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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
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 executive board advisors for each class are as follows:

Class of 2019 (Senior) ADVISORS – Ms. Acquarulo and Ms. Fanelli
Class of 2020 (Junior) ADVISORS – Mr. Dickson and Ms. McCormack
Class of 2021 (Sophmore) ADVISORS – Mrs. Trenchard, Mrs. Paredes, and Mr. Paredes
Class of 2022 (Freshman) ADVISORS – Ms. McHale and Ms. Clyne

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

9 Heart Club
Ms. Melanie Deninger
Melanie.deninger@whschools.org

PURPOSE: 9 Heart is a student-led study group selected to help facilitate cooperative learning and ease the transition from 8th to 9th grade honor classes.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: 9th Grader Honor students

MEETING TIME: Monday, Tuesday and or Wednesday, 1:50 – 2:30 in the library

Academic Integrity Committee
Mr. Mark Consorte
Mark.consorte@whschools.org

MISSION: As active members of the West Haven community, AIC is a student led club that’s mission is to promote integrity and discourage cheating.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Attendance at meetings and participation in club activities.

MEETINGS: Every other Thursday, Room D-208

Ambis - Association of Multicultural and Bilingual Students
Dr. Wendy Charbonneau
Wendy.charbonneau@whschools.org

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.

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

**MEETING TIME:** Individual meetings occur throughout the year based on community needs and new student registrations. Wednesday of Each Month, Room F205

**ART CLUB**  
Mr. Rich Debiase  
Richard.Debiase@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** To practice a variety of mediums in Art and Art History.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interested in Art.

**MEETING TIME:** Alternate Wednesdays, 1:50 – 2:30 in D214

**ASIAN AMERICAN CLUB**  
Mr. William Reynolds  
William.Reynolds@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** To study, respect, and appreciate the culture of Asian Nations.

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

**MEETING TIME:** Wednesday, B117

**ATHLETICS/INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**  
Mr. Jon Capone  
Jonathan.Capone@whschools.org

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AUTO CLUB
Mr. Stephen Shine
Stephen.Shine@whschools.org

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.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Open to all WHHS students

MEETING TIME: Mondays from January 1st through April 15th from 1:45 – 3:00 in G19

CHESS CLUB
Mr. Scott Schevling
Scott.Schevling@whschools.org

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.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: A desire to learn and have fun.
MEETING TIME: Club meets Mondays, Room C202 (1:45 – 2:45)
Team meets Wednesdays, Room C202 (1:45-2:45)

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

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 West Haven Renegade Knights Want You!

CREATIVE WRITING
Ms. Alissa Ficaro
Alissa.Ficaro@whschools.org

Mission: to provide student writers with an environment that is conducive to exploring all types of creative writing including: short story, poetry, drama, and more.

Rationale: students have little opportunity in their academic English classes to explore creative writing. This club will give students interested in more creative types of writing to improve their skills in
developing plot, character, conflict and use of literary techniques in writing fiction and poetry.

**Goal:** to submit student writing to West Whims, the student creative writing magazine published at the end of the school year.

**Activities:** weekly work sessions will include: writing prompts, writing games, read aloud sessions of student work or favorite pieces, viewing interviews with published authors, viewing poetry slams, etc.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Open to all students

**MEETINGS:** Thursdays immediately after school in F211. Weekly or bi-weekly as the group determines.

**DANCE TEAM**  
Ms. Lizz Petrakis

**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.

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

**MEETING TIME:** Spirit Team Mondays and Tuesdays 2:15-4:15pm; Competition Team Fridays 2:15-4:15pm in the little theater.

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

**DECA**  
Mr. John Camara  
John.camara@whschools.org

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

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

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

**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!”

**FITNESS CLUB**  
Miss Jolie Morrell

**PURPOSE:** Improve the fitness and stamina to they can perform at a higher level in their sport seasons.
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Students interested in improving their fitness level

MEETINGS: Wednesdays after school once a month.

**FRENCH CLUB**
Mrs. Gina Reichert
Gina.Reichert@whschools.org

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

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Interest in the French language and culture.

MEETING TIME: (4) Friday evenings per school year, 5-8:00.

**FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**
Mrs. Valerie Cosenza
Valerie.Cosenza@whschools.org

MISSION/PURPOSE:
National: The purpose of the HOSA organization is to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program.
Local: The purpose of WHHS HOSA is to introduce health science education students to the many health occupations by looking at the educational requirements, responsibilities, duties and work settings of different health and medical careers.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Interested students.

