

# **STUDENT ACTIVITY HANDBOOK**



**WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**2014-2015**

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TO ALL WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

This handbook is being provided as a guide to all of the activities and sports that are available to you as a West Haven High School student.

There is a wide range of activities in which you might participate. When you see something that interests you, watch and listen for announcements about meetings, or contact the advisor to inquire about meeting times.

If you are interested in an activity that is not listed, please express your interest to me so that we can explore starting a club in that area.

Sincerely,

*Pamela B. Gardner*

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Principal

## CLASS COUNCILS

Through the activities of the class organizations, the class advisors hope to encourage class unity and spirit. In addition, each class holds various fund raising events organized by the class officers. Each class elects a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The faculty advisors for each class are as follows:

**Class of 2015 (Senior)                      ADVISORS – Mrs. Rosanne Ferraro and Mrs. J. deNicolo**

**Class of 2016 (Junior)                      ADVISORS – Mr. J. Poffenberger and Ms. M. Deninger**

**Class of 2017 (Sophomore)              ADVISORS – Mr. Backman and Ms. Miska**

**Class of 2018 (Freshmen)                ADVISORS – Mrs. McCauley and Mr. Takach**

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### PRIDE COMMITTEE

**MEETING TIME:** ..... 1st Monday of each month in the Library Media Center. As needed.

**ADVISOR:**..... .....Mrs. Grosshuesch

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Open to all students.

**PURPOSE:** Student volunteers striving to brighten our school and community. Focus is on volunteerism and helping others. Special projects include making cards for soldiers and veterans. Visiting Nursing Homes and help support the West Haven Community.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Beautifying our school and school grounds and volunteering to help others.

### AMBIS - Association of Multicultural and Bilingual Students

**MEETING TIME:** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month, Room F205

**ADVISOR:**                      Dr. Wendy Charbonneau

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Willingness to work for the school and community.

**PURPOSE:** Help WHHS, as well as the community at large, break the language and culture barriers, that separate the population. Ambis does this by orienting immigrant families and students, and by helping residents understand newcomers.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** TBA

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Bellmore

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

Students must have an interest in appreciating the ethnic diversity of America.

**PURPOSE:** To promote and embrace cultural awareness and diversity in the west haven high school community.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- \*Tour of ethnic neighborhoods in New York City
- \*Tour of the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Museum
- \* Global Awareness Projects

## **WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

**MEETING TIME:** Daily, Period 8 - Band is a class for which students receive one (1) full credit.

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Cassandra Marcella

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Previous membership in elementary, middle school or high school band -- approval of Middle School or High School Band Director. Attendance at rehearsals performances is mandatory.

**Attendance at summer rehearsals is mandatory.**

**PURPOSE:** The class is designed for those students who are interested in developing their proficiency in concert, marching, and ensemble techniques. Emphasis is put on developing individual musical talents, ensemble coordination, and group responsibility.

## **ASIAN AMERICAN CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Mondays, B117

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Reynolds

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interest in Asian American culture and events. Open to all students.

## WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT

**MEETING TIME:** Daily, Monday – Friday - Periods 6, 7, & 8

Chorus, Bel Canto and Camerata are classes that receive one (1) full credit.

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Phyllis Silver

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** .....By **Audition Only**

**PURPOSE:** Being a member of the Choral Department is all about the joy of singing together. Our main goal is to acquire skills that will inspire the students to love music through the choral experience.

### **Period 6 – Camerata (Audition)**

A choral musical ensemble that performs advanced music from the masters to serious contemporary music and jazz, by **audition and permission of the Director.**

### **Period 7 – Chorus (sing for director/director’s signature)**

For serious minded students who wish to have musical experience in singing with a mixed chorus. The chorus will perform a variety of styles, and learn about choral techniques and voice training. Concert performances are mandatory.

### **Period 8 – Bel Canto (Audition)**

This group will consist of the finest members of the choral department and will perform advanced repertoire. A high level of choral ability is required. Only the most serious and dedicated singers will be considered.

**NOTE:** Choral classes are challenging with high expectations for students. Participation in concerts is mandatory.

## THE WESTIE REVIEW

**MEETING TIME:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month in the Library

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Jillian Woychowski

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Love of reading

**PURPOSE:** To inspire students to read books for personal growth and to appreciate knowledge and literature. To also encourage fellow students to read books through their written book reviews.

