

*Palatine High School  
Student Activity Program  
Handbook*



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***The faculty and administration take pride in the academic and extracurricular programs offered at Palatine High School. We strongly encourage your active participation in the opportunities for your learning and personal development here, within the classroom and through the activity and athletic programs.***

***Palatine High School offers a complete and varied activity program. It includes numerous types of curricular activities: special interest clubs; publications; student leadership organizations; fine arts; career programs; athletic groups and sports. Faculty members are knowledgeable and dedicated in providing a valuable extracurricular experience for all PHS students***

***Become a participant in your student activity program. You'll find it rewarding, memorable and fun.***



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## **Activity Philosophy**

The Board of Education and professional staff have a responsibility to develop individual students to be productive citizens. Recognizing that the best interests of society and the best interests of the individual are compatible, it is our belief that schools should provide students with the opportunity to develop skills which will enable them to lead productive lives in our democratic society.

Our student activity program, therefore, is an integral part of our educational plan. Activity groups may be organized in order to enhance current curricular offerings; to provide a particular service to the school community; or to engage in interscholastic activities.

Participation in student activities will encourage each individual to develop:

1. Concern for others by organizing service projects and volunteer programs, and for contributing positively to society.
2. Goal setting and accomplishment skills.
3. An ability to work and socialize cooperatively with peers.
4. Social and cultural interests for an active and productive lifestyle.
5. A positive self-image realized through a sense of accomplishment.
6. An ability to participate in the decision-making process, assisting others to feel competent and to have a sense of loyalty to their school.
7. Broad and varied programs that will meet the needs and interests of all students.
8. Interpersonal communication skills through experiences which build character and enable students to meet personal challenges.

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# Township High School District 211

## Student Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation



The student-athlete must be passing at least twenty-five (25) credit hours (may include PE) of high school work per week.

If student is not passing 25 credit hours per week, they will be ineligible to compete the following week, but may practice.

The student-athlete, unless entering high school for the first time, must have credit on the school records for 25 credit hours of high school work for the previous semester.

If a student-athlete does not satisfy this requirement, he/she will be ineligible for the following semester.

*In addition to IHSA requirements, Township High School District 211 implements the following requirements for any student who participates in athletics and/or competitive activities.*

- ◆ Students (*all grade levels*) receiving an F or GPA less than 2.0 at the completion of Quarter 1, Semester 1, Quarter 3, or Semester 2, will be placed on probation. *Physical Education and Driver Education are not included when determining the D211 athletic GPA.*
- ◆ If a student is placed on probation, he/she will be assigned to an academic intervention, such as a study hall, for a minimum of three days per week.
- ◆ Placement in academic interventions will be arranged by the athletic director or activity director.
- ◆ Attendance for academic interventions is mandatory throughout the assigned grading period.
- ◆ The third unexcused absence from the assigned intervention per grading period will result in the student being ineligible to participate for the remainder of the grading period.
- ◆ Coaches will receive weekly reports indicating student progress.

### Eligibility

Students at Palatine High School Can compete in interscholastic competitive activities. Interscholastic competitive activities include: Business Professionals of America, Chess Team, Color Guard, Competitive Dance Team (Poms), Debate Team, Family Career and Community Leaders of America - FCCLA, HOSA, Journalism, Math Team, Scholastic Bowl, Science Olympiad, Special Olympics and Speech Team. Palatine is a member of the Mid-Suburban League and the other member schools are Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Conant, Elk Grove, Fremd, Hersey, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Wheeling. In addition, Palatine High School is a member of the Illinois High School Association. Many of our competitive activities compete in the IHSA State Series while others compete in their respective organization's state competition or series.

To be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, athletes must:

1. Register online for their selected competitive activity.
2. Meet District 211 academic eligibility requirements, be passing the sum of five units of credcit during the period of participation and the previous semester
3. Meet other Illinois High School Association requirements dealing with residence, school attendance and eligibility; if your competitive activity is run through IHSA.

# Competitive Activities

## Business Professional of America

*Sponsor: B. Carroll, A. Stewart*

BPA provides an opportunity for students interested in competing in business management, marketing, accounting, human resources and other related career fields. Our 90+ members compete either as individuals or as a team with hopes to qualify for the state competition held annually in March.

