

# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

## **ACADEMIC CHALLENGE**

The Academic Challenge team welcomes students who enjoy intellectually stimulating competition and who exhibit a facility for knowledge recall. The team competes in contests on the state and local levels. The primary goal is the attainment of academic excellence. Awards include scholarships, trophies, and certificates of recognition.

## **ACTIVE ADVENTURE CLUB**

*Moderator – Mr. DeStefano*

This club attracts students interested in rigorous outdoor activity. Excursions include hiking trips, camping trips, white-water rafting, and other events planned by the group. Students must participate in mandatory practice sessions.

## **ART CLUB**

*Moderator – Mrs. Stichter*

The Art Club invites students interested in enhancing the school's artistic atmosphere to join.

## **BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER**

Members of this noteworthy organization provide support for disadvantaged students of Ocean County. Students receive Christian Service hours for their participation in this program.

## **EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

*Moderator – Mrs. Mulligan*

The Equestrian Club welcomes anyone who loves horses whether they ride or not. Individual achievements in riding are discussed along with the care of horses.

## **EXEMPLAR**

*Moderator – Ms. Mooney*

*Exemplar*, the Donovan Catholic yearbook, is a student publication. The yearbook class is supported by the club, which meets once per week after school. Copy and caption writing, photography and student identification are some of the many tasks that students complete.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Our HFH chapter works closely with Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity in its goal to eliminate poverty housing in the community and to make simple, decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

## **INTERACT CLUB**

*Moderator – Mrs. Scallon*

The Rotary Club of Toms River and Donovan Catholic co-sponsor this student-governed club. As a youth affiliate of Rotary International, students have adopted this organization's motto, "Service Above Self." The club participates in a variety of service projects throughout the school year, benefiting both local and international communities.

### **KEY CLUB**

*Moderator - Mrs. Mattsson*

The Kiwanis International sponsors this student-led international organization. The club's motto, "Caring...Our Way of Life" is fulfilled through a number of school, community and state projects. The Key Club offers students a great way to develop initiative and leadership skills while becoming involved with a passionate group of peers serving and improving the community.

### **MATH LEAGUE**

*Moderator- Ms. Weber*

The Math League encourages all who have demonstrated a proficiency in mathematics to join. The league sponsors a team in the Ocean County Mathematics League comprised of schools throughout the county. Students also participate in the New Jersey Math League, the Catholic High School Math League, and the American High School Math Examination.

### **MEDIA ARTS CLUB**

*Moderator- Mr. Frazee*

This club offers an exciting mix of video photography and broadcasting. Students participate as announcers and technicians at athletic events and other functions.

### **MISSION CLUB**

Members foster an awareness to serve the needs of people throughout the world and in the community through a variety of hands-on projects including clothing and food drives. Students also attend the Mission Reach-out sponsored by the Propagation of the Faith and the National Conference that fosters acceptance of all religions, races and ethnic groups.

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

*Moderator – Mrs. Scheck*

The NHS, composed of qualified seniors and juniors, recognizes the achievements of outstanding high school students. In the spring of sophomore year, potential candidates are invited to apply. Students are selected according to academic accomplishments and faculty evaluation in the areas of character, leadership, and service. To qualify academically, a student must have achieved a 98.0 cumulative GPA. In the spring of sophomore year, potential candidates are invited to apply based on the third marking period GPA, specifically computed for the purpose of determining NHS eligibility. To remain NHS members, students must maintain a 98.0 cumulative GPA at the end of each term.

Students who do not meet the scholastic requirements during sophomore year may be considered the following year if they attain the required GPA. When in danger of not meeting requirements, members receive written warnings. Failure to meet requirements results in disciplinary action, which may include immediate dismissal from NHS.

Besides maintaining consistent academic record, members must evidence good character and leadership qualities. They render service to the school community, through tutoring students and other service projects. Members of National Honor Society who acquire over ten demerits will be subject to disciplinary action which may include immediate dismissal from NHS.

### **OPERATION SMILE**

*Moderator- Ms. Brown*

Operation Smile Student Programs empowers youth, creating a global movement for positive change through four pillars of philanthropy: Leadership, Education, Service and Awareness.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

*Moderator- Mrs. Stichter*

The photography club welcomes students who wish to explore the world of digital photography and image editing software, develop design skills, express creativity, examine and critique other photographers, enter competitions, see the world differently, and most of all have fun!

## **PING PONG CLUB**

*Moderator- Ms. Brown*

This informal group, which meets during Flex Period, welcomes students who enjoy relaxing with friends while participating in this popular activity.

