out to the honor societies they are interested in to learn more about their requirements.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Ms.Arcuri/Mrs. Dentrone

The National Art Honor Society (NAHS) is an honor society for 10th-12th grade visual art students. You must be currently enrolled in an art class, have a prior art class in high school, an art average of 90+, an overall unweighted average of 80+, a commitment to participate in the NAHS and a desire to share your love of the arts. NAHS was founded for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Mrs. Kelly

Junior and Senior students enrolled in business and technology courses will be afforded the opportunity to become members of the W. T. Clarke Business & Technology Honor Society. This membership provides honor and recognition to outstanding students who demonstrate talent and character in courses within the business and technology education program at Clarke High School and within the community. There is an application and admissions process for membership.

ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Mrs. Baine/Mrs. Zivas

The National English Honors Society recognizes student achievement in English. Students must maintain a 90 average in English and an 85 average overall to be a member of this national organization. Students in 11th and 12th grade are eligible. The NEHS organizes an annual book drive and poetry reading among other activities and events.

MATH HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Mrs. Konya

Math Honor Society is an application-based society created for students that excel and enjoy math. In order to be accepted into the Math Honor Society you must meet the following requirements: Above a 90 Math Average, Above an 85 Overall Average, Be enrolled in at least Algebra II, Have two teachers recommend you for the society, one being a former math teacher, one being a different subject teacher. We have fun events such as X-Squared Games, Pi Day Recitation Contest, Pi Day Celebration!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Mr. Dentrone/Mrs. O'Hagan

The National Honor Society (NHS) provides a program for 11th and 12th grade students who have an overall unweighted GPA of 90. The club promotes intellectual stimulation and growth through interaction with other students who share the same enthusiasm for learning. Meetings are held once a month after school. NHS members are central to the school community, ushering events such as graduation, Senior Scholarship Night, and "Meet the Teacher Night." One of the group's major events is the Induction Ceremony for new NHS members. Members also provide tutoring for their peers on a one-to-one basis. There is an application and admissions process for membership.

RHO KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Mrs. Trabulsi

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. The W. T. Clarke High School chapter accepts applications for membership each year in October. This honor society holds meetings approximately once a month to engage in discussions of current issues and will participate in service projects as developed by the student officers. The induction ceremony for new members is held in late Winter / early Spring each year in collaboration with National English Honor Society. Membership is based on overall grade point average (GPA), grades in social studies classes, and commitment to service.

SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Mrs. Orza

The Science Honor Society's mission is to encourage an interest in and understanding of science and science-related careers, as well as to recognize students' academic achievement in the sciences. Students who are members are enthusiastic about research, participate in science-related activities, have demonstrated achievement in science learning, tutor peers in science classes, and present excellent personal character.

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY – Advisor: Ms. Melker

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is an international school program dedicated to the recognition of exceptional students (in the area of Music) in grades 6-12 that meet the musical, academic, leadership, and character criteria necessary for membership. Tri-M is also a program of NAFME: The National Association for Music Education, which is the largest arts education society in the world. Each year the W.T. Clarke Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter #1768, strives not only for musical excellence, but also for community service and awareness. Therefore, we take it upon ourselves to give back to our community through service projects and musical performances.

WORLD LANGUAGES HONOR SOCIETY

The World Languages Honor Society recognizes and celebrates academic excellence in the study of languages. These societies provide students with the opportunity to engage in community service and scholarly activities related to world languages. Each language has its own honor society (listed below):

- American Sign Language – Advisor: Ms. Tully
- Italian – Advisor: TBD
- Spanish – Advisor: Ms. Miller
- French – Advisor: Mr. Ayari