## Chess Team

*Sponsor: S. Fisher-Rhode*



The Chess team is made up of those individuals PHS who want to compete in the North Suburban Chess League. League play is from October to February and the State meet takes place in March. There is no limit to the number of members of the team; however, only eight people may compete in a league match for the team. The team meets twice a week, and participation in matches requires more of a time commitment.

## Color Guard

*Sponsor: V. Okrasinski, E. Pilguy*

Color Guard members are an important contribution to the audience appeal of the Marching Band. They march with the band in parades, football games, basketball games, and some assemblies. The squad also competes throughout the year and has won many awards. Membership is unlimited, but is determined by tryouts held in April.

## Competitive Dance Team (Poms)

*Sponsor: A. Mitchell, M. Williams*

Palatine's Competitive Dance Team encourages school spirit through participation in pep rallies, halftime performances during football and basketball games, and volunteering at school events. The team also competes in dance competitions through IHSA Competitive Dance (Nov-Jan) striving for the State Title. Tryouts are held in April for current students and August for incoming freshmen; membership is limited to 16-24 students. Members have the choice to try out for the spirit team and/or competition team.



## Debate Team

*Sponsor: B. Moreno*

The Debate Team at PHS is an IHSA, ISTA, and NFL sanctioned competitive activity for which students can earn varsity letters. Pirates can debate in one of two formats: Public Forum or Lincoln-Douglas. Debate topics change monthly. Debaters practice twice a week and compete on Saturday mornings from September through March. The season culminates in state competitions.

## FCCLA

*Sponsor: K. Hibner, K. Stary*

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Everyone is part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus.

## HOSA Club

*Sponsor: V. Deguia, K. Andrianopoulos*

The purpose of the HOSA club is to develop leadership and technical skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program. HOSA is for students interested in health careers. HOSA students are the future health professionals of America.

## Journalism

*Information forth coming*

## Math Team

Sponsor: C. Barnes



Math Team is an interscholastic activity. The local league consists of fifty-five teams in the metropolitan Chicago area. There are five local competitions per year, a District 211 meet, a regional meet, and a state competition at U of I in May.

Members also participate in a written monthly contest on Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior topics, plus one additional oral topic. Some competitions include relay and calculator computations. The team meets weekly throughout the school year.

## Scholastic Bowl

Sponsor: R. Hall

Like Jeopardy! Scholastic Bowl challenges the intellect of its participants. This is an IHSA sanctioned activity that enables students to receive a letter. Questions, covering a variety of topic areas, are posed to individuals and the team. Teamwork, knowledge and good sportsmanship are emphasized. This team is active from October through March and practices are held once or twice weekly. In addition, meets are held on Thursdays and competitions are occasionally held on Saturdays. There is no membership limit and practices are scheduled to fit students' schedules.

## Science Olympiad

Sponsor: C. Garrison



Science Olympiad is a team competition which tests knowledge of various science topics and engineering ability. We compete in four invitational tournaments and a regional tournament each year. Students compete in twenty-three different fields, falling into three main categories: Science Concepts and Knowledge, Science Processes and Thinking Skills, and Science Application and Technology. The events are either knowledge-based, hands-on problem solving, or engineering-based. Knowledge-based events generally have two participants taking a test or analyzing data. Hands-on events generally consist of two participants performing experiments or interacting with physical objects to achieve a goal. Engineering-based events have a team of two to three students who, following specific parameters, construct a device, and test the device in a prescribed way. Teams receive a score in each event, and medals are awarded according to score. Team standings are determined by a team's overall success in the 23 events.

## Special Olympics

Sponsor: C. Fredrick

Special Olympics is a competitive athletic organization for cognitively and physically challenged students. Teams are organized to participate in volleyball, basketball, power lifting, and track and field events. Area, District, and State competitions are held on weekends at various suburban sites. Practices are held in the evenings and during the athlete's physical education class time.

## Speech Team

Sponsor: L. Sheehan

The Speech Team at PHS is an IHSA sanctioned activity and students can receive a letter for participating. This organization is similar to theater arts. Public speaking skills are emphasized. Members can participate in many events including Dramatic Duet Acting, Humorous Duet Acting, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry, Prose, Oratorical Declamation, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Original Comedy, Special Occasion Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, and Radio Speaking. The team meets weekly after school. Once the season has started, the team competes on Saturdays as well.





