

STAPLES HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITES



2018-2019

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Stacey Phelan

Club description: The Aerial Photography Club is an organization that allows students to become involved in the world of drones and aerial photography. Students will learn tips and fundamentals for flying as well as learning how to take great photos and videos from higher altitudes. There will be interactive demonstrations as well as presentations from the club leaders who are experienced drone pilots. Members will be able to experience drone usage as a hobby, as well as learn how to take high-quality photographs using these systems. Having a drone is not required for joining the club; all you need is enthusiasm for the topic. For students who already have a drone, this club presents a great opportunity to fly their drones alongside their companions, as well as trying out new drones. Races and best photograph contests will provide for an even better experience. All aerial photography and videography enthusiasts are encouraged to join.

AL'S ANGELS

Advisor: Mrs. Dee Hychko

Club description: This club will partner with the Westport chapter of Al's Angels. Al's Angels was founded in 2004 by Al DiGuido, CEO and founder of Zeta Interactive, a full-service interactive marketing company based in New York City. Al has been long recognized as one of the direct response industry's premier innovators and a pioneer in e-mail communications. He has more than 20 years of marketing, sales, management, and operations expertise.

For years Al served as a board member for numerous charities. Having seen the good work that these organizations accomplished, Al decided to dedicate even more of his time to helping children and families in need. He founded Al's Angels with the mission of providing moments of joy and comfort to families that are challenged by childhood cancer, rare blood diseases, AIDS, domestic violence and financial hardship. Through hard work, an amazing group of volunteers, and tremendous generosity, today Al's Angels is able to help thousands of children in the tri-state area. Now thru an intimate partnership with the Catholic Health Association of India; the work of Al's Angels is providing children in dire need of vital and lifesaving medical treatment with hope and support.

ANATOMY CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Kayla Iannetta

Club description: The primary purpose of the Anatomy Club is to encourage academic effort, foster interest in anatomy, by focusing on dissections as the basis for increasing working knowledge of animal anatomy. This club will present students with a unique opportunity to venture outside of merely textual knowledge, and instead allow them to gain a deeper and more profound understanding of anatomy.

ANIME CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Tori Wagner

Club description: Anime Club is an organization in which members watch, discuss, and enjoy what is known as "Anime", as well as the culture surrounding it. Anime is a style of animation originating in Japan which is distinguished by artistic graphics and a variety of characters in several genres of plots often including aspects of fantasy. Settings may be anywhere in the world and in several time periods. Often anime takes place in Japan and is often a good sample of the culture there. Additionally, light analysis accompanies our viewing in which we examine motive and details of the anime. Plot and character development are also key parts as their parts are often essential to understanding the sometimes intricate parts of the anime. Anime is more of a kind of cultural art-form than anything, which we find to be astoundingly entertaining as well as intriguing.

ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Chrissy Kaszeneck

Club description: This club is dedicated to advocating for animal rights by minimizing harm caused to animals. The Animal Rights Club helps support animal rights by increasing awareness and education about the importance of adopting and rescuing animals. We also share information about how animals are all around good for people, provide community service opportunities and help coordinate adoption and fundraising events with local animal shelters.

ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS

Advisor: Mr. Eamon Griffin

Club description: The goal of this club is to encourage the Staples community to become more active in sports in a fashion similar to the NFL's Play 60 which encourage kids to be active for 60 minutes a day in order to help reverse the trend of childhood obesity. The club will organize various sporting events, fundraisers, and sports equipment drives to benefit sports teams in lesser fortunate areas. Main events include a flag-football game in the fall, a basketball game in the winter and a kickball game in the spring.

BEST BUDDIES:

Advisors: Mrs. Deborah Gallon/Ms. Marla Kerwin

Club description: Best Buddies is the Staples Chapter of an international organization which matches students in a one-to-one friendship with a student with developmental disabilities. Since 1995, Best Buddies High Schools has paired students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships with high school students. In the past, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have not had the opportunity to have friends outside of their own special education classroom. By introducing Best Buddies into public and private high schools, participants are crossing the invisible line that too often separates those with disabilities from those without. Best Buddies High Schools also offers students a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills. With the support of school faculty and Best Buddies staff, students lead and direct the chapters in their schools.

BOXES OF HOPE

Advisor: Ms. Kelly Zrenda

Club description: The purpose of this club is to give back to the community with the simple use of boxes. The boxes would be placed at different locations to collect various donations. The club will coordinate with local churches, temples and businesses in order to secure support. During club meetings, students will collaborate to determine what type of targeted drive to organize where the boxes will be placed and the best avenues to promote the collections. Some of the many causes that the club may support may be supplies for the Humane Society, and school supplies for needy schools.

BUILDERS BEYOND BORDERS

Advisor: Mr. Matt Bohn

Club description: Students interested in making a difference locally and abroad and connecting with like-minded students are invited to join Builders Beyond Borders (B3), a nonprofit organization that engages Fairfield County high school students in leadership training through local and global community service projects. This club will serve to publicize the benefits and mission of B3. The 25-year-old organization represents more than 20 local high schools. During school break, students travel to a developing nation in order to help a community in need. Teams live and work alongside their host community to develop, repair, or build a new facility that will transform lives. We build sustainable facilities that address the struggles of the community, be it a school, aqueduct, or medical clinic. The work is varied and physical, from setting block to digging trenches, but, as in all aspects of the program, students will be supplied with all the knowledge and tools they need to succeed.

BUILDING BRIDGES

Advisor: Ms. Cathy Schager

Club description: This club is meant to dispel and counter many anti-Middle East sentiments by informing students about Middle Eastern communities. The club will host a series of speakers from various Middle Eastern communities in order to accomplish this goal. The club will help students to broaden their view concerning Middle Easterners through a series of talks and interactive sessions with individuals of Middle Eastern descent. The club strives to combat a xenophobic mood concerning Middle Easterners, and will sponsor annual fundraisers for Middle Easterners affected by humanitarian crises.

CLUB CARVER

Advisor: Ms. Nell-Ayn Lynch

Club description: Founded in 1938, Carver is the largest private provider of after school and summer programs in Norwalk, CT. Carver's Youth Development Program (YDP) is conducted after school for more than 800 students in the Carver Community Center, in Norwalk's four middle and two comprehensive high schools, and in Side by Side Charter School. YDP offers Hands-on, Project-Based Academic Enrichment (e.g., Literacy, Math and STEM Education); Tutoring & Homework; Health & Wellness programs; SAT, PSAT and SBAC Prep; Paid Internships; and College tours. Carver conducts a K-5 after school program at the Carver Community Center called CASPER that offers intensive project-based hands-on learning in science, literacy and math. Club members will volunteer to work at the Carver Center and a concert will be organized and held at the end of the year to benefit the Carver Center.

CLUB GREEN

Advisor: Mrs. Cecilia Duffy

Club description: The mission of Club Green is to spread environmental awareness both within Staples and throughout the Westport community. Club Green has participated in recycling drives and has sold reusable water bottles and mugs. They helped organize the Green Competition in Westport and have acquired countless Clean Energy sign-ups in Westport to earn solar panel systems for the school. They conducted Earth Week activities at Staples to celebrate Earth Day, and they organized Eco Fest '09, a community concert to raise environmental awareness. Club Green also works closely with numerous environmental groups in the Westport Community on a number of projects. Future new projects will include a composting program at the school and the development of a community 'edible' garden at Staples. If you have any interest in environmental issues and want to take action--JOIN CLUB GREEN!!

CODING CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Clare Woodman

Club description: This club will assist students in learning the theory and practice of computer coding, and help them to apply these skills in computer science competitions, Membership in the club does not require any previous coding experience The club will be structured using the on-line resources found at <https://hackclub.com/> A goal of this club is to enter competitive coding contests such as Calling all Innovators; <https://studentcompetitions.com/competitions/nokias-calling-all-innovators>, and Paradigm Challenge; <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/scholarships/166420-paradigm-challenge>

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

Advisor: Ms. Carrie Mascaro

Club description: This club will work to include all musicians to form independent ensembles, quartets, quintets and groups that will meet, select their own repertoire and rehearse. During the year, concerts will be held and donations collected will go to a music-related charity. This club will be devoted to raise money to provide all students an equal opportunity to pursue and enjoy music.

