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2018-2019

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**Tangents**

Advisor: Jill Vaughn  
Meeting Dates: Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Room 127

Tangents is the literary club and magazine of Lawrence High School. Student members share their creative work, exchange constructive criticism, and engage in intellectual discussions. Its aim is to allow students to express themselves creatively and to interact with other writers/artists. Students share poetry, fiction, and drawings. The culminating project is the publication of our own Tangents magazine, which is written, edited, and designed by students.

**Theater Company**

Advisor: Lorie Baldwin  
Meeting Dates: Play Rehearsal - Monday-Friday, 2:50-4:30 p.m. during the early rehearsals. Rehearsal schedule are posted at lhstheatercompany.weebly.com  
Meeting Location: Auditorium & Black Box Theater

The Theater Company provides students with theater experience both on and off stage through producing "Theater Sports Night" (improvisational comedy), a fall drama, and a spring musical. Students will gain experience in acting, stage management, stage make up and prop and costume managing. Opportunities will also be provided to see and talk with professionals in the theater community through a trip to New York City and a theater competition at West Chester University. Continued work with our theater company earns students membership into the International Thespian Society, an honor society for demonstrating excellence in the high school theater program.

**Tri-M**

Advisors: Mandy Johnson & Mike Drobish  
Meeting Dates: After School – See advisors for details  
Meeting Location: Room 401

The Tri-M Music Honor Society, a program of MENC, The National Association for Music Education, recognizes music students for their efforts and accomplishments in music on the basis of musicianship, scholarship, character, leadership, and service to their school and community. The organization’s high standards serve to challenge students to greater effort and achievement and to encourage the pursuit of excellence. Students must be rising juniors or seniors to be eligible for membership. Students must be enrolled in a school-sponsored music class for at least one semester during the current year. Students must have maintained at least an A average in their music course during the previous year and at least a B average total in their academic subject areas. Students must exemplify the following characteristics: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship. Applications are submitted in April for the following school year.
**Student Council**
Advisor: Doreen Welsh  
**Meeting Dates:** Every Wednesday, 7:20-7:40 a.m. through October; 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:20-7:40 a.m. November - June  
**Meeting Location:** Guidance Career Center  
Student Council welcomes all interested students and offers them the opportunity to become involved in social functions and community projects throughout the entire school year. Homecoming is the biggest event of the year and funding from this event is used to finance school projects and student scholarships for graduating seniors. Student Council trains students in the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship, using the school environment as the primary training ground.

**Student Leadership**
Advisors: Rebecca Burdick, Ms. Hoch, Dawn Recentio, Nicole Walter  
**Meeting Dates:** One Tuesday per Month, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Library  
Juniors and seniors are selected to be Student Leaders through a competitive application and interview process. Student leaders help freshmen with their orientation and transition to the high school. Student Leaders design and implement the summer orientation program. During the school year, they use study halls and lunch periods to work with students and complete projects. Student leaders are required to attend one monthly night meeting to plan and discuss freshman transition, school climate projects, service learning and other leadership activities.

**Students Against Violating the Earth (SAVE)**
Advisor: Debbie Randall  
**Meeting Dates:** To Be Determined – See advisor for details  
**Meeting Location:** Room 112  
SAVE focuses on local and global environmental issues. It has “adopted” over 45 acres of rain forest through The Natural Conservancy, created the LHS Bird Sanctuary, and last year gave out reusable grocery bags to promote our mission of using less plastic. We celebrate Earth Day each year and donate money to various wildlife and environmental organizations. We hope to spread the word of “reduce, reuse and recycle” and educate others about endangered and threatened species as we help protect our fragile planet.

**Students Helping Honduras (SHH)**
Advisor: Alyssa Katz  
**Meeting Dates:** Wednesday After School – See advisor for details  
**Meeting Location:** Room 207  
SHH is an organization that works to alleviate extreme poverty and violence in Honduras through education and youth empowerment. Students raise money throughout the year to build schools, transitional homes, children's homes, and other structures that help serve the children of Honduras. Our goal is to build 1000 schools so that every child in Honduras has access to an education. The main focus of SHH is on fundraising and raising community awareness. Students may also have the opportunity to travel to Honduras to build schools.