# Fine Arts and Major Productions



## Band, Choral, and Orchestra Programs

*Sponsors: C. Esquivel, M. Koehlinger, D. Pham*

The Fine Arts Program encompasses the following vocal and instrumental activities: Midnight Blues, The Guys!, Treble in Paradise, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Lab Band (Pit Orchestra) and Chamber Strings. Each group prepares music for several public performances both in and out of school which are presented during the school year. The time commitment varies and includes personal practicing and limited evening rehearsals. In order to participate, students must be involved in a PHS music class.

## The Children's Production

*Sponsor: S. Dyson*

The Children's Production is a Spring event that includes a short play suited for children 3 and older. Games, activities, meet the characters, and snacks will all be a part of this fun event! The 2017-2018 Children's Production will be on Saturday, May 5th at 10:30am in the auditorium.

## Dance Show

*Sponsor: K. Coleman*

Palatine High School Orchesis, under the direction of Krystal Coleman and assisted by Sarina Ramirez, host the fall dance show. The show displays all forms of dance including ballet, jazz, hip-hop, modern, contemporary, break-dancing, lyrical, tap, character, multicultural, choreography, etc. Show dates will take place November 2, 3, & 4 at Palatine High School. Come join us as we showcase "Seasons" this fall!

## Auditorium Tech Crew

*Sponsor: D. Gross*

Auditorium Tech Crew is the behind-the-scenes group at PHS that make the plays, musicals and other stage presentations unique. Members are involved in making sets and props, working lights and sounds, and moving sets during performances. They also coordinate costumes, learn stage make-up and do whatever else is needed to make the theatrical production a success.

## Fall Play

*Sponsors: E. Fazio, D. Gross, J. Means*

The Fall Play is open to all students interested in gaining experience in stage productions. The number of participants is limited to the number of parts in the play and tryouts are held in the beginning of the school year.

## Improv

*Sponsor: S. Dyson*

The Palatine Improv Players practice the art of improvisation and acting skills weekly in order to prepare for three major performances throughout the year entitled, A Night At The Altergott. We also find other venues to perform and attend improv performances when available.

## Orchesis

*Sponsor: K. Coleman*



Orchesis was founded in 1960 and is the official dance group of PHS. After spring tryouts, members create, costume and produce the annual Dance Show. Students also participate in Homecoming, Variety Show, and assemblies. Orchesis encourages creativity through the exploration of dance forms (ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and hip-hop), while emphasizing fundamental skills and individual expression.

## Theatre Guides

*Sponsor: D. Gross, S. Hayden, J. Means*

This club is open to students interested in ushering at school functions, including theater productions and concerts. Membership is unlimited and involves six brief Theatre Guide meetings during the school day. This group is active throughout the school year.

## Variety Show

*Sponsor: D. Wright*

Produced in April, the Variety Show allows students the opportunity to display their talents. Various types of performances are featured, including vocal solos, pantomime, dances, comedy, instrumentals, and skits. Tryouts will be held in the Spring.

## Winter Musical

*Sponsor: J. Klingner*

PHS students select and perform one musical per year. This event is the largest theatrical production of the year, and three performances of the musical are presented. Students may participate in acting, solos, dancing, choral work, and stage band. Tryouts are held, and the number of available parts depends upon the musical chosen.

# Honor Societies

## Art Honor Society

The mission of The National Art Honor Society program at PHS is to inspire and recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in attaining the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community. As part of this program students will learn art making techniques, connect with visiting artists and curate art shows for school and community. Information on joining will be available during announcements or stop by the art office. No experience necessary.

## National Business Honor Society

The objective of the National Business Honor Society is to promote and recognize academic achievement in business education. NBHS encourages leadership skills and helps members grow ethically and socially in the business field. Membership is by a selection committee and is based on Junior and Senior class standing, enrollment in at least three semesters of business classes, overall GPA, as well as business education GPA.

## Modern Music Masters (Tri-M)

Membership in Tri-M is based on musicianship, scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students apply at the beginning of second semester during their sophomore year. Tri-M sponsors a variety of programs for the community and area music programs. Programs include performances at nursing homes and elementary schools, assisting with after-school rehearsals, mentoring other students, ushering for PHS concerts, sponsoring social events for PHS music students, and other community service projects.



