

# Comsewogue High School Extra-Curricular Activities

## 2023-2024

**Academic Quiz Bowl Club: Ms. McGuinness** If you're good at Trivial Pursuit, Jeopardy, or just have a lot of knowledge, this club may be for you! Quiz Bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for which players attend practices and then represent their school at junior and varsity tournaments. Quiz bowl questions range over the entire spectrum of a High School curriculum and also include a certain amount of current events, sports, and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Comsewogue High School competes in the Regional Quiz Bowl Tournaments of Long Island. I hope to see you there!

**AHA (Athletes Helping Athletes): Ms. Kidd** Athletes Helping Athletes is a selective club in which varsity athletes will be trained as facilitators, by current and former professional athletes, to engage young people and work with them in our community. Through this process they will help younger students examine personal and group behaviors, and discuss issues and choices that exist in their lives such as healthy life decisions, bullying and drug/alcohol prevention. As leaders they will model positive behaviors and decisions necessary for success not only in athletics but in life as well.

**Art Club: Ms. Coffman** Looking for a place to help your artistic talents grow? The Art Club is a comfortable place to explore many areas in art. An open studio atmosphere allows for individual projects as well as group work.

**B.U.T.Y. (Bring Unity to Youth): Ms. Kinane** The BUTY Program was first started in 1989. The goal is to foster mutual respect and understanding among all groups regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. We also strive to enforce character building traits within the school population and community. Activities have included school-wide "contests" to encourage respect and kindness between all members of the school, surveys to show how similar we all are, field trips to become involved in Unity Day, and the like. We also participate in fundraisers for organizations such as Ride for Life. Club member's input determines many of our yearly projects and the focus of our projects. This is a service organization that will be an asset on your college resume.

**Chess and Strategy Game Club: Mr. Wessel** The Chess Club meets once a week to practice and learn the game. All levels welcome! If you are a beginner, we have teachers; if you want to practice, we have a partner; if you want to master the game, we have strategies. We hope to host an inter school tournament this year and to provide service to the community by teaching younger children to play. Join us!

**Comic Book Club: Mr. David Hughes** It's a bird... It's a plane... No...It's the Comsewogue Comic Book Club!. Activities consist of reading comic books, watching films of Comic Book nature, and discussing the history behind them. All are Welcome.

**Comsewogue Cultural Connections Club: Mr. Harris** The Comsewogue Connections Club aims to assist English as a New Language learner's transition into American culture and the New York Educational System and to bridge cultural divides by educating students, forming mentor/mentee relationships, and providing a forum for community outreach. All students who are interested in fostering an understanding and inclusive culture in Comsewogue, in fighting discrimination in general, and who would like to make a lasting impact on others that will be mutually beneficial should sign up for this club.

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**DECA (Business Club): Mr. Joudeh** Are you ready to join DECA? Join more than 225,000 leaders around the globe that join DECA each year to develop the 21st century workforce. The DECA experience starts in the classroom where students learn business concepts in preparation for college and careers. DECA brings the classroom to life by empowering the teacher-advisor to make learning relevant with educational programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. The successful integration of each of these four components produces college- and career-ready students. Our growing Comsewogue HS chapter consists of like-minded and highly motivated students who work hard to improve not only their business skills, but also their public speaking abilities, networking skills, and sense of community. DECA is for every student, studying any subject. Get ready to enrich your knowledge, enhance your leadership skills, engage in competitions, experience travel, and make lasting memories as a new year of DECA begins! For more information, please visit the National DECA website, [deca.org](http://deca.org)

**Drama Club: Ms. Stephens** Comsewogue High School's Drama Club is responsible for putting on the school's theatrical productions. From the yearly musical to the fall and spring dramas, there are plenty of opportunities to be involved in the dramatic arts. Learn about acting, lighting, sound, song, and stage direction. Experience the thrill of live performance and the challenge of putting a quality show together.