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**Class Officers and Executive Boards**

**Aims for the Class Officers & Executive Boards:**
- To present practical information and ideas on planning, organizing, managing and supervising student activities
- To develop a spirit of sharing and cooperation while facilitating a forum for the exchange of ideas among student leaders, peers, and advisors
- To encourage the class to become involved in meaningful activities targeting the entire population of the class, the school, and the community
- To assist in creating a more energetic and involved school environment serving as a platform for extracurricular activities organized by the class

**Objectives for the Class Officers:**
- To assist each other in sharing information and monitoring the practice of student leadership activities for the class
- To encourage students to develop more self-confidence, awareness and maturity by interacting with their peer counterparts and the community
- To provide students with a forum which enhances interaction with their peers, teachers, and community, helps to develop their talents, and fosters the ability to become stronger individuals and leaders while promoting a strong sense of value and self-worth
- To ensure the greatest participation in class and school sponsored activities
- To better organize events for students and avoid duplicity of efforts

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**Class of 2019 - SENIORS**
Advisor: Ms. Brunner  
**Meeting Dates:** See advisor for details  
**Meeting Location:** Room 140

**Class of 2020 - JUNIORS**
Advisor: Ms. Huber  
**Meeting Dates:** See advisor for details  
**Meeting Location:** Room 720

**Class of 2021 - SOPHOMORES**
Advisor: Ms. Recentio  
**Meeting Dates:** See advisor for details  
**Meeting Location:** Room 226

**Class of 2022 - FRESHMEN**
Advisor: Ms. Szczeczeck  
**Meeting Dates:** See advisor for details  
**Meeting Location:** Guidance
National Honor Society (continued)
The National Honor Society of Secondary Schools (NHS) is an honorary organization. The purpose of this organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

The NHS is under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Eligible students must meet the criteria specified in the student handbook. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service in accordance with the National guidelines. Members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities and participate in the chapter activities according to the requirements established by the Lawrence Chapter. NHS sponsors the charity fundraiser, Teacher Jeopardy, held annually in March. Induction for new members is held annually in April. Members participate in Homework Center and Destinations on a weekly basis.

Operation Smile
Advisor: Cheryl Eng
Dates: Tuesdays, 7:15 a.m.
Meeting Location: Room 312
Operation Smile Youth Associates are part of a worldwide, United Nations affiliated, non-profit organization dedicated to providing free reconstructive surgery to children and young adults in the United States as well as developing nations. By understanding their causes and treatments, Operation Smile’s goal is to increase the awareness and acceptance of physical deformities. Operation Smile also sponsors a Thanksgiving fundraiser.

Science Olympiad Tournament Team
Advisor: Gwenn Andahazy
Meeting Dates: Fridays, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Science Olympiad is a National Organization which hosts Regional and State competitions, with the top team in each state earning the privilege to compete among all 50 states at the annual National competition. The LHS Science Olympiad Team is comprised of 18 competitors and up to 12 alternates who excel in scientific and engineering disciplines. Our team meets weekly. In addition, competitors are strongly urged to study independently and to meet or communicate with their event partners on an on-going basis to optimize performance at competitions. Sample competitive events include: Anatomy & Physiology, Astronomy, Chem Lab, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Ecology, Electric Vehicle, Experimental Design, Forensics, Game On, Helicopters, Hydrogeology, Invasive Species, Material Sciences, Microbe Mission, Optics, Remote Sensing, Robot Arm, Rocks and Minerals, Towers, and Wind Power. BUILDERS WELCOME! Qualifying testing occurs in May to form the team that will work together for the entire season.

Change in Action (CIA)
Advisor: Ann DeGennaro
Meeting Dates: Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Room 301
The CIA group is for students who embrace a drug-free lifestyle and serve as role models in the school. They focus on issues facing our youth today, and embrace anti-bullying and anti-racism initiatives as well as efforts to support the rights of all people regardless of sexual orientation. Some sponsored programs involve anti-drug messages, teen dating violence, suicide awareness, random acts of kindness, and community service. They provide drug-free social activities for the school and community, and participate in the activities of the Lawrence Drug Alliance. Funded by the Lawrence Drug Alliance, members attend the state-wide leadership conference to learn about drug and alcohol issues and draft specific plans to bring back to the school.

Chemistry Club
Advisor: Jonathan Marbach
Meeting Dates: First Thursday of the month
Meeting Location: Room 309
"Chemistry is fun!" Sometimes it shows in our classes; however, some interesting material is squeezed out by curricular requirements. We explore activities and experiments that there may be no time for during class or for students not enrolled in chemistry. Join the Chemistry Club to check out the Hei-sen-Jinx.