## National Honor Society (NHS)

Membership in NHS is based on scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students apply at the beginning of second semester during their junior year. NHS sponsors an annual induction ceremony for members and their parents.

Members also assist in tutoring other students, helping run the Ray Mills Trivia Night, organizing an annual blood drive, and other community service projects.

## Social Studies Honor Society

Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society is the only national honor society in this field. It is part of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). At Palatine High School, students are eligible if they have completed two years of Social Studies and have a 3.5 GPA in their Social Studies coursework and a 3.0 GPA overall. Students are selected based on that criteria and an application essay. Members complete one major service event a semester, typically as a large group. The organization aims to service the school and community with the values exemplified by the discipline of the Social Sciences. Last year PHS inducted its inaugural group with about 30 members. The Palatine High School chapter will begin the year with a great group of seniors and will be accepting applications for new members early this Fall semester.

## International Thespian Honor Society

The International Thespian Society (ITS), founded in 1929, is an honorary organization for high school and middle school theatre students located at more than 4,200 affiliated secondary schools across America, Canada, and abroad. Since 1929, the Educational Theatre Association has inducted more than 2 million Thespians, and that number grows by more than 36,000 students each year. The mission of ITS is to honor student achievement in the theatre arts.

## World Language Honor Society

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# Student Leadership Organizations

## Presidents Club

*Sponsor: J. Grapenthin*

Presidents Club is comprised of officer representatives from clubs at PHS. All clubs are asked to be represented and sponsors usually decide which student will be a part of Presidents Club. Meetings are held twice a month during the school day from September through May. Leadership is emphasized and different members are asked to lead each meeting. Students participate in various leadership activities, experiment with different leadership roles, and get involved with community service. This organization serves as a means of communication between the Activities Director and the various clubs at PHS.



## Student Council

*Sponsor: J. Nowak, D. Batterton,  
S. Pierropoulos*

Student Council is an organization that represents and serves the entire student body. It provides a forum for student participation in government, social events, and service activities. Four officers are elected each year by the student body. Meetings are held weekly throughout the school year and there are no membership limits.

## Varsity Club

*Sponsor: P. Belo*

Varsity Club serves to promote interest in sports, foster good sportsmanship, develop school spirit, and assist in the school sports program. Members do charitable acts, help to promote school spirit, raise money to purchase sports equipment, and arrange sporting trips. Membership is unlimited and the club is active throughout the school year. Meetings are held on a monthly basis before school.

## CLASS BOARDS

PHS Class Board Members are responsible for organizing class activities for one year. Sophomore, Junior and Senior Classes select Board Members in the spring, while the Freshman Class selects members in the fall. Any student is eligible to run for Board membership and participation in class activities are open to all students,

## Freshman Class Board

*Sponsor: E. Luzzader, T. O'Connell*

The main purpose of the Freshman Class Board is to encourage class and school involvement. Members participate in Homecoming and other school activities. They also build the class treasury through fund-raising projects and participate in community service projects.

## Sophomore Class Board

*Sponsor: M. Castro, N. Richmond*

Members of the Sophomore Class Board participate in Homecoming activities, service projects and class ring selections. Fund-raisers are also held to increase the class treasury for the prom (which is sponsored by the class as juniors).

## Junior Class Board

*Sponsor: L. Vosburgh, B. Carroll*

The major responsibility of the Junior Class Board is planning and organizing the Junior/Senior Prom, held in the spring. Members of the Board participate in Homecoming and fund-raising activities as well.

## Senior Class Board

*Sponsor: J. Grapenthin, S. O'Brien*

The Senior Class Board plans graduation and related events, including ordering announcements, caps, and gowns. Members also organize picnics, concerts, the senior breakfast, and the senior assembly, held on the first day of school.

# Publications

## Cutlass — Newspaper

*Sponsor: S. Berleman, J. Leathem*

Cutlass, the online student publication, is updated throughout the school year. School events, news, feature stories and video announcements are included. Members assist in writing, photography, video and web layout. Many positions with various time commitments are offered.