COOKIES FOR A CAUSE

Advisor: Ms. Kayla Iannetta

Club description: Each month there will be a new cookie that correlates to a different, worthy cause. For example, chocolate chip cookies could correspond to finding a cure for pediatric cancer awareness, where Snickerdoodle cookies might correspond to supporting funds to combat leukemia. This would allow the club to contribute to a variety of causes depending on which cause the members decide upon each meeting. The club will sell cookies after school once a month, with all proceeds being forwarded to the designated charity. The overall purpose of the club is to contribute to a variety of charities while enjoying the art of baking and the company of new and familiar people alike.

CROCHET FOR A CAUSE

Advisor: Ms. Kelly Zrenda

Club description: The purpose of this club is to crochet blankets, hats or scarves to cancer patients receiving treatment at area hospitals. Members who have no crocheting skills will be taught various styles of crocheting. The goal is to donate as many projects as we can to assist cancer patients through an exceptionally difficult time. The club will accomplish the goal through a rotation of programs such as “Crochet for Cancer”, “Knots of Love”, “Knit Your Bit”, “Knit a Square”, “Warm Up America” and “Operation Gratitude”.

CRYPTOCURRENCY CLUB

Advisor:

Club description: This club will allow students to explore cryptocurrency and blockchain technologies, their uses, theorized and realized, their ability to create value in society and bring about positive changes, as well as the potential to disrupt and change industries across the business world over the coming decade. The club will examine the growth and potential of new cryptocurrencies. By learning about blockchain, students will learn the fundamentals of investing in cryptocurrencies, as well as exploring how to program their own mock versions. Students will learn about new technology that will shape the future.

CULINARY ARTS CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Cecily Gans

Club description: When pleasant aromas waft down the hallways and out into the courtyard, you know Culinary Club is in session. An enthusiastic, energetic and certainly eclectic group, we cook up a storm every Thursday afternoon. With a passion for taste, presentation and, of course – eating, every member contributes to each decadent and delightful, palate-pleasing recipe.

DEBATE CLUB

Advisor: Mr. John Bengston

Club description: The Debate Team offers students the opportunity to explore controversial, topical, and interesting issues while gaining valuable experience in public speaking, forming and defending arguments, and competing against other schools' debate teams. The club meets weekly to read sources, compare research, and begin preparing arguments. The only requirement for membership in the club is commitment.

DOMINO CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Joe Barahona

Club description: The club will focus on the Latin American game of dominoes, which is actually an incredibly complex game. Members will be able to enjoy snacks, learn the game and play in friendly competition against other members, while developing an appreciation for the game. In a relaxing atmosphere, through teaching and playing the game, members will gain an appreciation of the differences and similarities of different cultures, as well as an appreciation for other cultures in general. The club combines the strategy and complexity of chess with appreciation for other cultures.

ENGINEERING CLUB

Advisors: Dr. Humphrey Wong

Club description: The purpose of this club is to prepare for and compete in engineering competitions, and to become familiar with engineering-related projects. The competition this year will center around the Sikorsky STEM Challenge. A team of Sikorsky Innovations engineers working with Connecticut Corsair have designed a challenge for a group of selected local high schools in Connecticut. The students and teachers/coaches will have an opportunity to meet the engineers who have designed the challenge and work closely with them in developing their possible solutions. There will be a launch of the Challenge in September at Connecticut Corsair at Chester Airport.

The Sikorsky STEM Challenge is helping to promote Sikorsky to future local engineering students, promoting STEM education in the state of Connecticut, giving engineering staff mentoring opportunities and reinforcing the commitment to out of the box creative thinking. Sikorsky is partnering with Connecticut Corsair to develop the STEM Challenge this year.

F4U-4 Corsair Restoration Project

Connecticut Corsair is dedicated to the restoration to flight of Connecticut's State Aircraft, the F4U-4 Corsair, while promoting and utilizing state-of-the-art technology.

The F4U-4 is a single-engine, single-seat, low-wing(inverted gull wings) monoplane, designed as a carrier-based and land-based fighter or fighter-bomber. It is equipped for operation as a long-range fighter when carrying droppable fuel tanks, or as a fighter bomber when carrying either one or two bombs. A Vought-Sikorsky airframe, powered by a Pratt &Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp engine, and pulled with a Hamilton Standard hydraulic propeller, give the F4U Corsair the distinction of being built completely by one company (UTC) in one state (Connecticut).

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Geno Heiter

Club description: The main goal of this club is to expose Staples students to the beauty of entrepreneurship. Many Staples students may have great ideas with no viable outlet to realize the potential outcome of these ideas. The overall purpose of this club will be to learn the fundamentals of beginning a business, creating a product and then marketing and selling the product.

FICTION READING AND WRITING CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Reilly Lynch

Club description: Students will read and discuss various works of fiction, and then using what was discussed, students will write their own fictional pieces which are inspired by their reading. Students will participate in NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month. This is a writing event where the challenge is to complete an entire novel in just 30 days. For one month, you get to lock away your inner editor, let your imagination take over, and just create! That means participants begin writing November 1 and must finish by midnight, November 30. The word-count goal for the adult program is 50,000 words, but the Young Writers Program (YWP) allows 17-and-under participants to set reasonable, yet challenging, individual word-count goals. In 2013, over 300,000 adults participated through our main site, and nearly 90,000 young writers participated through the YWP.

FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Advisor:

Club description: The goal of the club is to spread awareness of figure skating and collaborating with local groups to bring figure skating to students in order to experience the joys of figure skating. The club will encourage skaters to continue their skating throughout high school, eventually bridging into college. Continual participation of this sort will increase awareness of the sport and enrich lives of skaters by combining their love of skating with a school activity.

FILIPINO CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Paul Zajec

Club description: The goal of the club is to focus on assisting the impoverished children of the Philippines. The club will organize various fundraisers throughout the year to assist these children. The club is also dedicated to expose students to the Philippine culture.

FLASH ANIMATION CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Colin Neenan

Club description: Adobe Flash Player is the standard for delivering high-impact, rich Web content. Designs, animation, and application user interfaces are deployed immediately across all browsers and platforms, attracting and engaging users with a rich Web experience Club members will learn the basics of Adobe Flash, along with other animating skills. Students with more experience can attend and assist more novice students in the skills necessary to use the program.

FOCUS NOW

Advisor: Mr. Paul Zajec

Club description: The club's goal is to remove the stigma of Attention Deficit Disorder by learning and improving concentration skills in any environment where improved concentration skills are required. The club will focus on improving concentration skills for improving SAT and ACT scores. The club will use a Socratic Seminar format, using a facilitator who will direct the conversation. In addition, the club will focus on improving concentration skills for use in day-to-day classes at Staples. The club will also utilize guest speakers to address these skills as well. Clarity of concentration is the overall goal of this club.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Horacio Ballesteros

Club description: Members will meet to discuss current foreign affairs. Members will bring interesting articles and sources to share. Members will be able to broaden their understanding of current world affairs in an enjoyable collaborative environment.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Olivier Blanchardon

Club description: The club gives interested students the opportunity to enjoy and support French culture and language. Some activities that member have done are watching French films, preparing and tasting French cuisine, preparing to host French exchange students, fundraising events, peer tutoring, and trips to French restaurants, art museums, and plays.