Color Guard
Advisor: Andrea Meyer
Meeting Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-8:30 p.m., Friday football games, Saturday competitions
Meeting Location: 401
The Color Guard is the visual section of the Marching Band. The Color Guard utilizes flags, dance, and other equipment to bring the Marching Band’s music to life. The Color Guard performs a field show at football games and competitions. We also perform in parades and community events. Members of the marching band attend a week long band camp over the summer and learn choreography and drill for the halftime show. No experience necessary. Passion and dedication to the group are all that is required. New members are always welcome!

Dance Team
Advisor: Natasha Whitaker
Meeting Dates: November-February, Monday-Thursday 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Auxiliary Gym/Cafeteria
The Lawrence dance team provides an outlet for students to express themselves while supporting the school community. The team works hard to practice a variety of dance styles. The team strengthens and conditions daily and works on classical technique. Dance team members perform at basketball games, competitions, and other LHS events. The LHS dance team is a source of entertainment as well as full of school spirit. The team is always in need of additional talent, so new members are welcome!

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**Math League**  
Advisors: Jackie McSheene and Dawn Recentio  
Dates: Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Room 226  
Competition Dates: Select Tuesdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m. (schedule TBD)  
Math League gives students the opportunity to compete against other schools in mathematics. Students improve on their math skills by working together at practices, solving problems that require critical thinking skills. The Math League is open to students of all levels of math.

**Model Congress**  
Advisor: Dan Wolf  
Dates: Wednesdays as needed October-March, 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Room 230  
Model Congress provides students with experience and insight into our legislative system by having students write planks, write bills, debate bills, vote for party leaders, show allegiance to a political party, and simulate real Congress by attending the NJ Statehouse and Rider University while competing with other schools.

**Model United Nations (UN)**  
Advisor: Samar Khan  
Dates: Tuesdays, 7:15-7:40 a.m.  
Meeting Location: Cafeteria  
Model United Nations (UN) club requires substantial independent work. Students participating in the Model UN Club will be assigned countries to research and represent at the Model UN Conference at the United Nations in New York City. Students will play the role of delegates from countries around the world and interact with other school delegates to discuss, debate and work together to attempt to solve serious problems facing the world today.  
*Please note that the club requires substantial independent work.*

**National History Day**  
Advisor: Priscilla Taylor  
Meeting Dates: Thursdays, 3:00-4:00pm  
Meeting Location: Room 230  
The National History Day club participates in a worldwide academic research competition that begins on a Regional level in March, advances to a State level in May, and culminates in a National event in June at the University of Maryland. In groups or as individuals, students create either websites, exhibits, documentaries, performances or papers on the historical topic of their choice that supports NHD’s annual theme.  
**This year's theme: "Triumph & Tragedy in History."**

**National Honor Society**  
Advisors: Ms. Haughey and Ms. Mallon  
Full Chapter Meeting Dates: Monthly, 7:15-7:40 a.m. (Tuesdays/Wednesdays)  
Officer Meeting Dates: Weekly 7:15-7:40 a.m. (Tuesdays/Wednesdays)  
Committee Meeting Dates: Bi-monthly Tuesday/Wednesday of each month  
Meeting Location: Room 142  
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**Debate Team (Forensics)**  
Advisor: Megan Confroy  
Meeting Dates: September-November, Tuesdays, 2:50-4:00 p.m., Thursdays, 2:50-6:15 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Room 139  
The Debate Team is an academic activity that requires research, speech writing, public speaking and excellent organizational skills. Students learn to think critically and listen carefully so that they can cross-examine their opponents. The goal is to fine-tune and enhance these skills and incorporate them into classes.

**DECA**  
Advisors: Diane Schneck & John Tees  
Meeting Dates: Daily during Business class  
Meeting Location: Various State & National Competitions  
This vocational organization, composed of students in Marketing Education classes, prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in Marketing, Finance, Hospitality, and Management in high schools and college around the globe. Students in the DECA program will earn an appreciation of, and an abiding interest in the many opportunities available in the field of Marketing.

**District Media Crew**  
Advisor: Tom Ervin  
Meeting Dates: Meet with advisor independently  
Meeting Location: Technology Center – below Room 301  
Students on the District Media Crew may learn audio-visual repair, videotaping, editing, theater lighting, and sound system operations. Students may also choose to work cameras or announce for LTPS-TV (seen on Comcast Channel 19 and Verizon Channel 37). Members of the Crew have the opportunity to work for pay. Sign up through the Guidance Office to attend as a non-credit class or see Mr. Ervin in the District Media Center for after school opportunities.