## face — Literary Magazine

*Sponsor: R. Bartlett, L. Broemmelsiek*

face is the school's literary arts magazine. Any student can submit poems, stories, artwork, or any other form of written material for publication. Staff meetings are held about once a week and focus on format, layout, and the review of poems and articles.

## Spotlight — Yearbook

*Sponsor: A. Paul, J. Aulisio*



Spotlight is the PHS Yearbook. Staff members work daily to create a chronicle of the year's sports, clubs, dances, theatrical and musical productions, as well as student life features. Students create all designs, themes, and stories – and take more than 80% of the candid photographs. Spotlight demands and teaches excellent journalistic skills and employs the latest computer graphics hardware and software in its production.

# Special Interest Clubs

## Aquarium Club

*Sponsor: L. Skony*

Aquarium Club meets on a weekly basis throughout the school year. All students are welcome to attend, no experience is necessary. Students learn about aquatic life, and are involved in the maintenance, design, and planning of a display with multiple large aquariums.

## Art Club

*Sponsor: K. Lange*



This is a club which meets after school for differing reasons. People can continue to work on projects that they started in their art classes, or can work on new projects that are not part of a class. Students can work with all types of media. The club also helps

out with the Art Attacks art show. The Art Club meets once a week after school throughout the school year. The sponsors are there to aid and guide students and to give suggestions on how to continue or complete projects. How often to come is your own decision. Students in sports often miss it during their season, but come back after their sport is over.

## Auto Club

*Sponsor: M. Ruta*

Auto Club meets after school to give students a chance to hang out, learn about cars, socialize, and work on hands-on projects outside of class.



## Best Buddies

*Sponsor: C. Coletto, J. Clark*

Best Buddies pairs students with special needs students in a one on one friendship to help them feel more included as contributing members of the school and community. The goal is to improve social skills and integrate students in activities that will help them be accepted and included with the rest of the student body.

## CAD Drafting Club

*Sponsor: J. Volgi*

Create, design, and build any ideas you have using our 3D Modeling Software, 3D Printers, and Shopbot.

## Computer Club

*Sponsor: J. Schager*

The Computer Club gives students the opportunity to examine and utilize their computer graphic art capabilities. Members use technology to create two and three dimensional, digital images. This club is open to all interested students. Meetings are held once a week after school.



## Cosmetology Club

*Sponsor: K. Hibner, K. Stary, E. Pilguy*

Do you like to experiment with make-up, skin care products, hair styling and hair products? Then join Cosmetology Club! At our meetings, we focus on different topics in the beauty industry like nails, facial cleansers, make-up applications, a live haircut, and more demonstrated by professionals in the cosmetology field. You will also learn about training and careers in this fast-growing industry.

## Cultural Awareness Club

*Sponsor: A. Moreno*

This club was formed by a group of concerned students who wanted to promote cultural awareness and the acceptance of individual differences. Their role at PHS is to provide experiences and programs that develop self-esteem, and to give information about cultures across the world. They also encourage involvement and communication between all ethnic groups at PHS and across the country. Membership is open to all students. Members meet from August through May once a week after school.

## DNA - Dance Group

*Sponsor: L. Sullivan*

Palatine's hip hop dance crew is open to both male and female students with hip hop, break dancing, or poppin and wavin dance skills. The group performs in a variety of school and community events such as Dance Show, Variety Show and pep assemblies. Auditions are held in May for a limited amount of spots on the team.



## Ecology Club

*Sponsor: J. Dahl, R. McHugh*

The Ecology Club provides opportunities for students concerned about environmental issues. Members participate in various activities, including cleaning up the highway, planting trees, recycling and educating others about environmental issues. The club meets every other week before school.

## Equality Club

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## ELS Art Club

*Sponsor: R. Bartlett*

During Art Club, the students will experience a range of art materials by completing projects that are planned and adapted for them according to their needs. Students will have fun drawing, printmaking, painting, and sculpting in art club. The teacher, student helpers and TA's assist the students in completing fun fine art projects to take home throughout the year. Transportation home is available. Art Club meets every other Wednesday in the Student Cafeteria from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

## Fashion Club

*Sponsor: C. Morrison, L. Boylan*

The Palatine Fashion Club is sure to bring out the Fashionista in you! Membership is open to all students with an interest in fashion. The highlight of Fashion Club are the two fashion shows: The Prom/Turnabout show in February, where club members model formal dresses from local retailers, and the end of the year Designer fashion show in May which features garments designed and constructed by Palatine High School students. Club members involved in designing, merchandising, display, advertising, modeling, and promotion as they produce these shows. The club is also active throughout the year in school activities, fashion DIY crafts, sewing projects, hair style and make-up demonstrations, and parties. Check our announcement board outside room 158 for details. All are



## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

*Sponsor: J. Ware*

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) unites your two passions, faith and athletics. Meetings consist of a devotional and a great time of fellowship. FCA also participates in various service opportunities throughout the year. All are welcome.