FULL COURT PEACE

Advisor: Colin Devine

Club Description: This club will support the Full Court Peace organization (<http://fullcourtpeace.org/>) run by former New Canaan High School's basketball coach, Mike Evans. Mike played basketball at Hamilton College from 2001 to 2005, setting current shooting records for most three-pointers in a game (9) and highest career three-point percentage (43%), before going on to play semi-professional basketball in Europe. Originally from Weston, CT, Mike scored 1,000 career points in just two seasons and was an All-State selection in 2001. Full Court Peace pairs high school clubs with community centers in disadvantaged areas. The clubs work on short and long-term projects to refurbish the community centers' basketball courts, to raise money for youth leagues and clinics, and to support the growth of its basketball program.

FCP organizes year-round basketball leagues and camps for boys and girls in grades 4-8 from a diverse array of socioeconomic statuses, and racial and ethnic backgrounds. FCPs' curriculum – was developed at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Kennedy School of Government employs team basketball as a means of increasing communication, understanding and camaraderie among these youth. FCP are currently focused locally in Fairfield County, CT, where the income gap is at its widest nationally. Once players enter high school, they can lead or join their high school's Full Court Peace Club. FCP high school clubs are paired with community centers located in areas of blight, which the players work directly with to bolster the community centers' basketball programs both financially and organizationally. FCP organizes year-round basketball leagues and camps for boys and girls in grades 4-8 from a diverse array of socioeconomic statuses, and racial and ethnic backgrounds. The curriculum employs team basketball as a means of increasing communication, understanding and camaraderie among these youth. FCP is currently focused locally in Fairfield County, CT, where the income gap is at its widest nationally.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Advisor: Mrs. Clare Woodman

Club description: The goal of FBLA is to inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders, employees and citizens in a global society. Activities will include leadership development, academic competitions and community service activities.

GENDER SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE

Advisor: Mr. Chris Fray

Club description: Gender Sexualities Alliance Network is a national youth leadership organization that connects school-based Gender Sexualities Alliances (GSAs) to each other and community resources through peer support, leadership development, and training. GSA Network supports young people in starting, strengthening, and sustaining GSAs and builds the capacity of GSAs to:

1. create safe environments in schools for students to support each other and learn about homophobia, transphobia, and other oppressions,
2. educate the school community about homophobia, transphobia, gender identity, and sexual orientation issues, and
3. fight discrimination, harassment, and violence in schools.

The Gender Sexualities Alliance provides a safe environment for students to discuss issues related to sexual orientation both within and without the Staples community. Each year, the students organize events to commemorate Ally Day as well as the Day of Silence. Students also share a bus with area GSAs to attend the annual True Colors Conference for Sexual Minority Youth. The Gender Sexualities Alliance serves both a support function as well as a social function, with the GSA meeting with area GSAs for meetings, movies, picnics and other events.

GIRLS LEARN INTERNATIONAL

Advisor: Ms. Heather Wirkus

Club description: The GLI Program supports the empowerment of U.S. students as they discover that through their own creative initiatives, dedication, and passionate leadership, they can create real solutions that address the obstacles facing girls and women in the U.S. and around the world. Student-to-student, and student-to-parent, GLI is building a movement of informed advocates for universal girls' education and a new generation of leaders and activists for social change. (<http://girlslearn.org/>)

GIRLS WHO CODE

Advisor: Ms. Clare Woodman

Club description: The primary purpose of this club is to assist in closing the gender gap in technology by fostering more female students to utilize the computer sciences to positively impact their community in and join the sisterhood of supportive users. The club will work on a Computer Science Impact Project where computer science will be used to solve problems relevant to the club and the community at large. Members will learn the Core4 computer science concepts that form the basis of all computer programming languages, while fostering teamwork and leadership skills.

GLOBAL ANIMAL PROTECTION CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Tracy Wright

Club description: This club will be centered on both pet rescue and overall animal welfare, including both wild and domestic animals. The club will raise funds for multiple animal welfare organizations such as the Humane Society, Little Black Dog Rescue and PETA. The goal is to involve as many students as possible in assisting animal welfare organizations, and to educate others about animal welfare. Activities will include bake sales, dog meet and greets and other fundraising and awareness events to support these organizations.

GOOD COOKIE CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Nicole Faynor

Club description: This club will be the perfect mix of fun and charitability. The Good Cookie Club' purpose is to energize students to give back to the community using something that nearly everyone possesses: A love of food! Once a month The Good Cookie Club will bake a ton of delicious treats and then donate them directly to a homeless shelter, food pantry, and senior homes or sold in schools at a planned bake sale to raise money for a selected charity of the month. The Good cookie Club will bring together any and all Staples students to make a sweet difference in the world!

GRAPHIC DESIGN CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Carla Eichler

Club description: The purpose of his club is to not only provide a creative outlet for students interested in graphic design, but also to support local organizations with graphic design needs. The purpose is to allow students to logo and digital skills while at the same time meeting the design needs of clients.

HELPING HANDS

Advisor: Ms. Alexandra Krubski

Club description: This club will be the Staples Chapter of “e-NABLE” The e-NABLE Community is an amazing group of individuals from all over the world who are using their 3D printers to create free 3D printed hands and arms for those in need of an upper limb assistive device. They are people who have put aside their political, religious, cultural and personal differences – to come together and collaborate on ways to help improve the open source 3D printable designs for hands and arms for those who were born missing fingers or who have lost them due to war, disease or natural disaster. The e-NABLE Community is made up of teachers, students, engineers, scientists, medical professionals, tinkerers, designers, parents, children, scout troops, artists, philanthropists, dreamers, coders, makers and everyday people who just want to make a difference and help to “Give the World a Helping Hand.”

HUMANE TO HUMANITY

Advisor: Ms. Caroline Henry

Club description: This club will work with existing humanitarian-based charities to raise both awareness and funds for their cause, such as lack of clean water, war-relief causes, and lack of educational opportunities.

INDIAN CULTURE CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Stacey Phelan

Club description: The Indian Culture Club will educate students about India while also raising funds for the Save Our Daughters Foundation, an organization that assists in funding college for orphaned girls in India. We will raise money through bake sales and car washes to assist this cause.

INKLINGS

Advisor: Ms. Mary Elizabeth Fulco

Club description: Inklings is Staples High School's award-winning, nationally recognized scholastic newspaper. The staff publishes eight issues a year, including the September Back-to-School issue, the April Fools Issue and at graduation the Senior Supplement. Those interested in working for the paper can apply in the spring for an editorial position, can come to monthly writer's meeting to get a story from the staff, or take Writing for Publication with Mr. Rexford and start writing for the paper and learning the ins and outs of media and the field of journalism.

ISRAELI CULTURE CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Jessica Levy

Club description: the purpose of this club is to educate and share with others, the rich culture of the State of Israel and raise funds for charities that benefit the people of Israel.

ITALIAN CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Louisa D'Amore

Club description: The Italian Club meets to explore Italian culture and language through films, food and conversation. With the help and guidance of the club officers, we teach each other about the language and customs of Italy. In addition, the club will develop a partnership with Centro La Tenda a community center in Naples, Italy) to help support at risk children in the neighborhoods adjacent to this school. Students will develop international friendships with students in this school by having pen pals, sending videos, chatting via Skype, etc. The club comes together on a monthly basis. All Staples students are welcome to join!

JOSHUA'S HEART CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Cecily Gans

Club description: **Joshua's Heart Foundation** was founded by a four and a half year-old boy by the name of Joshua Williams. His little heart conceived a passion for helping those who struggle daily to put food on the table and make ends meet. And so a vision was born to stomp out hunger in poor and underprivileged communities, and to help those with debilitating diseases that hinder their ability to provide for themselves. With one in six Americans facing hunger, there is plenty of work to be done. The Club supports the national Joshua's Heart Foundation which is a hard-working and committed team that relies on the generosity of the American people to make a change. Our volunteers play a vital role in fulfilling our mission, and their support is priceless to the Foundation. But with so much to be done, we are always looking for more helping hands. The primary objective of this foundation is to stomp out hunger. Joshua's Heart Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-for-profit organization empowers people to improve their quality of life. We achieve our mission by providing items of basic necessity, such as food and other grocery products, to those in need. We also engage and educate communities about ways to fight hunger and poverty and commit to our vision of a world without these insecurities.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Advisor: Mrs. Maria Zachery

The Japanese Ambassador Program is a cultural exchange program that grants Staples students the privilege to travel to Japan to tour the country, live with a host family, and experience life in school as a student of Kyoei High School in Tokyo.