## MATH CLUB

**MEETING TIME:** First (1<sup>st</sup>) Thursday of the Month

We also get together between meetings to receive and distribute practice problems and to prepare.

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Marguaret Cahill

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interest in Math

**PURPOSE:** The Math Club competes in Greater New Haven Math League with potential to go on to State, Regional and National Competitions. Questions are from Arithmetic through to Algebra II, and Trigonometry. Promotes interest and skills in higher math.

### PEER ADVOCATES

**MEETING TIME:** Friday, 1:45 – 2:30 P.M.

**ADVISORS:** Mrs. Christine Montano and Ms. Abby Goodwin

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

Juniors selected following applications, teacher recommendations, and an interview.

**PURPOSE:** Serving the school and community to provide leadership, community, service, and to promote a positive image for West Haven High School. The West Haven High School Peer Advocacy Program is based on the belief that young people can and should help each other. The students selected for this program have been trained in interpersonal relations, self awareness and communication skills. They have also received training on how to assist others with alcohol and drug addiction, peer pressure, and other teenage issues. After extensive training, peer advocates perform a number of functions. Some may work with groups of students in health classes to help them attain skills and knowledge. Some will work with transfer students to WHHS in an assigned homeroom. Some simply provide an understanding, non-judgmental ear to their fellow students. Peer Advocates also help incoming freshman at Freshman Orientation. Peer Advocates are not perfect; they are seniors with an intense desire to help their fellow Westies become better, healthier and happier human beings.

### LEO Club

The Leo club motto — Leadership, Experience, Opportunity — says it all:

**LEADERSHIP:** Leo members acquire skills as project organizers and motivators of their peers.

**EXPERIENCE:** They discover how teamwork and cooperation can bring about change in their community and the world.

**OPPORTUNITY:** Leos develop positive character traits and receive recognition for their contributions

**Mission/Purpose:** Affiliated with the Lions Club, the objective of the Leo Club Program is “...to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.”

**Advisor:** Ms. Jamene Farrell

**Meetings:** TBA

### ASIAN MUSIC CLUB

**Meetings:** Thursdays in Room F11

**Advisor:** Mr. Jeff Takach

**Purpose:** The club will discuss and share music from other countries such as India, China, Korea, Russia and Japan

## **FBLA: - Future Business Leaders of America**

**MEETING TIME:** As scheduled – Room D204

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Anthony Marrocco

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Anyone who wants to be a success in the future and is in grades 9-12 can join.

**PURPOSE:** The FBLA is a premier organization for students preparing for careers in business. It is the largest student business organization in the world. FBLA gives you the opportunities, experience, skills, and confidence to achieve your dreams. What does the FBLA offer: Scholarship opportunities, career exploration, networking opportunities, professional development, community service, friendship and fun and expanded social network.

## **HOMECOMING**

**MEETING TIME:** Wednesday's in September

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Ferraro and Mrs. deNicolo

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

All students who are interested in having fun and who possess school spirit. Seniors are especially asked to participate.

**PURPOSE:** The Homecoming Committee is open to all students. Each class is encouraged to participate. Its purpose is to organize all Homecoming events, namely: Spirit Week, Pep Rally, Dance, Coronation, and Spirit Murals designed by each class. Fundraising for these events is also an integral part of the committee.

## **CHESS CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** After school on Mondays and Wednesdays, Room C202 (1:45 – 2:45)

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Scott Schevling ext. 7218

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** A desire to learn and have fun.

**REASON:** Why should you play Chess? ***Because it's Fun!*** Chess is a fascinating game, which can be played and enjoyed at all levels.

**PURPOSE:** Chess Club is a club which promotes the game of chess for all levels of players, from the beginning player learning to play to the advanced player looking to compete.

All chess club members will be eligible to participate in school tournaments, obtain an official U.S. Chess Federation rating, and top players earn a spot on the chess team that competes on an inter-scholastic level.

*The WHHS chess team won the CT High School State Championships in 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and in 2004 won the Eastern Class Championships and the U1500 National High School Chess Championship in Dallas, TX.*

***The West Haven Renegade Knights Want You!***



## WEST HAVEN DECA

**MEETING TIME:** Second Tuesday of the month.

**ADVISOR:** Mr. John McKee

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Must be enrolled in Marketing & Management I or II. Associate membership also available. Requires dues payment to State and National DECA.