## Film Club

*Sponsor: N. Hostert*

This club is for any student interested in actively learning more about filmmaking. Students participate in making films that give them experience behind the camera, editing footage, acting, and completing production. The Film Making Club hosts an annual film festival each year in which they feature films made in the club and created by other students throughout the district.

Club members meet regularly and often work on both group and individual films, increasing their understanding of filmmaking tools and techniques regardless of previous knowledge and experience.



## Foreign Exchange Club

*Sponsor: S. Wermes*



Students who are interested in other countries or cultures and/or who would like to participate in an exchange program as a host or guest, are invited to join Foreign Exchange Club. The club sponsors two-week French, German and Costa Rican exchanges each year, and hosts foreign visitors to our school. Fund-raising and cultural activities are also

incorporated. Meetings are held approximately once a week after school.

## Gaming Club

*Sponsor: S. Hong, T. Miller*



Gaming Club is open to any and all students who have any type of interest in gaming. Students meet weekly to learn about and play games. These games are typically games played on gaming consoles, including X-Box, Playstation and Wii consoles. Students will also play collectible card games such as Magic: The Gathering, World of Warcraft, Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon. Camaraderie, learning and fun are the primary objectives of the Gaming Club. Games change each week and fun is always had by all.

## G.S.A. - Gay-Straight Alliance

*Sponsor: K. Kupka, L. Ross*

Students at Palatine High School have established a Gay, Straight Alliance in order to raise awareness and to give support to people who identify as homosexual in a predominantly heterosexual society. The motto of this club is love and acceptance.

## I-Compete

*Sponsor: K. Stary*

I-Compete is a mentoring program for children in grades 1st-8th at Palatine High School. This program is offered to elementary and junior high students who will be paired up with Palatine High School students to enjoy sporting events, team building activities, and theme days. Seniors and students looking to earn hours for Harper's Promise are able to get more than enough community service hours as well if they volunteer more than one season in the school year.

## International Club

*Sponsor: R. Drury, S. Hong, J. Varghese*



The International Club is for students who are new to the country and for students who would like to meet and help them. The purpose of the club is to acclimate new immigrant students to American high school life. We volunteer in the community, have social functions, celebrate holidays and attend typical high school events such as homecoming and shows in the auditorium.

## Internet Club

*Sponsor: C. Watanuki*

The Internet club is responsible for maintaining the PHS website. Membership is open to all students interested in working with computers to create and maintain websites.

## Intramurals

The Intramural Sports Program is open to all boys and girls not currently involved in an interscholastic sport. Sports offered include: badminton, cardio/track, cricket, skateboarding, and weight lifting. This is an enjoyable program that offers friendly competition among teams. Activities are officiated by student officials. Membership is unlimited and students can join at any time throughout the school year.

## Investing Club

*Sponsor: C. Watanuki*

The Investing Club provides students the opportunity to learn about the stock market. We focus on current and historical trends of the Dow, Nasdaq, and S&P 500. Each March, our club competes against at least 50 other high schools in the Magnetar Academy Stock Competition held at Soldier Field. The Club is open to all students. We meet twice a month from October through March.

## Latin Dance Crew

*Sponsor: L. Sullivan*



Palatine's Latin dance crew is open to both male and female students interested in Latin dancing styles such as salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia and Raggaton. The Latin dance crew performs in a variety of school and community events such as Dance Show, Variety Show, pep assemblies and at Harper College. Auditions are held in May for a limited amount of spots on the team.