JUNIOR STATESMEN OF AMERICA

Advisors: Mr. Brendon Giolitto, Mr. Sam Goldberg

Club description: The Junior Statesmen of America is the largest student-run high school nonpartisan political organization in the United States. JSA is essentially a political awareness club where students run their own meetings, debate topics of political interest, and provide opportunities for students to develop and sharpen their public speaking skills. Every aspect of the chapter is organized by its student officers and members. The Staples chapter is part of the Northeast State of JSA, which sponsors several conferences each year that allow students from many different schools the chance to debate and discuss important issues and listen to interesting keynote speakers. All students in the club are expected to be active participants throughout the year--Democracy is not a spectator sport!

KEY CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Horacio Ballesteros

Club description: Key Club is a community service club. Its members help to assist many non-profit organizations, as well as the local community. Every member is a volunteer, and his or her goal is to accumulate 30 hours of community service during each school year. This commitment is rewarded with 1/4 of a credit per 30 hours of service.

KOOL TO BE KIND

Advisor: Ms. Elaine Daignault; Westport Youth Services Coordinator

Club description: The goal of this club is to raise awareness about bullying and being kind to other students, by promoting a "kindness campaign" and to sponsor school-wide anti-bullying efforts. Kool to be Kind is an empathy-based, anti-bullying program in which Staples High School students are trained to lead interactive, experiential lessons for third graders about empathy, kindness, and effective responses to bullying situations.

K-POP AND CULTURE CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Caroline Henry

Club description: K-pop (abbreviation of *Korean pop*; Hangul: 케이팝) is a music genre originating in South Korea that is characterized by a wide variety of audiovisual elements. Although it includes all genres of "popular music" within South Korea, the term is often used in a narrower sense to describe a modern form of South Korean pop music drawing inspiration on a range of styles and genres incorporated from the rest of the world such as Western pop music, rock, experimental, jazz, gospel, Latin, hip hop, R&B, reggae, electronic dance, folk, country and classical on top of its uniquely traditional Korean music roots. This club will meet to listen to and discuss various songs of this genre. In addition, the club will learn about Korean culture, and will begin to explore elements of the Korean language.

LATIN CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Perry Tavenner

Club description: The purpose of the Latin Club will be to promote the language and to participate in fun activities that will give students a better understanding of the language. This club compliments the students' involvement in the Latin language, Roman history, and ancient culture. Students will plan for the Connecticut State Latin Day

LEARNING THROUGH LIGHTHOUSE

Advisor: Mrs. Ann Neary

Club description: The City of Bridgeport "Lighthouse Program" is an innovative school/community program sponsored by the City of Bridgeport through its Department of Youth Services, School Department and nonprofit community. It receives local state and federal funding, and is also supported by parent fees. The Lighthouse Program brings together community sponsorship in twenty-four Bridgeport schools to provide a safe and supportive after school environment to over 2800 students on a daily basis. The program operates Monday through Friday from 3:00-5:00pm, and provides cultural, educational and recreation activities. The Lighthouse Program will assist students with homework (45 minutes mandatory) at the Cesar Batalla Elementary School. The club will also organize book drives and other fund raising activities to assist the school. Students are required to have parents transport them to and from this activity.

LIFE CYCLES

Advisor: Mr. Dan Heaphy

Club description: This club will assist homeless women acquire the sanitary products that they require in order to help them stay healthy, regain self-confidence, and live with basic dignity. These products are not covered under assistance programs and most homeless women do not have ready access to these products, and the mission of this club is raise funds and increase awareness to reduce this problem. The club will also collect sanitary products to donate to homeless shelters.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! (LCA) CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Justin Nadal

Club description: The Staples Lights, Camera, Action Club is an extension of the Media Lab video production program, and will give students far-reaching opportunities to produce film, news, and other video productions. Students will support each other in video production projects in order to ensure the best possible final product and to enhance the production of all club members.

LULU'S LUCK PETS

Advisor: Paul Zajec

Club description: Our goal is to support dog rescue organizations in need of assistance. This club will conduct fundraisers to donate funds to dog rescue agencies as well as to the Connecticut Humane Society. Funds will also be raised to assist the funding of dogs in need of medical procedures. We will also try to raise awareness about the many benefits of adoption as well as promote opportunities for adoption in our community.

LYNSEY ADDARIO ENGLISH AND JOURNALISM HONOR SOCIETY

(A chapter of the National English Honor Society)

Advisor: Mrs. Julie Heller

Activity description: Membership is open to high school students and select faculty who have demonstrated exceptional ability in such areas as literary analysis, media studies, composition, linguistic study, and creative writing, and who meet the requirements of membership as set forth in the National English Honor Society Constitution, Article X as outlined below.

Students become members through induction at the high school in which they are enrolled. Each student pays a one-time induction fee of \$10.00. This fee covers national registration (which includes a membership certificate) and makes the member eligible for full Society benefits.

Through involvement with their chapters, students are given opportunities to advance the study of language and literature, to develop skills in creative and analytical writing and to meet others dedicated to the discipline of English.

NEHS Constitution, Article X: Membership

Section I. Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed on a student. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Advisory Council and is based both on academic accomplishment in English and English-related courses, as well as on overall academic accomplishment. For the purposes of identifying “English,” individual schools may use any courses that use the “English” designation on report cards or in fulfilling “English” requirements.

Section II. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate high standards, including the maintenance of grades, in English. Failure to do so will result in removal from membership.

Section III. There are three types of membership: active, alumni, and honorary:

- A. Active members are high school students and remain active members while they maintain the required GPA and until graduation, at which time they become alumni members.
- B. Alumni members, in accordance with school policy, may be invited to participate in chapter events, but have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.
- C. Honorary membership may be awarded, by consent of the Faculty Advisory Council, to school officials, principals, teachers, adults and students whose achievements in English or NEHS-related activities merit special recognition. Chapters may induct up to four honorary members per year, and are responsible for induction fees for honorary members. Honorary members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section IV. Any NEHS member who transfers to another school and brings a letter of verification from the former principal or Chapter Advisor to the new school NEHS Chapter Advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school’s chapter.

Section V. Membership may not be determined, in any way, on the basis of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical (dis)ability.

Section VI. Acceptance into NEHS membership does not confer automatic acceptance into Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.

MAKE A WISH CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Jesse Bauks

Club description: The goals of the club are to raise money for the Make a Wish Connecticut branch and to raise awareness of the goal of the national Make a Wish Foundation. Tens of thousands of volunteers, donors and supporters advance the Make-A-Wish[®] vision to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition. In the United States and its territories. The make a Wish Foundation believes a wish experience can be a game-changer. This one belief guides the Foundation and inspires its members to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids that they serve.

MATH TEAM

Advisor:

Club description: The county meets are held at the Wilton HS on the first Wednesday of October, November, December, January, February and March. The state competition is held in April at a HS to be determined. All interested are encouraged to come. There are 6 members of the A team and the B team has no limit. A team is chosen by a mock meet or run-off using problems from previous meets in the correct category. At present the team needs sophomores and freshmen as the state requirements limit the number of seniors and juniors on the team.

MOCK TRIAL CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Ann Neary

Club description: The purpose of this club is to teach the students of Staples High School trial advocacy, and more importantly to develop the club member's skills in crafting and delivering an argument, questioning a witness, effective methods of persuasion and public speaking. The aim of the club is to reach out to students who have an interest in law and trial proceedings with the final goal to be holding a "mock trial". The club will be involved in teaching students about the various components of a mock trial and eventually use those skills in a mock trial competition against other schools with a mock trial club. This club will allow students to learn more about the law and explore the elements of legal proceedings.