**E-Sports: Mr. Rendall and Mr. Ozimkowski** "Unlock a world of excitement at eSports Club, your ultimate destination to sharpen strategic thinking, teamwork, and communication skills! Dive into the dynamic realm of gaming, where strategy meets fun, and competition knows no bounds. Comsewogue eSports utilizes a vibrant space where you not only fine-tune your gaming prowess but also connect with like-minded peers who share your passion. From heart-pounding console games such as Super Smash Bros, to cutting-edge computer challenges such as League of Legends and overwatch, we've got it all! Join eSports Club, where friendships are forged through fierce competition and camaraderie!"

**Fashion Club: Ms. Melton** Fashion Club will be a student-led club, providing members interested in fashion the opportunity to show off their creativity while piquing interest in the fashion industry. Students can experience a hands-on approach to fashion by brainstorming, illustrating, learning to construct fashions from recycled clothing items, follow style trends, and discuss fashion trends, influences, etc, with like-minded individuals. This is a club for all levels. No experience necessary.

**Greenagers: Ms. Hutter** The Greenagers Club will work within the school and community to promote environmentally friendly practices. Club members will become familiar with current environmental issues and learn ways in which to become more "green" in everyday life.

**Law Club: Mr. Schauss** The Comsewogue Law Club participates in the New York State Bar Association Mock Trial Tournament. If you're thinking of being a lawyer or love watching episodes of Law and Order and can picture yourself saying "Objection!" this club may be for you. The mock trial program teaches high school students basic trial practice skills. Students learn how to conduct direct and cross-examinations, how to present opening and closing statements, how to think on their feet and learn the dynamics of a courtroom. Students will also learn how to analyze legal issues and apply the law to the facts of the case. Additionally, Mock Trial teaches professionalism. Students learn ethics, civility and how to be zealous but courteous advocates for their clients. Good sportsmanship and respect for all participants are central to this competition. (Adapted from NYS Mock trial tournament materials.)

**L.E.A.P. (Leading and Empowering to Achieve your Potential): Ms. Zeltmann** L.E.A.P. (Just Say No): Leading and Empowering to Achieve Your Potential. Through training, programming, and volunteerism, L.E.A.P. will help committed students develop themselves in a way that will empower them, giving them the knowledge and experience to successfully navigate and work toward the betterment of the world in which they live. L.E.A.P. is open to all students in Comsewogue High School. Do not be afraid to TAKE THE LEAP!

**Leaders Club: Mr. Joudeh / Mr. Rovello** The Leaders Club welcomes all students who express interest. There is no academic criteria to join. Leaders Club provides opportunities for students to earn community service hours through hands-on Project-Based Learning. Leaders Club is a great way for students to participate in and plan important school/community activities. Activities include collecting for our Food Drive, planning and running Trick-or-Treat Street, Holiday Gift Shopping and donations, and participation in all school/community events. Students have also helped families in need by providing meals and necessities, participated in major fundraisers such as Relay for Life and Ride for Life, and participated in the Community Carnival. Students in all grades are welcome.

**LGBTQIA Club: Ms. Palin** The LGBTQIA club recognizes and embraces individuals of all identities. We work together to create an atmosphere of acceptance where students can succeed and thrive. We have meaningful discussion about issues that impact the LGBTQIA community and brainstorm ways in which we can increase understanding and tolerance. We conduct fundraisers in order to bring in guest speakers to increase education for our members.

**Literary Magazine: Ms. Montgomery** We are proud to announce the return of the Comsewogue High School Literary Magazine Club this year! The goal of the Literary Magazine Club is to offer students a creative outlet for their written and artistic work in a quarterly online forum. We invite students to share their original poetry, short fiction, creative essays, art/photography, and even musical talents with the school and community. Meetings run like writing workshops and students make the decisions about the ideas, themes, images, and language they wish to explore and offer the world. Live readings, guest speakers, and community outreach will also enrich the experience for our members. We hope you stop by for a meeting and share your words with us.

**Marching Band: Mr. Roder** The Marching Band is a new club that is beginning to grow through musical opportunities such as performing at the home football games and marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade in NYC. The Marching Band meets on Mondays and we encourage all band musicians to join as we strive to expand our musical horizons!