**PURPOSE:** Leadership, development, social intelligence, vocational understanding, civic consciousness. To develop future leaders marketing, merchandising, management and entrepreneurship.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Winter Wonderland Dance, Fashion Fest..  
Attend annual Regional, State and National Conferences. Locally, hold Initiation and Installation Banquet, Winter Wonderland Semi-Formal Dance, Fashion Fest (a Prom time fashion show), sponsor Project Graduation "Blue & White . . . Up all Night!".

## CARE (Community Assistance Relief Endeavor)

**MEETING TIME:** First Monday of each month in the Library Media Center

**ADVISOR:** TBA

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interest in helping people within the community

**PURPOSE:** To promote volunteerism and to provide students with the opportunity to become involved with local worthwhile projects. This club works with the pride committee.

## Yearbook

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesdays and Thursdays after school or as needed  
..... Room F109 Time: 2:00 p.m. .... All Year

**ADVISORS:** Mrs. Debra Suraci and Ms. Tracey Acquarulo

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS** Interest in photography, writing, sales, or layout design by students in grades 9-12. An interest in use of the computer for publishing if helpful.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Blue Flame staff is to work together to produce a yearbook which will reflect the activities of the West Haven High School students during that school year.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Ad sales, yearbook sales.

## WEST STEPPERS

**MEETING TIME:** Practice 2-3 times weekly after school in the cafeteria.

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Simone Blount

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Attitude, Charisma, Skills and Confidence.

**PURPOSE:** To perform at school events.

## WHHS THEATER WORKSHOP

**MEETING TIME:** Rehearsals are usually held in the evening 6:00 – 9:30 P.M. Saturdays as needed.

**ADVISOR:** .....Mrs. Margaret Maher

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** ..Auditions or volunteers for technical crew.

**PURPOSE:**

To provide students with the opportunity of performing. To enhance the students acting skills, both technically and creatively.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Three productions per year – One main stage play in the fall, one main stage musical in the spring and one student directed/produced performance in the Black Box Theater.

## THE ROSTRUM

**MEETING TIME:** All Rostrum members meet once a month as a group. Individual members such as writers, photographers, etc. meet at various times prior to established deadlines.

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Paula Brackenbury and Mrs. Marilyn Lynch

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders with an interest in learning journalism, and improving their interviewing and writing skills.

**PURPOSE:** *The Rostrum*, the school newspaper, provides the opportunity for all students to become involved in the journalism process. Students will have the opportunity to work in the following areas: writing, photography, advertising, layout, and circulation. *The Rostrum* is published quarterly and is printed in school by the Advanced Graphic Communications Technology class.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

**MEETING TIME:** Meetings take place 1-3 times per month depending on upcoming activities. They take place in the Library or Room F-104. Monthly, generally on a Thursday at 1:50. Special Activities necessitate special meeting times.

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Chrystal Fanelli

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Membership in the West Haven High School Chapter of the National

Honor Society is offered to students who exhibit the qualities of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Junior and Senior students are invited after the second semester to submit an application packet to the NHS Faculty Council. Each candidate must achieve a cumulative honors GPA and be currently enrolled in, or have successfully completed, at least one full credit in the Honors Program. Each academically qualified candidate is then evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character. Examples of character include honesty, respect and adherence to rules inside and outside of school, courtesy, empathy and respect for others, and the ability to overcome setbacks. Having a positive influence in the classroom, demonstrating the value of academic pursuits, and serving as a positive role model are some examples of leadership qualities. The service requirement is demonstrated through school activities such as peer tutoring or advocacy, teacher assistant, or participation in athletics, clubs and organized activities. Community examples include Scouts, WHEAT, Community House, civic organizations and house of worship activities. An individualized service project (fulfilling 30 service hours) is encouraged following acceptance and induction into the National Honor Society.

**PURPOSE:** The National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes and honors outstanding students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

## **SCIENCE CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Wednesdays at 1:50 in Room F14

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Joanne Poffenberger

**Mission Statement:**

The goals of the Science Club are to explore and broaden students' understanding of the world from a science perspective. Members may be chosen to prepare and compete in the CT State Science Olympiad, with over 20 different science events that cover many different areas of science, technology, engineering and math. Members may choose to perform an independent research project with the goal of competing at the CT State Science Fair. Science Club will perform at least one community service project each school year, be involved in planning and hosting seminars in science related areas, and participate in science/nature-related activities.