MEETING TIME/DAY: First Tuesday of the month 1:50- 2:50pm, Room C10

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

**GAMING CLUB**
Mr. Patrick Fielosh
Patrick.Fielosh@whschools.org

PURPOSE: Meet new people and have fun while playing video games.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: All students are invited to join

MEETING TIME: Thursdays after school F209
**GENDER SEXUALITY ALLIANCE**  
Mr. Patrick Fallon  
Patrick.Fallon@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** To provide a safe environment for our students and allow students the opportunity to make and develop friendships for the support beyond school.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Open to all students

**MEETING TIME:** Thursdays at 1:50 P.M. Room F204

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**GIRL UP**  
Mrs. Jeanne Palmer  
Jeanne.Palmer@whschools.org

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

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

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**GOLF CLUB**  
Mr. Dominick Bonito  
Dominick.Bonito@whschools.org

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**GRASS ROOTS ACTION CLUB**  
Mr. Liam Leapley  
Liam.Leapley@whschools.org

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Environmentally conscious individuals

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

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**HISPANIC/LATINO CLUB**  
Ms. Martha Jacobs  
Martha.Jacobs@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** To learn about and share experiences of Hispanic/Latino cultures

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interest in Hispanic/Latino cultures

**MEETING TIME:** Every other Monday in F210

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**HISTORY CLUB**  
Mr. Ronald Luneau  
Ronald.Luneau@whschools.org

**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.

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

**MEETING TIME:** 2nd Tuesday of Month, 1:45, B104

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

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**HOMECOMING/FALL FESTIVAL**  
Mrs. Joanne Trenchard  
Joanne.Trenchard@whschools.org

**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.

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

**MEETING TIME:** TBA

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**HUMANE CLUB**
Dr. Regina Milano
Regina.Milano@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** To raise awareness of animal issues and to provide students a forum in which to create positive change for animals.

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

**MEETING TIME:** Wednesday, every other week. The club does not meet on half days unless rescheduled and there is optional community work involved outside of school hours. Room D202.

**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!

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**INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

Ms. Gwen Rice
Gwen.Rice@whschools.org

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

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**
Students must have an interest in appreciating the ethnic diversity of America.

**MEETING TIME:** TBA

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

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**JAZZ BAND**

Ms. Cassandra Marcella
Cassandra.Marcella@whschools.org

**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.

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

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

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**MATH TEAM**

Ms. Martha Jacobs
Martha.Jacobs@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** To compete in the Greater New Haven Mathematics League and improve math problem solving skills
**MEMBERSHIP:** Attendance at competitions and practices

**MEETING TIME:** Every other Thursday in F210

**MISSION:**

**Mock Trial**
Mr. Ronald Conlan

**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 argue 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 one's life.

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

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

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

**Model United Nations Club**
Mrs. Emily Grosshuesch
Emily.Grosshuesch@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or MUN, is an extra-curricular activity in which students typically roleplay delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees. This activity takes place at MUN conferences. We currently have one scheduled in December @ University of New Haven and we are planning on attending the conference @ Yale in January. Thousands of middle school, high school, and college students across the country and around the world participate in Model United Nations, which involves substantial researching, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities. Every student will be assigned a country before the conference and then will give speeches detailing their country’s position on the assigned topic and offer possible solutions.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** No requirements necessary, but you must be willing to put in some research and work!

**MEETING TIME:** Tuesday after school every week before the conferences.

**National Honor Society**
Ms. Chrystal Fanelli
Chrystal.Fanelli@whschools.org

**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.
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.

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.

PEER ADVOCATES
Ms. Abby Goodwin
Abby.Goodwin@whschools.org
Ms. Monica Thomas
Monica.Thomas@whschools.org

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.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Juniors selected following applications, teacher recommendations, and an interview.

MEETING TIME: Every Friday, 1:45 – 2:30 P.M., B206

PHYSICS CLUB
Mr. Dominick Bonito
Dominick.Bonito@whschools.org

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

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: An interest in physics.
MEETING TIME: Mondays after school C13

PTSA
Mrs. Sandy Miller – President
Mrs. Regina James – Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn Beams – Secretary
Mrs. Michelle Skeens – Treasurer

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

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

MEETING TIME: 1ST Wednesday of each month, 7pm

SCHOLARSHIP CLUB
Mr. Patrick Fallon
Patrick.Fallon@whschools.org
Mr. Jeff Littlestone
Jeffrey.Littlestone@whschools.org

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.

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

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

SCIENCE CLUB
Mrs. Cynthia Musante
Cynthia.Musante@whschools.org

MISSION STATEMENTS: 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. 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.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: All WHHS students

MEETING TIME: TBA

STUDENT COUNCIL
Mr. Mark Consorte
PURPOSE: We volunteer to aid the elderly by racking leaves and raise money for West Haven families in need. We sponsor scavenger hunts, heart balloon sales and cultural diversity.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Student Government is a group of Freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors committed to making a difference in school and our community.