**Newspaper Club: Ms. O' Hara** The Newspaper Club is a great opportunity to explore a career in journalism and start building a professional, journalistic resume on day one by being directly involved in writing, editing, and designing a real newspaper! Some of the best Journalists in the world, writing and producing for the most prestigious publications in the world, have made their starts right here in the Newspaper club.

**Outdoor Activity Club: Ms. Goldberg** This club gives offers an opportunity to disconnect from digital learning and social media. During our meetings members will learn and discover new things about the natural world. Activities include learning how to forage for food in the wild, create art with natural materials, bird watching, hiking, outdoor cooking, learning and practicing survival skills. Additionally we will plan field trips and a club event at the high school.

**Peer Pals: Ms. Ahmadyieh** Peer Pals is a club aimed to provide support and friendship between both general and special education students. This club builds leadership skills while embracing acceptance, diversity, and fun.

**Pep Band: Mr. Wilbur** The Comsewogue High School Warrior Pep Band is an ensemble that will play in the stands at all home football games. This will give students the opportunity to support our school and community the best way we know how - by performing unique arrangements of pop songs, rock classics, and stadium anthems. Members will be required to attend all rehearsals and four home football games. Not only is performing with the pep band going to be fun, but it is also a great way to earn service hours. The group is open to all students who are able to play brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. GO WARRIORS!

**S.A.D.D (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Ms. Zeltmann** Students Against Destructive Decisions is an organization dedicated to providing students with information about the hazards of substance abuse. Activities have included open discussions, pre-prom activities, promoting alcohol free parties, fundraisers and poster contests.

**Science Club: Ms. Goldberg** The purpose of the Science Club is to promote and direct specific skills, knowledge, and information about science. The club meets on a regular basis and will develop specific programs and activities based on students' interest. The club may also conduct field trips.

**TASK: Ms. Danisi & Ms. Danisi** TASK is the overall governing body of Comsewogue High School. It's representatives are made up of elected student officials and representatives from class and club organizations

**Yearbook Club: Ms. O'Hara** Students on yearbook staff design, plan, organize and publish the yearbook. The yearbook staff is always looking for students interested in photography, layout, art, and new creative ideas for yearbook sections, as well as organized business types who can help with communication, sales, and scheduling. Students participate in the design, layout, photography, copywriting, and business aspects (yearbook sales, fundraising, money management, etc.) of publishing a yearbook. Students in all grades are welcomed. We meet weekly, but participation can be very self-driven once jobs are assigned. Whether you are artistic or not, we have ways students can contribute to a quality yearbook that is a life-long memory.

## Honor Societies

**Art Honor Society: Ms. Melton** The Art Honor Society created in 1994 is designed to recognize students with outstanding achievement in art and assist in the development of their artistic abilities.

**Business & Marketing Honor Society: Mr. Ketterer and Mr. Rovello** The primary purpose of the Business & Marketing Honor Society of New York State is to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in business education at the secondary level. To become a member, students must currently be enrolled in at least one business education course and must demonstrate exemplary Character, Leadership, and Service in the classroom as well as in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

**English Honor Society: Ms. Zeltmann** The English Honor Society is dedicated to promoting love of reading and writing, and specifically focusing on these in our own community. One of our most successful programs is Reading Partners, where students work directly with elementary teachers after school, helping young students improve their reading and writing skills. We also do an annual reading assembly for kindergartners, as well as participate in many community-driven school events, like trick-or-treat street, carnivals, and the winter wonderland. All members must complete 20 hours of service and participate in at least 2 fundraisers by graduation. All students interested must have two years of unweighted 93 or better in English, and have an overall unweighted average of 85 or better. Applications are due by May 1 of the student's sophomore or junior year.

**French Honor Society: Ms. Daneels** The French Club/French Honor Society participates in many different activities throughout the year. Our focus is to expand cultural awareness through participation in different holiday celebrations such as Mardi Gras, Candlemas and le Poisson d'Avril. Each year we plan a different cultural trip such as Broadway shows, visiting museums and eating at authentic French restaurants. In addition, we actively participate in community service projects.