## **WEST WHIMS**

**MEETING TIME:** Wednesdays, 1:45 in E214 (once or twice a month) September through May). More as need for publication.

**ADVISORS:** Mr. Richard DeBiase and Ms. Andrea Antonucci

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** ..An interest in creative arts!

**PURPOSE:** To provide a forum in which our students can critique and have published their literacy and artistic work. To showcase the Artistic and Literacy talent at West Haven High School. To provide an opportunity for students to participate in the decision-making process, editing, organizing and layout of our annual creative arts magazine, West Whims.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

October-January- Entire staff rates student poetry submitted for publication.

February- Editors select artwork, photography, short stories and poetry to be published.

March- Layout Editors help Mr. Hoffmann with the layout on the computer.

May- Magazine is sold by all West Whims members.

## WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

**MEETING TIME:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month in D206

**ADVISORS:** Mrs. Thompson

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Open to all students

**PURPOSE:** To learn and use the democratic method of government. To work with the administration and teachers of West Haven High School towards the betterment of West Haven High School. To oversee the class election process, Mock elections, and improve the school environment through student leadership.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Fund Raiser for charity: Senior Scavenger Hunt, "I Got Raked" Community Service Event

## MINECRAFT CLUB

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesday Room D207 1:45

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Deborah MacNeil

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** An interest in computers.

**PURPOSE:** The minecraft club aims to advance the knowledge and skills of its members in the uses and applications of computers. The club provides its members with a forum to exchange ideas, troubleshoot computer problems, and share techniques. Emphasis is placed on freeware and open-source operating systems and software.

## SADD - STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS

**MEETING TIME:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month in D206

**ADVISOR:** Mr. James Lafo

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT:** Attendance at Meetings

**PURPOSE:** The club is designed to make the school community and the West Haven community aware of the dangers of destructive decisions with a focus on drinking and driving as well as texting and driving.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

SADD Month. One full month of SADD related events - movies, plays, flyers and more.

## GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesday's at 1:50 P.M. Room F204

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Andrea Antonucci

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** ..Open to all students

**PURPOSE:** A social and support group for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual students and their allies. Promotes tolerance in school where **all** students can feel safe.

### **HISTORY CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month or as Scheduled

**ADVISORS:** Mr. Ronald Luneau

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Attendance at meetings: open to all students

**PURPOSE:** To allow students to explore their interest in any type of history. Students will learn and discuss various topics that they find interest in. The club will expand their knowledge of various topics through guest speakers, movies and field trips.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Movie nights, field trips, and authors

### **ANIME CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Every Monday that school is in session in Room F 11

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Jeffrey Takach

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIRMENTS:** All students who are interested in animation.

**PURPOSE:** To provide a place for fans of animation to meet and plan activities, including sharing and watching their favorite animation.

### **T4C (Teens for Christ)**

**MEETING TIME:** Every Tuesday Room C4

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Michael Klink and Ms. Kim Felton-Patnaude

**PURPOSE:** Students meet to discuss modern issues in context of biblical teachings. Students talk about the challenges they face as young Christians and how to live a life that reflects bible teachings.

### **GRASS ROOTS ACTION CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Mondays and Tuesdays after school in Room E-58

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Liam Leapley

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Environmentally conscious individuals

**PURPOSE:** A club for those who are concerned with the environment and the West Haven community. The club seeks to educate the general public regarding local environments. The club's **Mission Statement** is: **PROTECT, RECYCLE, IMPROVE, AND DEDICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT.**

## WHHS GIRL UP

**MEETING TIME:** Room F-105 after school every other Tuesday

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Jeanne Palmer

**PURPOSE:** WHHS Girl Up is part of the National Girl Up Program, organized through the United Nations Foundation for Girls. The purpose of the club is to educate our school members and community about issues involving the rights and struggles of girls in our world today. The club also focuses on organizing fundraising events to support programs that assist girls in need on a global scale. We focus on supporting programs that work to fund schools for girls in developing nations and anti-abuse and poverty relief programs.