MEETING TIME: Every Thursday of the month and weekly during events to prep and advertise


STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS - SADD
Mr. James Lafo
James.Lafo@whschools.org

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.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT: Attendance at Meetings

MEETING TIME: Prior to events as needed, Remind 101

SPECIAL EVENTS:
Mock Car Crash, Grim Reaper Day, Decision Wheel, Street Festival.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Mr. Mark Consorte
Mark.Consorte@whschools.org

MISSION: Student Government is a student-led club that seeks to unite all the various clubs at WHHS, participate in service projects in the West Haven community, and work with WHHS Administration regarding issues of concern.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Attendance at meetings and participation in club activities.

MEETINGS: Every other Thursday in Room D-208.

STUDENT TECH SUPPORT SQUAD
Mrs. Jillian Woychowski
Jillian.Woychowski@whschools.org
Mr. Tim Gast
Timothy.gast@whschools.org

PURPOSE: Assist Mrs. Woychowski and Mr. Gast with supporting classroom teachers/administrators and students with laptops, tablets, and wifi in addition to the AV equipment like LCDs, DVD players, and
speakers.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Open to all students

**MEETING TIME:** Daily

**T4C (Teens for Christ)**
Mr. Michael Klink
Michael.Klink@whschools.org

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

**MEETING TIME:** Thursdays, 1:45-2:30, Room C4

**THE ROSTRUM**
Mrs. Jennifer Cummings
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Mr. Taylor Paredes
Taylor.Paredes@whschools.org

**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 electronically and published on our school website.

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

**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.

**THE WESTIE REVIEW**
Ms. Bridget Figmic
Bridget.Figmic@whschools.org

**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 which are published electronically.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Love of reading

**MEETING TIME:** Every Tuesday; 1:45 -2:30 in room C206

**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

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**VEX ROBOTICS**  
Mr. Michael Barraco  
[Michael.Barraco@whschools.org](mailto:Michael.Barraco@whschools.org)

**PURPOSE:** To Build and compete with robotic machines

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Interest in STEM

**MEETINGS:** TBA

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**VOLUNTEENS**  
Ms. Adair McCormack  
[Adair.McCormack@whschools.org](mailto:Adair.McCormack@whschools.org)

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

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Open to all students

**MEETING TIME:** Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month – immediately after school in Room B111

**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.

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**WEST STEPPERS**  
Ms. Simone Blount

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

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

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

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**WEST WHIMS**
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.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: An interest in creative arts!

MEETING TIME: Biweekly on Wednesdays, 1:45 in E214 (September through May). More as need for publication.

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 BAND
Ms. Cassandra Marcella
Cassandra.Marcella@whschools.org

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.

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.

MEETING TIME: Daily, Period 8 +3 hours of rehearsal per week at night, and 20+ performances per school year. Band is a class for which students receive one (1) full credit.

Attendance at summer rehearsals is mandatory.

WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT
Mrs. Phyllis Silver
Phyllis.Silver@whschools.org

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.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: By Audition Only

MEETING TIME: Daily, Monday – Friday - Periods 4, 5& 7
Chorus, Bel Canto and Camerata are classes that receive one (1) full credit.

**Period 4 – 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.

**Period 5 – 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.

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

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**West Haven High School Theatre Workshop**
Mrs. Margaret Maher
Margaret.Maher@whschools.org

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

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

**MEETING TIME:** Rehearsals for the fall play are usually held after school 3 days per week and in the evenings during tech week. Rehearsals for the musical are *usually* held in the evening 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. Saturdays as needed.

**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.

**YALE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE (YALE UDL)**
Mr. Mark Consorte
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**MISSION/PURPOSE:** To learn debating skills and techniques from Yale University students from the Yale Debate Team.

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

**MEETING TIME/DAY** – TBA – Will depend on the availability of the Yale Students
**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.

**YEARBOOK**
Mr. Rich Debiase  
Richard.Debiase@whschools.org  
Mrs. Jen Lucibelli  
Jennifer.Lucibelli@whschools.org

**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.

**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 is helpful.

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

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

**YOUNG REPUBLICANS OF WEST HAVEN**
Mr. Christopher Pelatowski  
Christopher.Pelatowski@whschools.org

**PURPOSE:** This club provides students with opportunities to serve the community and country while learning about the political process. As a member of this club students become aware of national and international issues and how current events impact their lives. Students will discuss local state and national issues with students who share similar political beliefs.

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

**MEETING TIME:** Every other Monday in E129