**Driver’s Education Club**  
Advisor: Katie O’Gorman  
Meeting Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays – See advisor for details  
Meeting Location: Room 314  
The Driver’s Education Club promotes safe teen driving within our school and community. They raise awareness of the dangers of driving and make a positive impact on new drivers. They also compete in the New Jersey “U Got Brains” competition in the spring, where they develop a campaign within our school and community to address teen driving safety. During the year, the club provides community service while discussing, planning, and implementing various strategies to raise awareness. Students utilize social media, guest speakers, videos, blogs, traditional media or other means to help spread our message.

**Engineering Club**  
Advisor: Larry Rush  
Meeting Dates: Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Room 303  
This is newly formed club that explores various engineering topics through hands-on projects.
Gospel Choir
Advisor/Directress: Jametta Clarke
Meeting Dates: Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Room 403
The LHS Gospel Choir encourages and inspires students of all races, creeds, and colors to bond under the fellowship of gospel music. In addition, the Gospel Choir provides an atmosphere for LHS students to showcase their musical, vocal, oratorical, and dance talents, as well as to learn and embrace one another and the surrounding community with love and kindness. Membership is open to all students enrolled at LHS and some special exceptions apply to other interested students within LTPS. *Gospel Choir now includes a Traveling Ensemble section, which consists of members who demonstrate strong musical and lyrical ability with limited aid of the adviser/director.*

Green Action Team
Advisor: Gwenn Andahazy
Meeting Dates: First Tuesday monthly and other dates TBA
Meeting Location: Room 105
The LHS Green Action Team is a student-operated team that engages in actions to improve sustainability at LHS. The team's agenda is guided by the district Green Team, led by the Superintendent, with the mission to take action that will earn points for LHS to earn the coveted Sustainable NJ certification. As of September 2017 they have earned enough points to achieve Bronze Level! As they strive for Silver Level, GAT students will lead an assertive recycling campaign and build educational botanical gardens in three courtyard spaces. Finally, they support programming initiated by SAVE - a long-standing Environmental group at LHS. New members are welcome!

Homework Center
Advisors: Lorraine Calabro, Erica Ingram, Jackie McSheene, Greg Meehl, Bonnie Wolf, Dan Wolf
Meeting Location: Library
Homework Center gives provides an opportunity to get academic support. Many students find this a way to complete their homework in a quiet setting.

Interact
Advisor: Jill Vaughn
Meeting Location: Library
The Interact Club provides community service and gives young people the opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills. Students will demonstrate helpfulness and respect for others and will learn the value of individual responsibility and hard work.

International Alliance
Advisor: Ghazala Quddus
Meeting Location: Library Well
International Alliance is a culturally diverse organization that helps LHS students learn about and embrace the differences in our student population. Fundraisers

International Alliance (continued)
not only raise money for charities, but they also help students learn about the different cultures present in our hallways and classrooms.

Jazz Band
Advisors: Ron Taglairino & Mike Drobish
Meeting Location: Room 401

Lawrencian Newspaper
Advisor: Ewa Elliott
Meeting Location: Room 401
The Lawrencian is Lawrence High School's Newspaper. Students on the staff of the Lawrencian will write articles, interview students, faculty, administration, and community members, take pictures, and use technology to layout the school newspaper. The Lawrencian distributes a quality school newspaper throughout the school year featuring articles on: school, local, and international news, and information on faculty, administration, clubs, fundraisers, community and sporting events, and extracurricular activities.

Library Club
Advisor: Ewa Elliott
Meeting Location: Library
The LHS Library Club is a group of dedicated individuals who work to promote our Media Center Library. The club meets every day finding creative ways to advocate for the library. We collaborate with the LHS community by organizing events such as: Hour of Code, Poetry Slam, showing movies and more! The club gives an opportunity to develop team building skills, communication skills and gain work experience you can add to your resume!

LHS Marching Band (Red Scare)
Advisors: Mike Drobish & Andrea Meyer
Meeting Location: Room 401
The LHS marching band is the heart and soul of LHS. The band performs at school football games, parades, competitions and community events. Members of the marching band attend a week long band camp over the summer and learn music and drill for the halftime show. Marching Band members focus on pride and precision while entertaining audiences and supporting the school community. The field show is learned during band camp and perfected over the course of the season. The band follows in the footsteps of traditional marching band programs and new members are always encouraged.