MODEL UN CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Tom Brown

Club description: Club meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons at 2:15 in Room 2005. The purpose of the club is to research and experience the debates and situations that happen in the United Nations and gain more of knowledge of global politics. The group's goal is attend at least one Model UN meeting in the NY/Boston area each year.

MU ALPHA THETA MATHEMATICS HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Ms. Dana Dolyak

Activity description: Mu Alpha Theta is the National High School and Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society. Mu Alpha Theta was formed in 1957 at the University of Oklahoma. The group is dedicated to inspiring keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics in high school and two-year college students. The organization of mathematics clubs serves over 112,000 student members in more than 2300 schools in the United States and 20 foreign countries. Offering more than \$300,000 in scholarships, grants, awards, and prizes yearly, we would love to support your math club and talented math students. The national requirements for individual membership in a local chapter are as follows. These are the minimum requirements; chapters may elect to have stricter standards but not lower ones. Students are encouraged to participate in Mu Alpha Theta club meetings and activities, even if they do not qualify as members.

High school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed the equivalent of two years of college preparatory mathematics, including algebra and/or geometry, and in addition have completed or are enrolled in a third year of college preparatory mathematics are eligible for membership, providing their mathematical work was done with distinction. On the 4-point grading scale, this shall mean at least a 3.0 Math grade point average.

STAPLES RECYCLING CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Cathy Schager

Club description: The Staples Recycling Club provides a structured chapter-based program for high-achieving, environmentally focused students to create extraordinary impact in schools, organizations, and communities while getting the recognition they deserve on a state and national level. The Staples Recycling Club develops bright, civic-minded, environmentally literate citizens. This club is focused on individual and team environmental service projects. Students will further develop their passion for preserving the environment, while improving their schools & communities through environmental service, STEM, leadership, and activism. The club will perform one project within the community and 200 hours of volunteer work.

NEXT STEP VOLUNTEERING

Advisor: Mrs. Nell-Ayn Lynch

Club description: The club will choose a non-profit organization and work toward supporting that organization in exchange for education and training by the organization

OPERATION CARE PACKAGE

Advisor: Mr. Drew Coyne

Club description: The objective of this club is to raise funds to assemble and ship care packages filled with snacks, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation addressed to U.S. Service Members deployed in hostile regions around the world.

OPERATION SMILE

Advisor: Ms. Natalie Odierna

Club description: “Operation Smile” is a nonprofit medical service organization founded in 1982 by Dr. William P. Magee, Jr. and his wife Kathy Magee. It is headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In addition to providing cleft lip and palate repair surgeries to children worldwide, Operation Smile works as a non-governmental organization to reduce the occurrence of cleft lips and palates worldwide; develops ambassadorships to raise awareness of cleft issues; sponsors a world care program for international cases requiring special care; organizes chapters and foundations worldwide to assist countries in reaching self-sufficiency with cleft surgeries; hosts a U.S. care network to assist families in the U.S. with cleft issues; develops and administers worldwide education programs related to cleft issues; and organizes student leadership programs. As of March 2013, according to its own accounting, Operation Smile had provided more than 3.5 million comprehensive patient evaluations and over 200,000 free surgeries for children and young adults born with facial deformities.

The focus of this club is to support the national non-profit organization through fundraising activities at Staples High School.

PINK AID CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Will Jones

Club description: Staples Pink Aid’s mission is to help underserved local women survive breast cancer treatment with support and dignity, to provide screening to women in financial need, and to empower breast cancer survivors to heal by helping and inspiring others. The club would partner with Westport Pink Aid (<http://pinkaid.org/pa/overview-mission/>) to support programs that provide services including free breast cancer screening and help covering non-medical expenses such as food cards, household bills, wigs, recovery garments and transportation for patients undergoing treatment. When a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, she needs a lot more than medical help. She needs rides to and from treatments, babysitting, grocery delivery, medical navigation, wigs, recovery garments and so much more.

With a staggeringly high rate of occurrence, there are countless women that cannot afford to go through treatment with the proper care and dignity. Many also need free mammograms to help with early detection. There are several organizations that compassionately assist women in need that are diagnosed with breast cancer... but of course, they are in great need of funding. While it is critical that we all continue to contribute to breast cancer research initiatives, Pink Aid is a grant-based organization that funds the efforts of organizations that provide this type of compassionate care... currently locally and ultimately beyond. Pink Aid offers a welcome opportunity to join together to make a real difference in the lives of many women and their families, within and around our communities. Founded in 2010, Pink Aid was granted 501C3 status in 2015. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

PRE-MED CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Kayla Iannetta

Club description: The Pre-Med Club will be a place for students who have an interest in pursuing a career in the medical field. The purpose of the club will be for students to share and receive new information on innovative technology in medicine. The goal of our organization is to provide an out of class environment where students, interested in pursuing a career in the field of medicine, can come to share their excitement and enthusiasm for the future of this and related fields. Members will share any new articles or information that they may have found with the club. Activities may include suture practice kits and medical trivia games. Medical professionals will be invited to speak with club members and answer questions about the profession. The Pre-Med Club will be a place for students to learn a great deal about the field of medicine and will be a great way to engage students in new science courses in order to help them succeed in either their science classes or in the hopes of becoming a physician.

PROJECT HOO (HELP OUR ORPHANS)

Advisor: Mrs. Christine Kaszanek

Club description: Project HOO is a club that will work to donate to orphanages in Greece. Project HOO is a non-profit organization initiated by the Club's founder, Lauren Wasserman. Orphanages in Greece are struggling due to a current economic crisis and cannot provide basic items of survival, such as clothing, for the orphans that they service. Economic conditions have also forced some parents to offer their children for adoption, as they can no longer support them. This nonprofit aims to raise both awareness and funding for this cause, with all funds raised going directly to struggling Greek orphanages. In order to raise funds, the Club will hold bake sales, local walks and runs and toy drives. Club members will be able to participate in all non-profit related events. These events include contacting orphanage officials, hosting large events to promote donations, etc.

PROJECT MORRY

Advisor: Ms. Natalie Odeirna

Club description: Project Morry is committed to closing opportunity gaps that exist in our community and working to ensure young people from under-resourced communities graduate high school ready for college, careers and life. In the tri-state area, and across America, students from under-resourced communities continue to graduate high school at much lower rates than students with more advantages, significantly impacting their futures. The organization provides educational support during the school year and then gives students the experience of a sleep-away camp that many Staples students have been lucky enough to experience. This club will raise money to assist Project Morry through bake sales and other fund-raising activities. The club will also connect with Project Morry students through letters and personal visits.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (RAK)

Advisor: Ms. Natalie Odeirna

Club description: The Random Acts of Kindness Club's (RAK) purpose is to aid multiple causes, charities and the general public through acts of kindness. Each month, RAK will select an overarching theme to focus on. For example, October is national Breast Cancer Awareness Month. RAK would commit to spread love and kindness to those personally affected by this disease. The club would be performing simple deeds such as leaving flowers for local survivors and affected families. In April, since this is recognized as Stress Awareness Month, the group might hand out fidget toys or offer free tutoring. The group may also shovel snow for free in January or hand out umbrellas on a rainy day. To put it simply, RAK's overall goal is to make someone smile, as well as spreading kindness; the Random Acts of Kindness Club provides a personal gain for its members as well. Students will be rewarded with a feeling of gratitude after contributing positively to society.

RANDOM ACTS OF (YOUR NAME HERE!)

Advisor: Ms. Kayla Iannetta

Club description: In 2015, Random Acts of Rachel took hold. This student-led effort brought Circle of Life, Circle of Care, some renowned pediatric specialists and a whole lot of teenagers together to design Build a Bears for young children suffering from terminal disease. Today with the benefit of more of us working together we can ease much pain. The Random Acts of (YOUR name here!) student organization is YOUR opportunity to bring creativity, heart and soul together as a community that cares. Together, we will discover the limitless ways we can influence better outcomes for children battling otherwise debilitating diseases.