## FCCLA - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

**MEETING TIME:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in Room B-10

**ADVISORS:** Mr. Dana Kent

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Members of the club will not exceed 16.

**PURPOSE:** Current food trends, restaurant operations, ice cream making, gourmet pizza, marketing food products, plating designs, pastry, breads and rolls, nutritional menu items. The club will be funded through sales from products produced by FCCLA members during meetings.

## AUDIO VISUAL CLUB

**MEETING TIME:** Twice a month - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month, at 1:45 PM in the Library Media

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Marilyn Lynch

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Open to all students

**PURPOSE:** Assist Mrs. Lynch with supporting classroom teachers/administrators with use of AV equipment.

## VOLUNTEENS

**MEETING TIME:** Every other Monday – immediately after school in Room C209

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Adair McCormack

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Open to all students

**PURPOSE:** To serve the high school and greater West Haven Community by providing volunteer services in various capacities.

## **BLUE DEVIL JAZZ BAND**

**MISSION/PURPOSE:** The Blue Devil Jazz Band rehearses once a week in the evening to prepare a repertoire of blues, swing, latin, jazz, and pop music for performance at the WHHS Band's concerts.

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Cassandra Marcella

**MEETING TIME/DAY:** Monday evenings from 6-8:30pm starting in January

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** By audition only - see Ms. Cassandra Marcella in E26 for more information.

## **GOLF CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Once a week, on Wednesdays, starting in April, after school, tee times begin at 2:30 p.m. Nine hole rounds, transportation provided by bus from school to Orange Hills Golf Course or Driving Range and back to school. 9 weeks total.

**ADVISOR/COACH:** Mr. Dominick Bonito

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** \$135.00, your own golf equipment, USGA rule book and an interest in playing golf at a higher level. Beginners should expect to be challenged by playing on a full length golf course and following the USGA rules of golf.

**PURPOSE:** To improve each member's golf playing ability through instruction, competition and understanding golf etiquette. There will be focus on reinforcing the personal traits of honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy, and judgment.

## **UNIFIED SPORTS: (PART OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS)**

**MISSION:** Unified Sports provides students with and without disabilities to work together on sports teams for training and competition.

**MEETINGS:** Most Wednesdays throughout the school year afterschool until 3:30pm starting at the end of September.

**SPECIAL DATES:** For each of the 3 sports,(soccer, basketball and track), we travel to school meets at various venues. We also have a bowling tournament in February.

**COACHES:** Mr. Conlan, Mr. Lafo, Ms. McBride, and Mr. McDermott

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE**

**MISSION:** To advance Academic Integrity as demonstrated by students, faculty, staff and administration in all school activities.

**MEETINGS** Every Wednesday – Room D-208

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Mark Consorte

## FASHION FORWARD

**MISSION:** For students to be able to unleash their fashion creativity.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesdays, Afterschool, B4 1:45-3:00

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Rankine

## YALE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE (YALE UDL)

**MISSION/PURPOSE:** To learn debating skills and techniques from Yale University students from the Yale Debate Team.

**ADVISOR** - Mr.Mark Consorte

**MEETING TIME/DAY** – Once a week after school, for one hour Day TBA.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Willingness to attend weekly meetings and bi-monthly competitions.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Yale UDL competes at Yale University against high schools from New Haven every other month and in a statewide tournament at Yale in the spring.

## SPANISH CLUB

**MISSION:** "The West Haven High School Spanish Club is dedicated to bringing together students who have a sincere interest in learning about the rich, diverse cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. Both educational and fun, the club will gather for social and service purposes and will enhance cultural awareness and knowledge of Spanish-speaking countries. Members will learn about Hispanic customs and culture, including art, music, cinema and, of course, the beautiful Spanish language. Looking far beyond the environs of West Haven, club members will have the opportunity to appreciate new experiences, people, and attitudes and will gain global insights that will enable them to compete in our ever-increasingly bilingual nation."

**ADVISOR:** TBA

**MEETING TIME/DAY:** Mondays, 2:00 - 2:40 and beyond, if needed

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Members should be students of Spanish or have a vested interest in Spanish

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** "Salsa and Salsa" Night

## HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA

**MISSION/PURPOSE** To introduce students to a wide variety of career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

**ADVISOR** Mrs. Valerie Cosenza

**MEETING TIME/DAY** First Tuesday of the month 1:50- 2:50pm

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interested students.