## **SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

*Moderator – Mr. Oliver*

The Science Leagues invites qualified juniors and seniors to join this prominent organization. Qualifications include: current enrollment in, or completion of an AP Science course, a weighted 93 average in that course, and a minimum weighted average of 98 in all other courses. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

## **SCIENCE LEAGUE**

*Moderator – Mr. Oliver*

Members of the Science National Science Honor Society participate in local and state competitions, projects and field trips. Students learn to apply their classroom knowledge to solve complex problems.

## **SAAD CLUB**

*Moderator – Mrs. Ferraro*

The mission of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club is to empower students of Donovan Catholic to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them throughout their daily lives. We strive to be among a distinct group of people who chooses not to compromise our life with bad decisions and believe that as a community we can empower each other as an effective force in prevention. We focus on youth leadership, traffic safety, substance abuse and personal health and safety.

## **SPANISH CLUB**

*Moderator – Ms. Damon*

The Spanish Club welcomes students who wish to explore the richness of the Spanish language and culture. In addition to planning activities that enhance their appreciation of the Spanish culture, students volunteer their time to various programs that serve the needy in the Ocean County area.

## **STUDENT AMBASSADORS**

*Moderator- Mrs. Mulligan*

Applicants are considered for the student ambassador position during sophomore and junior years. These students must exhibit leadership and pride in their school during Transfer Welcome, Open House, Parent Nights, 8th Grade Registration, as well as many other events.

## SURF CLUB

*Moderator – Mr. Courtney*

The Surf Club welcomes all interested in surfing, body boarding, and protecting the coastline. Advanced members may compete in open NASSA contests and may represent the school when competing in the NASSA School Conference. Members may work with such organizations as the "Surf Rider Foundation" and the "Marine Mammal Rescue Unit."

## VIDEO GAMING CLUB

*Moderator – Ms. Dollman*

Griffin video gaming club brings students together through multiplayer video games and tournaments.

## WORLD CULTURES CLUB

*Moderator- Ms. Dollman*

Members of this active organization extends an invitation to all students interested in exploring the beauty of other cultures. The club possesses a dual purpose: to enhance the curriculum through special projects, and to foster an appreciation of diverse cultures in the global society of today.

# MUSIC CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

## SHOW CHOIR, CLASSICAL CHOIR, JAZZ CHOIR *Moderator – Ms. Wald*

- Mixed Show Choir: *The Big Blue Singing Crew* is a nationally acclaimed show choir consisting of men and women. Students are chosen through audition and meet weekly on Tuesday evenings.
- The Girls Show Choir: *Big Blue Singing Crew Too* is also an award winning audition choir. This choir is also chosen through audition, consists of all women and meets weekly on Tuesdays after school.
- The Classical Choir: *Shades of Blue* is open to all students, men and women, who love to sing. Students need not audition for this choir. This choir meets during flex.
- Jazz Choir: *The Blue Notes* is an audition choir open to students in grades 10 through 12 and is an honors class.
- All of our choirs perform at annual Christmas and Spring Concerts, various community, diocesan and state events, and compete on both local and national levels, along with performing at the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

## CONCERT BAND *Moderator – Mr. Frazee*

Concert Band performs at the Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, Spaghetti Dinner, fundraisers and various community events. Rehearsals are an extension of Band Class, and students receive a grade for their participation. Members of the Band Class **must attend** the after school rehearsals. However, students may participate in the Concert Band without enrolling in Band Class during the school day. Concert Band is open to all students who play "Band or Orchestra" instruments. Guitar, bass and drum players must talk to Mr. Frazee before signing up.

## JAZZ/ROCK ENSEMBLE *Moderator – Mr. Frazee*

An extension of the Concert Band, the Jazz/ Rock Ensemble is chosen through audition and participates in competition each spring. This award-winning group performs selected jazz and rock music and meets Wednesday evenings following Concert Band.

**FALL DRAMA AND SPRING MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS**    *Moderator- Mr. Heitmann*

The Performing Arts program sponsors three major productions each year, the Fall Drama, Holiday Production and Spring Musical. Students selected for roles must commit to a rigorous schedule of rehearsals set by the respective directors. Many students work behind the scenes in various capacities including set design and construction, make-up, sound and lighting.

**PRODUCTION CREW**    *Moderator – Mr. Frazee*

The production crew is involved in all stage productions, involving light, sound and backstage. The crew meets every Friday Flex period to train and to discuss upcoming events. Work is primarily after school, evenings and on weekends, but will occasionally be part of school events. Students will graduate with professional knowledge of stage production.