**Italian Honor Society: Mr. Drucker** The Italian Honor Society is involved in community service activities such as food and clothing drives. The society also provides tutoring in Italian for those students in need of assistance. Fundraising allows the society to enjoy holiday parties, welcoming and farewell parties for our exchange students, and field trips to museums, theater productions, and restaurants. Students who wish to become members of the Italian Honor Society must have a cumulative average of at least 90 in Italian and must have attended meetings and participated in various activities from the beginning of that year prior to applying for membership in March.

**Math Honor Society: Ms. Danisi and Ms. Bryant** NYS Math Honor Society will be working toward sponsoring a "Family Math Fun Night". High school student members will sponsor a night designed for elementary school students and their parents to engage in Math activities and events that will heighten student's awareness and interest in math. Students with an overall scholastic average of 85% and a minimum of 3 semesters of high school math with an 85% average and having good character and service can apply for admission.

**National Honor Society: Ms. Holmes and Ms. Karen Verdisco** The National Honor Society is a Community Service Organization. All students are required to maintain a GPA of 91 or above and complete both In-School and Out - of - School Community Service in order to maintain membership.

10th & 11th grade students receive an invitation to apply mid-year based on GPA. The induction ceremony for new members takes place in October and the Cording Ceremony for 12th Grade students in good standing takes place during May.

**Science Honor Society: Ms. Goldberg** The Science National Honor Society is an organization designed for the serious science student. Participants are selected for membership, and must have a 90 average in their science classes. Each member will have taken honors or AP science classes, and are required to take at least one AP science class. The students who are involved with the Science National Honor Society are those students who are seriously considering a career in the scientific field, and are strongly looking at science as a college major. By participating in the Science National Honor Society, students will attend scientific lectures, mentor their peers, tutors those in need of additional help, and organize events for scientific inquiry. Students will also have the opportunity to research different scientific fields to help them choose a career path that is best suited for them.

**Social Studies Honor Society: Ms. McGuinness** RHO KAPPA Social Studies Honor Society is a national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognize excellence in the field of Social Studies. The mission and purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship and to recognize academic excellence in social studies in secondary school environments and the community, and to encourage interest in, understanding of, and appreciation for the social studies. To become a member, the student must have been in attendance at Comsewogue High School for one semester prior to being considered, must have completed two core courses in the field of social studies and be prepared to complete at least three core courses. The minimum GPA for these courses is an unweighted 3.00 or the numerical equivalent. The student must also have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.00.

**Spanish Honor Society: Ms. Trypaluk** The honor society is involved in community service activities such as food and clothing drives. The society also provides tutoring in Spanish for those students in need of assistance. Fundraising allows the society to enjoy holiday parties, welcoming or farewell parties for our exchange students and field trips to museums, theater productions and restaurants. Students who wish to become a member of the Spanish Honor Society must have a cumulative average of at least 90 in Spanish and must have attended meetings and participated in various activities from the beginning of that school year prior to applying for membership in March.

**Tri-M (Music Honor Society) : Ms. Holmes** Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) is the National Honor Society of Music. Students who are currently enrolled in a music ensemble may apply to become an apprentice. When the requirements of apprenticeship are completed, the student will be included into the society. Tri-M is a service organization, which assists in cultural endeavors in the Comsewogue community. In the past, this group has assisted at community events, high school plays and musicals, J.F.K. Middle School productions and various concerts throughout the district. Information about meetings and activities may be obtained from the bulletin board in the music wing.

## Class Advisors

**Class of 2024 (Grade 12): Ms. Coffman** All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. This year activities include building a Homecoming float, fundraising and planning for the prom, to name just a few.

**Class of 2025 (Grade 11): MS. Danisi and Ms. Bryant** All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. We will build a float for the Homecoming Parade and have fundraisers.

**Class of 2026 (Grade 10): Ms. Goldberg** All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. We will build a float for the Homecoming Parade and have fundraisers.

**Class of 2027 (Grade 9): Ms. O'Hara and Mr. Schauss** All class members are invited and encouraged to participate. We will build a float for the Homecoming Parade and have fundraisers.