**SPECIAL EVENTS (IF ANY)** Guest speakers from various health care fields, field trip to health career industries, and science fair.

### **DANCE TEAM**

**PURPOSE:** To encourage school spirit, good sportsmanship and reach out toward the community as a means of entertainment. To bring dancers from all different backgrounds onto the same team. To instill poise, self-discipline, and confidence in its members.

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Lizz Petrakis

**MEETING TIME:** Spirit Team Tuesdays 2:15-4:15pm; Competition Team Fridays 2:15-4:15pm

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Grades 9-12 and a passion for dancing. Tryout is required.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Perform at football games, basketball games, regional competitions, and around the community. Raise money for different charities.

**ADVISOR:** Ms. Lizz Petrakis

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Grades 9-12

### **MOCK TRIAL**

**PURPOSE:** The mock trial program fosters an interest in the law and the criminal justice system .It provides the student with a remarkable exposure to the legal field. Our team learns from some of the best detectives, forensic experts and attorneys in the state who give invaluable advice on how to present evidence, make objections, prepare witnesses, and employ legal strategy. Every member learns how to analyze, prepare, and argues a point of view eloquently and persuasively. One of the most significant impacts of mock trial is the way that it helps students prepare for college and develop the skills of proficient researching, writing, critical thinking and public speaking that are necessary to excel throughout the course of of one's life.

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Ronald Conlan

**MEETING TIME:** As many times as needed.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** All West Haven High School students.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Visits to courtrooms, police station, and colleges.

### **METALWORKING CLUB**

**PURPOSE:**

The metal working club is designed for students to learn all aspects of metal technologies. Beginners will learn basic milling, tooling, fabrication and welding technologies. More advanced students will explore tool making, die making, laser engraving, cutting and joining technologies. Students will leave with knowledge necessary to prepare for further vocational training or to enter the work force at an entry-level position.

**ADVISOR:** Mr. Dan Shine

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesdays from 2 -5pm - December-April

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interest in learning how to blacksmith, weld, cast, machine, and learn general metalworking techniques, as well as newer laser technologies.

## **HUMANE CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesdays, every other week. The club does not meet on half days unless rescheduled and there is optional community work involved outside of school hours.

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Regina Milano

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Being an Animal Lover!

**PURPOSE:**

To support students in their goal of creating a world in which all animals are treated with compassion, kindness and dignity.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Animal Awareness Events, Fundraising, Field Trips to the State Capitol, Tabling at School Events and within the greater community and much, much more!

## **FRENCH CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesday, F207, after school

**ADVISOR:** Mrs. Gina Reichert

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interest in the French language and culture

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of French Club at West Haven High School is to give interested students the opportunity to learn more about the French culture. The French Club will organize on-campus and off-campus activities such as; French movie nights, making and eating French foods, guest speakers, and more

## **SCHOLARSHIP CLUB**

**MEETING TIME:** Once a week on Monday (start period 8 for members with modified schedules)

**ADVISORS:** Mrs. Merced & Mrs. Doraz

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Grade 12 students with an interest in completing scholarships for College.

**PURPOSE:** To increase the number of scholarships that West Haven High School students apply for and to encourage an earlier start to the Scholarship application process. To provide a structured environment, with the goal of having students complete 1 scholarship application every session they attend.

## AUTO CLUB

**MEETING TIME:** Mondays from January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 or later

**ADVISORS:** Stephen Shine

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

**PURPOSE:** The student learns basics from common automotive systems to emergency repairs. The more advanced students will work on engines in and out of vehicles. Students are encouraged to bring their own vehicles in to learn and work on them.

## PHYSICS CLUB

**MEETING TIME:** Mondays after school C13

**ADVISORS:** Mr. Bonito

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** An interest in physics.

**PURPOSE:** Mainly lab prep, current events discussions, problem solving, model construction of various items (bridges, roller coasters, rockets, etc.).