We will collaborate on a range of initiatives including, but not limited to: Build a Bear projects, patient room design makeovers, holiday visits to pediatric centers and much more that we can develop together. The only limits we'll face in bringing a smile to these kids' faces will be the extent of our creativity.

Come realize how stirring it can be to give of yourself through the many Random Acts which we are capable of doing together.

RESHAPING REALITY <http://www.reshapingreality.org/>

Advisor: Mr. Perry Tavenner

Club Description: Reshaping Reality is an organization created in order to educate middle and high-school aged children in the dangers of dieting and disordered eating, and promotes healthy and confident relationships with food and body image. The club at Staples High school will help educate high school students in the significance of body image disturbance and give them a passion for making changes in a young society. It will provide a safe place for personal discussion and an inspirational environment for intimate growth. It will assist high school students in becoming compassionate and caring, and will assist in improving public speaking skills.

RHO KAPPA NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY

<http://shs.westport.k12.ct.us/departments/social-studies/rho-kappa>

Advisor:

Activity description: Staples High School is proud to hold a charter for the Saugatuck Chapter of Rho Kappa. The first group was inducted on May 20th, 2015. The members of this group participate in a minimum of 10 service hours, which promote the social studies in our school and local community. Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. Rho Kappa provides national recognition and opportunities for exploration in the social studies. Through its sponsorship of Rho Kappa, National Council for the Social Studies hopes to encourage an interest in, understanding of, and appreciation for the social studies. At Staples High School, Rho Kappa is open to *qualified* seniors only. Candidates for membership should:

1. have been in attendance at the school in which the chapter resides for the equivalent of one semester prior to being considered (If a special circumstances merit, the high school administration may waive this requirement, providing a letter of explanation to the National Advisory Council).
2. 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.
3. have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.00 or the numerical equivalent (Individual chapters may choose to increase the GPA requirements for their chapter but may not decrease them).

ROOTS OF BOLANS

Advisor: Mr. Jeffrey Doornweerd

Club description: This club will augment the charity of the same name. The club is dedicated to raise funds to support purchase of materials and assist in the operation of schools in Anitgua. The charity is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization founded by a variety of Americans who through a combination of sports and education were able to move out of Antigua. Last year, Roots of Bolans was able to establish the first playground at a school, as well as bringing twenty bikes to Anitgua. The club will work with the Staples Girls' Track Team to raise funds, organize material and equipment drives and recycle some of the school's unused materials. The club will also organize a used sneaker drive through he track team and other sports teams to send to Anigua.

RUSSIAN CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Liubov Ulianova

Club description: The Russian club will allow students to immerse themselves in a new culture by immersing them in a different culture on the opposite side of the world, The club will also work to raise funds to support Children's Villages-SOS, which builds loving, stable families for orphaned, abandoned and other vulnerable children in 135 countries, including the United States. This club also aims to break down barriers between cultures.

SAILING CLUB <http://www.staplessailing.com/>

Advisor: Mr. John Dumke

Club Description Regular season sailing competition comes from other public and private high schools in the area. Post- season competition is organized at both regional and national levels and all events follow the rules established by the United States Sailing Association. The Staples program is operated out of Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport. High school sailing is a two-season sport. Competition is scheduled during both the fall and spring months. During the season, sailing club members meet and practice two to three times a week in addition to scheduled races. Co-ed competitive sailing on double-handed club 420s.

Fall Season

- Primarily developmental – boat handling, boat speed, racing fundamentals
- Preliminary team selection for spring season
- Run as a club sport
- 3 hour practices – 2x/week – after school – occasional weekend
- 6 to 8 weeks in the fall – early September through late October
- Limited regatta racing opportunities – formal and informal

Spring Season

- Run as Varsity team sport – focus on team racing

- Evaluations and Team Selections during first week of season
- 3 hour practices – 4x/week – after school – occasional weekend
- 8 to 10 weeks in spring – Late March through the end of May
- Weekly Regattas – after school – occasional weekend – home and away

Competes against both public and private schools sailing teams. Sailing hosted by Cedar Point Yacht Club (CPYC) on Saugatuck Island in Westport. Additional dry land training may be conducted at Staples High

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Advisor: Ms. Karen Thompson

Club description: The purpose of the club is to prepare students for the state-level competition in March. The program is often likened to an “academic track meet” in which team members participate in 23 events across the entire spectrum of sciences. This club aims to inspire a love of science within the Staples community and promote cooperation as members study and prepare for competition. Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing male, female and minority interest in science, creating a technologically-literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers. These goals are achieved by participating in Science Olympiad tournaments and non-competitive events, incorporating Science Olympiad into classroom curriculum and attending teacher training institutes. In grades 6-12, Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year. Each school-based team is allowed to bring 15 students who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set, but some school clubs have more than 75 members, allowing for an apprentice and mentoring system. This club is designed to allow students to participate as members of a Staples Science Olympiad Team.

SERVICE LEAGUE OF BOYS (S.L.O.B.s) <http://shsslobs.com/>

Advisor: Mr. Eamon Griffin

Club description: Service League of Boys is a parent-son community service organization. The mission of this organization is for parents and sons to initiate and promote educational and charitable endeavors that foster community responsibility as well as strengthen their parent-son relationship.

SHS ATHLETES

Advisor: Mrs. Nell-Ayn Lynch

Club description: The club will be aimed at unifying Staples athletes from all sports to discuss solutions to issues and to improve the athletic life at Staples. The club will fundraise for new equipment and raise awareness on game days in order to increase student presence and support at all athletic contests. The goal will be to benefit not only Staples athletes, but the overall school.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

Advisor: Mr. Geno Heiter

Club description: Social Entrepreneurs will be a social entrepreneurship club dedicated to raising money for microgrants for students at the School of Agriculture for Family Independence in Malawi, Southeast Africa. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. One in three people in Malawi are threatened by hunger every day, and as a country that primarily relies on agriculture as a means of survival, monies for tools and farming supplies is vital for economic growth. The club's entrepreneurship efforts will focus on raising monies through recycling. We will start by increasing awareness in our Staples community as well as in the greater Westport area about the importance of recycling for a sustainable future. The club will sponsor talks, utilize social media and develop print and web-based materials. The club will also gain permission to place special recycling bins for bottle and cans throughout the high school and in locations around town. Students in Malawi will be required to submit brief proposals (written or spoken) specifying what they will use the money for and faculty from SAFI will identify those students who will receive funding. The number and amount of the micro grants will be determined by the club's yearly recycling efforts. http://www.forceforgood.org/content/ffg/en/projects/school_of_agricultureforfamilyindependencesafi.html.

SOUNDINGS/QED LITERARY MAGAZINE

Advisor: Ms. Kim Herzog

Club description: Soundings is Staples' club to support our students' literary pursuits. We host several readings at the public library each year and Soundings sponsors the Selected Shorts @ Staples short-stories at the library each month. Our main goal is putting together the annual literary magazine which features the creative works of our peers assembling the profundity of our fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction in its pages.

SQUASH HAVEN

Advisor: Mrs. Ana DeLuca

Club description: The purpose of this club is to support the amazing organization known as "Squash Haven" in New Haven, which strives to provide squash and educational opportunities to children in the New Haven Public Schools. Squash Haven empowers New Haven youth to strive for and maintain school success and physical wellness, and to forge a path through higher education to engaged citizenship. As an organization, we would support the organization through bake sales, fund drives, event organizations, and will volunteer to tutoring and other volunteer work.

ST. JUDE'S HEART AND SOUL CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Alexandra Krubski

Club description: Heart and Soul is a club in which you devote your heart and soul for those in need of caring. This club provides the opportunity for students to volunteer in particular areas of a local hospital. Students do not only benefit from this rewarding community service project, but they also get the experience and exclusive opportunity to work in an educational hospital setting. Patients need your help, so please put some heart and soul into their lives. The hospital that is supported by this club is St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Students will sponsor fund raising activities that benefit the hospital.

