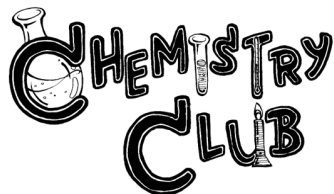




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Tangents

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Tangents is the literary and arts 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 and artists. Students share poetry, fiction, drawings, short stories, and photography, to name a few. The culminating project is the publication of our own Tangents magazine, which is written, edited, and designed by students.

Theater Company

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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 (Modern Music Masters)

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Tri-M is the only national honors society for student musicians in the country. The honors society opens up a world of opportunities for students who have already shown themselves to be academically capable and musically gifted. Through performance and community service, students develop confidence, creativity, critical thinking, compassion, and a host of other leadership skills sure to serve them well in school and beyond.

Students accrue points through performance and service that goes beyond the scope of the classroom, and are recognized and celebrated for those efforts at the end of the year.

Student Council

Advisor: Doreen Welsh

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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

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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

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SAVE focuses on local and global environmental issues. It has “adopted” over 45 acres of rain forest through The Nature Conservancy, created the LHS Bird Sanctuary, and gave out reusable grocery bags to promote our mission of using less plastic. We celebrate Earth Day each year and raise money to donate 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

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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.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

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

CLASS ADVISORS

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Class of 2022 - FRESHMEN
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Community in Action (CIA)

Advisor: Ann DeGennaro

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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

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"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

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The Color Guard is the visual section of the Marching Band, and 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, and also performs in parades and community events. Members 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 are required. New members welcome!

Debate Team (Forensics) - September through November

Advisor: Megan Confroy

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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.

National Honor Society (continued)

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 the spring. 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

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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.

Science Olympiad Tournament Team

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The LHS Science Olympiad Team operates under the National Science Olympiad and NJ Science Olympiad Organizations which host Regional and State competitions, with the top team in each state earning the privilege to compete among all 50 states at the annual National Tournament. The LHS Science Olympiad Team is comprised of 18 competitors and up to 12 alternates who excel in scientific and engineering disciplines. The team meets twice weekly. In addition, competitors are expected to study independently and to meet or communicate with their event partners on an on-going basis to optimize performance at tournaments. Sample competitive events include: Anatomy & Physiology, Astronomy, Chemistry Lab, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Ecology, Electric Vehicle, Experimental Design, Forensics, Helicopters, Herpetology, Hydrogeology, Invasive Species, Material Sciences, Microbe Mission, Optics, Ornithology, Remote Sensing, Robot Arm, Rocks and Minerals, Towers, and Wind Power. All testing content in our division is college-level. Qualifying test occurs in May to form the team that will work together for the entire season which runs from May to the following March. **BUILDERS WELCOME!**

Math League

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Math League gives students the opportunity to compete with students from other schools in mathematics. Members 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

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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: Emily Dalton

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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. **This club requires substantial independent work.*

National History Day

Advisor: Priscilla Taylor

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The National History Day club participates in a worldwide academic research competition on a Regional level in March, the New Jersey State level in May, and at Nationals in June at the University of Maryland. In groups or as individuals, students analyze primary and secondary sources to support their thesis and create either websites, exhibits, documentaries, performances or papers on the historical topic of their choice that fits NHD's annual theme. This year's theme: "Breaking Barriers in History."

National Honor Society

Advisor: Michele Haughey

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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.

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DECA

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This 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 colleges 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

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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

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The Driver's Education Club promotes safe teen driving practices 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, and various projects to help spread their message.

Engineering Club

Advisor: Larry Rush

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This is newly formed club that explores various engineering topics through hands-on projects.

Gospel Choir

Advisor/Directress: Jametta Clarke

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The LHS Gospel Choir encourages and inspires students of all races, creeds, and colors to bond under the fellowship of gospel music.

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Gospel Choir (continued)

In addition, the Gospel Choir provides an atmosphere for LHS students to showcase their musical, vocal, oratorical, and dance talents, as well as to embrace one another and the surrounding community with love and kindness. Membership is open to all students enrolled at LHS; 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

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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 LTPS district Green Team, led by the Superintendent, with the mission to take action that will earn points for LHS and all district schools to be awarded the coveted Sustainable NJ certification. As of September 2017 all Lawrence Township Public Schools have earned the points required to achieve *Bronze Level!* As the district strives for Silver Level, Green Action students and staff in all seven schools will lead assertive recycling campaigns, maintain educational botanical gardens and/or composting stations, and provide education to our surrounding community. Finally, the LHS Green Action Team supports programming initiated by SAVE - a long-standing environmental group at LHS.

Homework Center (LHS Library)

Advisors: Lorraine Calabro, Rachael Roster, Erica Ingram, Greg Meehl, Ghazala Quddus, Mojgan Salehi, Bonnie Wolf

Dates: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Homework Center 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

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Interact provides community service and gives students 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

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International Alliance is a culturally-diverse organization that helps students learn about and embrace the differences in our population. Fundraisers not only raise money for charities, but also help students learn about the different cultures present in our hallways and classrooms.

Jazz Band

Advisor: Mike Drobish

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Students of all performance levels are welcome regardless of their primary instrument. Members are expected to participate in the annual Black History Celebration in February and the annual Jazz Fest concert in April; students should also plan to participate in other performing opportunities within the community which may occur in May or early June. Select musicians will be invited to perform in small combos at the discretion of the director.

Lawrencian Newspaper

Advisor: Ewa Elliott

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The Lawrencian is Lawrence High School's Newspaper distributed only in digital format. 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's 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. Follow us on Twitter @LHSMediaCenter.

Library Club

Advisor: Ewa Elliott

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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

Advisors: Mike Drobish & Andrea Meyer

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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. 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.