## PTSA

**MEETING TIME:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7pm

**ADVISORS:** Michelle Rogers - President

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Fee \$7.00 – All students, staff and parents are encouraged to attend

**PURPOSE:** To support and promote community at WHHS, support Senior Scholarships, the Lil Miss Westie Pageant, and Project Graduation.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

### FALL SEASON

<u>Boys' Activity</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Girls' Activity</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Cross Country Co-Ed	B. McDermott	Cross Country Co-Ed	B. McDermott
Football	E. McCarthy	Cheerleading	A. Alston
Soccer	P. Hamasian	Swimming	E. Reilly
		Volleyball	K. Coldren
		Soccer	J. Camara

### WINTER SEASON

<u>Boys' Activity</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Girls' Activity</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Basketball	H. Bosley	Varsity Basketball	J. Moriarty
Ice Hockey	J. Morrell	Ice Hockey	C. Franco
Swimming	E. Reilly/K. Dickson		
Indoor Track	M. Vaughn		
Indoor Track	M. Vaughn		

### SPRING SEASON

<u>Boys' Activity</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Girls' Activity</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Baseball	M. Anquillare	Varsity Softball	F. Biondi
Boys Tennis	J. Kirck	Girls Tennis	K. Kaczynski
Track	E. McCarthy	Track	M. Vaughn
Lacrosse	P. Reed	Lacrosse	C. Fanelli

**\*\*2014-2015 Dates to Remember\*\***

August 20 - 22	New Student Registration
August 11-14	Senior Portraits 9am-2pm
August 19, 21, 22	College Application KickStart
August 20	New Student Orientation – 8:00 – 10:45am
August 27	First Day of School (FULL day)
September 2	Common Application Workshop
September 8	Fall Sports Parent Meeting
September 9	Common Application Workshop
September 11	Back to School Night
September 16	Common Application Workshop
September 17	8th Grade Open House (tent)
September 22-26	School Photos – all grades
September 29-Oct 1	Senior Portraits 2pm-8pm
October	Student Council Scavenger Hunt
October 3	Homecoming Dance (tent)
October 3	Pep Rally
October 4	WHHS Homecoming Festival
October 8	College/Career Fair
October 12	PTSA Comedy Night at Joker’s Wild (tent)
October 15	ReadiStep & PSAT for all 9-11th grade students <b>**Special Schedule**</b>
October 16-17	Peer Advocate Retreat
October 20-21	Senior Portraits 2pm – 8pm
October 20	Parent’s Visiting – No School
October 22	“College Fund Strategies: How to Best Pay for College”
October 25	Children’s Theater & Trick or Trunk – 10am. 11:30am
October 29-30	Campus Connections
October 29	Rotary Career Shadowing/Career Day
November	Student Council “You’ve Been Raked!”
November 8	SAT (at WHHS)
November 4	Election Day (no school for students)
November 17-18	Senior Portraits 2pm – 8pm
November 21, 22	Laramie Project – Fall Play – 7:30pm
November 29	PTSA Fundraiser at Barnes & Noble
December 3	Financial Aid Night
December 5	DECA Winter Wonderland Dance (tent)
December 6	SAT (at WHHS)
December 8	Winter Sports Parent Meeting
December 10	Choral Concert
December 18	Holiday Band Concert
December 24-Jan. 2	Winter Recess
January	National Honor Society Induction
January 8	Alumni Day
January 20-23	Midterm Exams (tent.)
January 31	Children’s Theater – 10am, 11:30am
January	PTSA Tip A Teacher at Duffy’s (tent)

February 16-17	Mid-Year Break
February 26	DECA Fashion Fest
February 27	CAPT Prep Session – Science (tentative)
March	Campus Cleanup (tentative)
March 4	Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest
March 7	Lil Miss Westie Pageant
March 9	PTSA Staff-Student Basketball Game
March	CAPT testing
March	SBAC Testing
March 12	Spring Band Concert
March 19	College/Career Connection Night
March 19, 20	Systemwide Children’s Theatre 10am, 12:15pm
March 26	Parent’s Visiting Night (Early Dismissal)
April	National College Fair
April	Jazz Band Concert
April 6	Spring Sports Parent Meeting
April 25	Junior Spring Fling Dance, Fantasia, 6-11pm
April 13-17	Spring Recess
April 30, May 1-2	Drowsy Chaperone – Spring Musical
May	Attendance Appeal Hearings
May	AP Testing
May	FBLA Talent Show
May 2	SAT (at WHHS)
May 6	PTSA Teacher Appreciation Day
May 8	Mr. Westie Pageant (tent)
May 13	WHHS Honors Awards Ceremony (tent)
May 19	Adult Ed Graduation
May 20	West Haven Rotary Scholar-Athlete Banquet
May 20	Choral Concert
May 22	Senior Prom, Fantasia, 6-11pm
May 27	Senior Scholarship Night (tent)
May 29	Senior Directed Play
May 28	Top Twenty Luncheon
May 28	Senior Band Concert
May	Senior Arts Showcase (SRCC)
May 29	Academic Awards Ceremony (tent)
June	Sophomore Solar Cooker Contest
June 1-4	Senior Final Exams (tent)
June 2-5	Underclass Final Exams (tent)
June 5	Senior Night (tent)
June 10	Last Day of School (tent)
June 10	Graduation (tent)
June 10-11	Project Graduation (tent)
June 20	Alumni Band Concert (tent)