STAPLES eSPORTS

Advisor: Mr. Andrew Carroll

Club description: The objective of the eSports club is to train teams to compete in interscholastic video game competition. Schools throughout the FCIAC already have eSports teams and Staples will train and compete against these other clubs and other clubs outside of the league as well.

STAPLES INVESTMENT CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Tamara Weinberg

Club description: The purpose of this club is to introduce young investors to the beginning principals of the stock market and responsible investing, as well as to educate students on how to value a company. Students will create realistic investing experiences that can be used for practical application.

STAPLES POSSE FOUNDATION

Advisor: Ms. Cathy Schager

Club description: Founded in 1989, Posse (<https://www.possefoundation.org/>) identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. Posse extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. Posse partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships. The Staples club will partner with the national Posse organization and will expand the influence of the organization to Fairfield County. The club will partner with the national organization to raise funds for promising students.

The Posse model works for both students and college campuses and is rooted in the belief that a small, diverse group of talented students—a Posse—carefully selected and trained, can serve as a catalyst for increased individual and community development. As the United States becomes an increasingly multicultural society, Posse believes that the leaders of this new century should reflect the country's rich demographic mix and that the key to a promising future for our nation rests on the ability of strong leaders from diverse backgrounds to develop consensus solutions to complex social problems. One of the primary aims of the Posse program is to train these leaders of tomorrow. The national Posse Organization has three goals:

1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.
2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so that they can be more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.
3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.

STAPLES PLAYERS

Advisor: Mr. David Roth

Meeting Time/Place: Meets year round and almost every day

Club description: Staples Players is an extracurricular activity and an adjunct of the Theatre Department. It provides each student an opportunity to take part in and learn about all aspects of theatre. Drama exercises, techniques of acting and staging, technical work, administrative work, leadership, musicianship as well as actual roles in plays are experienced by participants in this program. The main stress is not placed on any particular area of theater but on student involvement with the program in general. Staples Players involves over 150 students as actors musicians and technicians in 2 main stage productions, 4-5 student directed studio productions and our annual one act play festival.

STAPLES STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS) JOURNAL

Advisor: Ms. Karen Thompson

Club description: This club will provide a platform for students to foster their passion and interests in the STEM fields, and to promote a mutual interest for understanding of the complex and beautiful world around us. This club will be open to all students and students will be encouraged to submit a one to two page article of their choice, which will be published in a STEM Journal. This club will foster collaboration with the school newspaper "Inklings" and the Women in STEM Club

STEM CHALLENGE

Advisor: Ms. Kayla Ianetta

Club description: Involvement in STEM Competitions, specifically Spillman STEM Competition to reduce global warming, but other competitions could also apply. For the Spillman competition, all students must be fifteen by July 12, 2018. The club's goal is to create positive change with issues in society, primarily environmental or biological by harnessing and utilizing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The club will involve writing a scientific-based paper on the theoretical solution, then most likely producing a prototype, depending on the proposed solution.

STOCKS FOR SHELTER

Advisor: Dr. Flavio Tinoco

Club description: The club will have a mock portfolio of stocks online. For the first two months, club members will be expected to find people willing to donate funds to the club at the conclusion of the school year, similar to a walkathon. The donors will be asked to donate to the cause based on how well club members investments have done during the school year. Donations will then be made to Safe Child-Africa. Safe Child Africa is a UK registered charity^[1] that works with and through Nigerian partners to protect and uphold child rights in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. It was founded by Gary Foxcroft in 2005. Safe Child Africa is based in Manchester, England.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Advisor: Mrs. Jamie Pacuk

Club description: The Student Assembly is the students' arm of governance at Staples High School. The SA meets twice a month to discuss school policies. The consensus reached at our meetings is represented through two SA representatives who sit on the Collaborative Team. The Student Assembly is comprised of ten student representatives from each grade and directed by five elected officials. The SA is committed to collecting the student voice and conveying it to the faculty and administration in a timely and effective manner.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY-UNITY UNDER DIVERSITY

Advisor: Mrs. Lauren Francese

Club description: Across the nation, school curriculum regularly does not include teaching various perspectives, which in turn leads students to often misinterpret the lives of people who are not part of the same class, race, culture or ethnicity as them. This issue is extremely important because the views that students develop today will most likely remain with them for the rest of their lives, therefore it is crucial that they are exposed to accurate information in their daily classrooms.

In this club, students will collaborate with middle and elementary schools in Westport to periodically teach lessons on the importance and acceptance of diversity. Students in this club will also research diverse authors and texts, as well as provide critical input regarding current books in use. In many schools, a lack of funding causes students to not have exposure to the rich diversity all around them. This club will organize fundraisers to raise money to donate a diverse collection of books to less fortunate neighboring districts. Currently, there are no clubs that address the issue of diversity by directly addressing it through the delivery of curriculum.

The hope is that this club will open up opportunities for students to work with each other and their teachers to help create a more diverse curriculum, which in turn will lead to the most productive and accepting environment at Staples.

STUDENTS FIGHTING HUNGER

Advisor: Mr. David Willick

Club description: This club will do all that it can to alleviate the suffering of hungry people around the world. The club will accomplish this through education, activism and fundraising events. The goals will be addressed both in the Staples community and the larger community of Westport. This club will focus on both local and international issues caused by suffering from hunger and starvation

STUDENTS SUPPORTING SPECIAL ATHLETES

Advisor: Mrs. Janet Zamary

Club Description: SSSA is comprised of a group of mainstream students who are interested in helping special needs students within the school and special needs members in the greater Westport community. The most consistent activity we participate in is playing unified sports. Club members compete with special needs students at Staples against other schools. We play soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and track and field in the spring. We practice during our meeting time for 5 - 6 weeks, and then compete in a tournament or at a meet. Athletic ability is not important. Helping others is! The club also does small fund raisers, volunteers at Special Olympics and various other activities.

STAPLES YEARBOOK

Advisor: Mr. Dan Woog, Mrs. Gail Orfei

Activity description: Club members write, photograph, design, edit, lay out, and handle thousands of important details for, Staples' gold medal award-winning yearbook.

SUPPORTING NICAPHOTO

Advisor: Ms. Michele Morse

Club description: The mission of NicaPhoto is to empower disadvantaged children and their families living in the poorest barrios of Nicaragua, allowing them to reach their full potential, and in doing so, to break the cycle of extreme poverty. This is accomplished through a holistic manner involving educational support in the form of tutoring, art and enrichment to develop the creative spirit and critical thinking, as well as programs in health, nutrition and personal and community development. This club will work to support the international NicaPhoto charity. (<http://www.nicaphoto.org/>)

TABLETOP AND BOARD GAME CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Andrew Carroll

Club description: This club is dedicated to playing a variety of board games, traditional and non-traditional. Playing board games is great for social interaction as well as exercising skills of strategy and critical thinking. The goal of the board game club is to introduce students to a genre of light strategy board games that appeals to all ages. These games will also help students develop social, developmental, and cognitive skills they will not build by watching TV or playing Halo. Board games involve making important decisions and taking actions, as opposed to rolling a die.

TEAM WESTPORT

Advisor: Mrs. Rebecca Marsick

Club description: Members of TEAM Westport live and/or work in Westport or Weston. Members are appointed by Westport's First Selectman (mayor).

“TEAM” stands for “Together Effectively Achieving Multiculturalism.” As volunteers, we believe there are important benefits to our children, ourselves, our neighbors and our towns in doing so. To undertake its activities, TEAM Westport operates Education, Governance, Marketing, Outreach and Program Committees. Diane Goss Farrell, then the First Selectwoman of Westport, sponsored the creation of TEAM Westport in 2003 with a small group of Westport volunteers. Westport’s traditional ties with neighboring Weston quickly added volunteers from Weston with the sponsorship of Weston First Selectman Woody Bliss.

In 2005, TEAM Westport was named an official committee of the Town of Westport by vote of the Representative Town Meeting.