## On-Our-Own

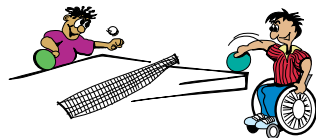
*Sponsor: M. Williams*

The On-Our-Own Club was organized for, and by, handicapped students at PHS. Members participate in discussion groups, social events, and fund-raising events. They meet frequently to learn about each other and have fun together. Membership is open to anyone.

## P.A.C. (Palatine Activity Club)

*Sponsor: C. Fredrick, K. McGinn*

The P.A.C. (Palatine Activity Club) is an extension of the Special Education Program for students who are eligible for leisure education services and enrolled in Educational Life Skills. This club holds supervised activities during and after school throughout the school year culminating in the ELS Prom. Students participate in fund-raisers to support these leisure activities, however, some activities may require an additional fee. Participation in this club is encouraged for all ELS students. Non-ELS students are also welcome to participate as student leaders.



## Palatine Political Action Club (PPAC)

*Sponsor: E. Hamman*

PPAC gives students interested in politics and government the opportunity to become politically involved in their school, community and country. Members engage in school and community political education initiatives, voter registration drives, and local, state and national political campaigns. PPAC is open to all interested students. Meetings are held every two weeks before school



## PEP Squad

*Sponsor: M. Williams*

PEP Squad (Pirates with Exceptional Pride) is a performing spirit group that incorporates students with special needs with our Pom team and Orchesis. Performing for school games and events, as well as community events!



## Photography Club

*Sponsor: N. Hostert*

This is a club for anyone interested in the art of photography, whether or not they are members of a photography class. Students in the class who join this club may experiment with techniques not discussed in class. Members discuss group activities and participate in field trips to art and photography museums around the area, such as the Museum of Contemporary Photography and the Oriental Institute. Meetings are held after school throughout the school year.

## Programming Club

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## Robotics Club

*Sponsor: A. Larson*

The Robotics Club is open to students with and without experience in engineering and programming. Teams within the club will design, build, and program functioning robots. Students will program and create using Arduinos, Raspberry Pis, CAD software, and the design process. The students will be involved in a Maker Space style environment where they can design, create other ideas as well.

## S.A.D.D.

*Sponsor: T. Madl, K. McGinn*

SADD is a peer-to-peer education and prevention program dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide. We are a group that promotes positive peer pressure, role modeling, and environmental strategies that can help prevent other destructive decisions and set a healthier, safer course for students. Members are active in homecoming festivities, Halloween night, clothing drives, Giving Tree and the health and safety fair. Throughout the year students also participate in fundraising activities by working the concessions and holding bake sales.

## Service Club

*Sponsor: B. Berleman, A. Guthrie*

Service Club is dedicated to volunteering, fundraising, and helping others in order to benefit the community. Activities that we continually are a part of are: Breast Cancer Awareness and fundraising, food drives, and making blankets for various hospitals and organizations. We will also participate in student-generated activities throughout the year. We meet once a week and require our participants to attend multiple events a semester. Our mission is to work together to make our community a better place.

## Sign Language Club

*Sponsor: A. Moreno*



Sign Language Club gives students the opportunity to learn how to communicate using American Sign Language. From basic words to sentences and greetings, the hope is to have you walking away being able to carry on conversations in Sign Language. Each week we will review what we learned and learn new signs and sentences. This club is open to all interested students or staff. Meetings are held Wednesday morning at 7:30.

## Slam Poetry Club

*Sponsor: B. Fisher, M. Gonzalez*

Slam Poetry club aims to provide students with an outlet for creative expression through the art of performance poetry. In slam Poetry, students have the opportunity to write, workshop, perform, compete, and enjoy poetry from unique and diverse perspectives. Slam poetry is an international community of poets from all over the world, and students at Palatine are able to join that community when they step inside the club. Slam Poetry club meets once a week after school throughout the year and participates in regional and national competitions.

## Social Studies Club

*Sponsor: Leslie Schock*



This club is open to all students interested in any of the Social Studies (History, Geography, Politics, Psychology). The club sponsors movie nights, mock elections, and community service projects.

## Yoga Club

*Sponsor: J. Locher, P. Sokop*

All levels welcome! No yoga experience necessary. Be ready to focus on mindfulness and stretching. Wear comfortable clothes (sweat pants, yoga pants, t-shirt). Bring your own mat or use one of ours. Just show up and be ready to focus on YOU!