**West Haven Department of Education  
School Calendar 2014-2015**

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July				
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August 5/3				
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September 20/20				
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October 22/21				
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November 17/16				
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December 17/17				
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January 19/19				
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February 18/18				
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March 22/22				
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April 16/16				
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May 20/20				
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June 8/8				
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**Holidays**

- July 4: Independence Day (Non-Cert Holiday)
- Aug. 20, 21 & 22 New teacher orientation
- Aug 25: Prof. Development (CEU) For Staff Report
- Aug 26: Teacher Orientation (1/2 day for teachers)
- Aug 27: School Opens, Full Day for Students
- Sept. 1: Labor Day (Non-Cert Holiday)
- Sept 25: Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 13: Columbus Day (Non-Cert Holiday)
- Nov. 4: Election Day (No School for students)  
(Professional Day for Staff)
- Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Observed (Non-Cert Holiday)
- Nov. 26: Half-Day for Students
- Nov. 27 & 28: Thanksgiving Recess (Non-Cert Holidays)
- Dec 23: Half-Day for Students
- Dec. 24 – Jan 2: Winter Recess (Dec.25 & 26  
Jan. 1 & 2 – Non-Cert Holidays)
- Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Day (Non-Cert Holiday)
- Feb. 16 & 17 – Mid Year Break (Feb 16 Non-Cert Holiday)
- April 3: Good Friday (Non-Cert Holiday)
- April 13 – 17: Spring Recess
- May 25: Memorial Day (Non-Cert Holiday)
- June 10: Last Day of School

\* Refer to Parent Visiting Schedule for Add. Dates

**Report Cards**

Parents can review up to date grades & information by signing into:  
<https://ps.whschools.org>

- Kdg.- Grade 4:** December 12, March 24, Last Day of School
- Grades 5-6:** November 18, February 6, April 21, Last Day of School
- Grades 7-12:** November 18, February 6, April 21, Last Report Card Mailed Late June, Early July

**Parent Visiting Day**

- October 20: High School (No school for High School)
- October 21: Carrigan Intermediate School (No school for Carrigan Intermediate)
- October 22: Elementary School (No school for Elementary School)
- October 23: Kindergarten only (No school for Kindergarten Students)
- October 23: Bailey Middle School (No school for Bailey Middle School)

**Parent Visiting Night**

- March 23: Elementary School ( ½ day session For Elementary School- No PM Kindergarten)
- March 24: No AM Kindergarten
- March 24: Carrigan Intermediate School ( ½ day session for Carrigan Intermediate)
- March 25: Bailey Middle School ( ½ day session for Bailey Middle School)
- March 26: High School ( ½ day session for High School)

**Ranking Periods**

- Kindergarten – Grade 4:**  
August 27 – November 26: 60 Days  
December 1 – March 9: 60 Days  
March 10– June 10: 60 Days
- Grades 5-12:**  
August 27 – November 3: 45 Days  
November 5 – January 22: 45 Days  
January 23 – March 30: 45 Days  
March 31 – June 10: 45 Days

**Staff Development**

- (Half day session for students)
- Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 19  
Jan 14, Feb 13, May 6, June 3

**Color Code**

- No School
- Parent Visiting – see schedule at left for your child's school hours
- Half day session for students

> Signifies Non-Cert Holidays  
Student Days = 180  
Teacher Days = 184

Snow days will be added on after [shaded box]. If there are more than 5 snow days or school closings, the BOE reserves the right to amend this calendar.