The Staples chapter connects with the tow organization TEAM Westport to support multiculturalism at Staples High School. The club will coordinate with the townwide TEAM Westport to organize activities supporting the organization’s activities throughout the Staples community.

TEEN AWARENESS GROUP (TAG) www.shstag.com

Advisor: Mr. Ed Milton Mrs./Elaine Daignault

Club description: TAG is a club consisting of an alliance of young people with diverse beliefs and opinions, designed to identify the various and potentially compromising situations many young people will face during their adolescent years. TAG members are dedicated to working together in an effort to realize the options available to teenagers, as they pertain to awareness and safety, and develop and promote prevention strategies which focus on social decision making.

TOQUET HALL

Advisor: Mr. Kevin Godburn

Club Description: Toquet Hall opened in 1998 as a positive response to the need of Westport youth for a safe and fun place they could call their own. The mission of Toquet Hall is to meet the critical and emerging needs of teens in our community. Toquet Hall is a supervised drug/alcohol-free place where high school age youth can initiate and participate in social, cultural, recreational, and educational activities. Toquet Hall is governed by a partnership of high school students and adults. The shared values and goals of participants in Toquet Hall include: the building of trust between teens and adults, the growth of leadership skills, and the development of respect for oneself and others.

Teen Governing Board

Toquet Hall is governed in part by a team of students from Westport public and private high schools as well as a few from our neighboring Weston High School. The Teen Governing Board (TGB) meets at least bimonthly and is responsible for event planning, fundraising and facility design as needed. Members are expected to abide by the Toquet Code of Conduct and by their own governing bylaws. The board is the “street team” for Toquet Hall and all active members get into Toquet events at no cost. It is a great, unique leadership opportunity for students. If interested, please contact Toquet Hall at toquethall@hotmail.com

TRI-M MUSIC HONORS SOCIETY

Advisor: Mr. Nick Mariconda

Club description: The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for middle/junior high and high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

Through more than 5,500 chartered chapters, Tri-M has helped thousands of young people provide years of service through music in schools throughout the world. Tri-M is a program of the National Association for Music Education. To be eligible for membership, a student must maintain a B average in their music classes, a B average in all of their academic courses, be presently enrolled in a music course at their school, and be recommended for membership by their school's music faculty.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Tom Brown:

Club description: Ultimate Frisbee was developed in 1968 by a group of students at Columbia H.S. in Maplewood, NJ. Although Ultimate resembles many traditional sports in its athletic requirements, it is unlike most sports due to its focus on self-officiating, even at the highest levels of competition. This concept, called Spirit of the Game, is integrated into the basic philosophy of the sport, written into the rules, and practiced at all levels of the game from local leagues to the World Games.

Combining the non-stop movement and athletic endurance of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football, a game of Ultimate is played by two teams with a flying disc or Frisbee™ on a field with end zones, similar to football. The object of the game is to score by catching a pass in the opponent's end zone. A player must stop running while in possession of the disc, but may pivot and pass to any of the other receivers on the field. Ultimate is a transition game in which players move quickly from offense to defense on turnovers that occur with a dropped pass, an interception, a pass out of bounds, or when a player is caught holding the disc for more than ten seconds. Ultimate is governed by Spirit of the Game™, a tradition of sportsmanship that places the responsibility for fair play on the players rather than referees. Ultimate is played in more than 80 countries by an estimated 7 million of men and women, girls and boys. The international governing body, WFDF, represents 59 member associations in 56 countries.

WASA (WESTPORT ANIMAL SHELTER ADVOCATES) CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Stacey Phelan

Club description: The WASA (Westport Animal Shelter Advocates) club will support and advocate for pets in need by working closely with the Westport Animal Shelter, WASA, which supports rescue groups throughout Fairfield County. The main focus of WASA is working with the Town of Westport's Animal Control office and the town-owned "No-Kill" shelter. Proposed activities will include raising funds for shelter animals, helping with WASA fundraisers, such as the annual lemonade stand and hot chocolate/candy stand, as well as the annual Westport Dog festival in Winslow Park. All activities are family-friendly.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

Advisor: Mr. Kevin Godburn (toquethall@hotmail.com)

Club description: Young people are invited to interact with police in a non-enforcement capacity. The group sponsors events such as “Dodge a Cop”. Dodge-a-Cop is one of many Westport Youth Commission events where young people are invited to interact with police in a non-enforcement capacity. From “Cop Shops” to volleyball and informal gatherings, the WYC strives to find ways to promote positive interactions between kids and cops.

WRECKERS CHARITY CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Cathy Carlson

Club Description: The overall goal of this club is to perform random acts of kindness, whether it’s collecting school supplies for children in less fortunate districts, constructing care packages for US troops, visiting the elderly or merely raking leaves for an infirmed neighbor. The overall goal is to “pay it forward”.

WRECKERS IN TUNE (<http://wreckersintune.weebly.com/>)

Advisor: Ms. Carrie Mascaro

Club description: Staples High School prides itself in its variety of after school activities. Of these 100+ clubs, Wreckers In Tune stands out above the rest as one of the fast-growing and most popular Staples has to offer. The club is centered around the idea of gathering the musically gifted students and applying that talent by performing to give back to the local community. Composed of nearly 100 multifaceted students from all walks of music and life, Wreckers In Tune strives to make every performance its best.

Our club's efforts are directed towards giving back to the community that has given us so much—nursing homes, Toquet Hall, or anywhere in between. We cover any and all genres. From classical to contemporary and rock to ragtime, we have it all.

We typically perform on Thursday evenings. Custom dates/times for performances are available upon request. Performances are usually 45-60 minutes in length. Although there are nearly 100 participants in the club, we bring only 10-15 members per show to ensure premier cohesion without an overwhelming number of acts. If you need a custom length of time, or a custom amount of performers—either less or more—please let us

At Staples High School, the athletic mascot is the “Wrecker,” a construction worker. When founding the club, we decided we were going to function the same as any other team, building camaraderie and working toward a mutual goal. Thus, our team name, like all others from Staples, is the Wreckers. The “In Tune” part of our name came from what we do: play music. Moreover, just as we are In Tune to our music, we are also In Tune to our community. That's Wreckers In Tune.

YOGA CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Jeff Doornweerd

Club description: The goal of the Yoga Club will be to offer interested students an opportunity to relieve stress or simply to try something new through the practice of yoga. The club meetings will include video yoga lessons, relaxation activities, meditation and discussion of the practice of yoga.

YOUNG ARTISTS CLUB (YAC)

Advisor: Ms. Camille Eskell

Club description: The Young Artists' Club's purpose is to promote art through a variety of different mediums and methods of exploration. Students will participate in various types of art projects including splatter art, tin foil art and balloon creations. This club will provide an outlet for students to further explore art and improve their artistic ability and talent.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Chris Fray

Club description: This is a student run political action club which support democratic causes and candidates on the local, state and national level. Activities include discussion democratic perspectives on politics, participating in campaigns, and meeting with local political candidates to hear about the issues they fight for.

YOUNG POLITICIAN'S LEAGUE (YPL)

Advisors: Ms. Cathy Schaefer, Mr. Dan Heaphy

Club description: The overall purpose of this club is to make Staples students more politically educated, informed and astute. For each meeting a designated club member will choose their five biggest political news stories and recount them to the club members in an objective fashion. After the presentation of the story, one student each will present both a liberal minded and a conservative minded point of view of the event. The club will also have a goal of promoting understanding opposite points of view through political discourse.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Dave Rollison

Club description: The Young Republicans Club is defined as a group of high school students who gather together sharing an affinity for all or most of the ideals and/or actions of the GOP. The purposes of the club are to:

1. increase the popularity of the GOP throughout the school and local area through community service, leadership and political activism.
2. promote awareness about political issues, parties, and decisions, especially during times of election.
3. provide a unique interaction between members to promote the exchange of ideas, values, and friendship among similarly minded peers.

