

Ancaster High School



Student Club Guide 2020-2021

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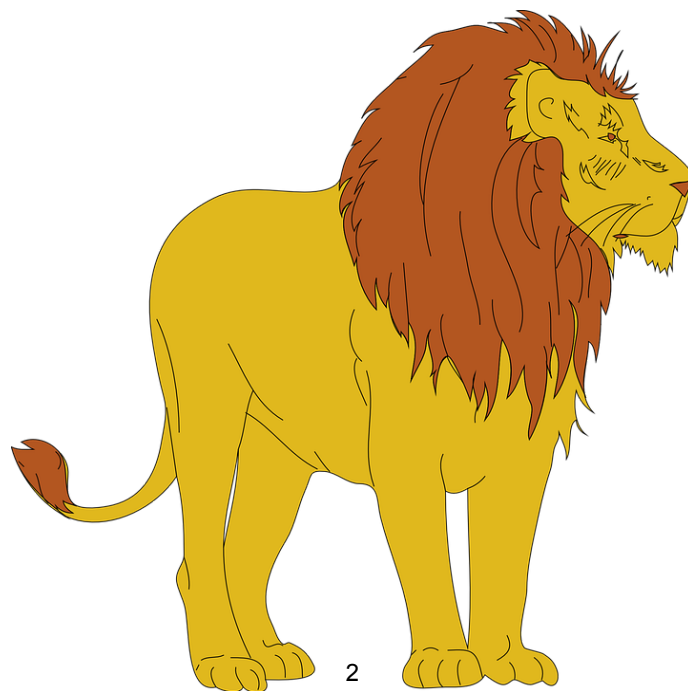
-George Eliot

Ancaster High School prides itself on providing students with relevant and engaging learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. These experiences are based on the various needs, interests, and abilities of our students and help make Ancaster a great school.

The purpose of this guide is to provide students with an outline of clubs that currently exist at Ancaster. During the 2020-2021 school year, Ancaster High has moved to a blended remote learning model and as a result of these changes and the necessity to adhere to health and safety guidelines, the school is unable to offer all of our usual co-curricular activities. That said, there are still wonderful opportunities for students to get involved, meet new people, and have fun! This year our clubs have been initiated and approved based on student interest and the group's ability to run effectively through our virtual platform, TEAMS. Students can also connect with a staff member should they wish to start a new virtual activity or club not listed within this guide.

“Life isn't about finding yourself. It's about creating yourself.”

-Andrea Brooks



Academic Clubs



Homework/Literacy Club

Staff Advisor: Ms. V Fletcher

Who we are / what we do: The Homework Club provides academic support and study strategies, including time-management. Students receive instruction on literacy and test taking skills. OSSLT preparation. Students must pre-register.

Meeting Frequency: Mondays & Wednesdays 3:20-4:30 in TEAMS (February-May)

HOSA

Staff Advisor: Ms. J Crowe

Who we are /what we do: Formerly known as Future Health Professionals, HOSA is a club that provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary students who have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. HOSA is 100% health care!

Meeting Frequency: Thursdays at 4:00 in TEAMS Email: jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca

Peer Tutoring Club

Staff Advisor: Mr. Nicholson

Who we are / what we do: Students helping students to better their academics and study skills.

Meeting Frequency: Varies based on need. Please email snichols@hwdsb.on.ca if you're interested in being a peer tutor or receiving peer tutor support.

[TUTOR WEBSITE](#)

Altruism and Awareness Clubs

Christian Faith Club

Staff Advisor: Mr. C. Page

Who we are / what we do: We meet to discuss matters of faith, pray together as a group, and plan charitable activities such as an eyeglass drive to help others in 3rd World countries. All students are welcome.

Meeting frequency: Email cpage@hwdsb.on.ca



Grade 9 Night

Staff Advisor: Ms. Fletcher

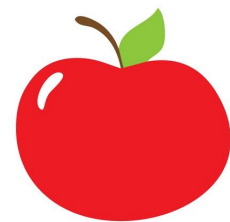
Who we are / what we do: This is an annual event organized by senior students. The senior student planning group consists of approximately 80 volunteers who are responsible for organizing group leaders, registration, security, games, entertainment and food for the event. Due to the popularity of this planning group, students are asked to apply in early spring. Candidates must pass an interview process.

Meeting frequency: (March-June) Email vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca

Health Action Team (H.A.T.)

Staff Advisors: Ms. Fletcher & Ms. Heida

Who we are / what we do: With the mandate and support of public health, we are a group of highly motivated members of the Ancaster High Community who create a Healthy School Environment from a holistic perspective considering; the physical, physiological and emotional well-being of our peers in order to facilitate optimal academic success and student engagement. We plan and organize events involving a range of delivery medium such as multimedia, personal promotions, hands-on opportunities as well as whole-school assemblies and teacher community inservicing. This experience offers wonderful leadership opportunities and the potential of accessing post-secondary scholarships.



Meeting frequency: Email vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca

Make a Wish Foundation

Staff Advisor(s): Ms. O'Sullivan

Who we are / what we do: This group organizes fundraisers in order to donate our money to the Make a Wish Foundation to support a terminally ill child's wish.

Meeting frequency: Email cosulliv@hwdsb.on.ca

Muslim Prayer Group

Staff Advisor: Ms. Woof

Meeting frequency: Friday afternoon. Small cafeteria. Email bwoof@hwdsb.on.ca for details.

Royal Gazette Newspaper



Staff Advisor: Ms. Bentham

Who we are / what we do: *The Royal Gazette* is an award-winning student-run newspaper starting in September 2017. Student reporters, photographers, and creative writers will have a forum for their work, and both hardcopy and digital distribution will ensure the largest possible audience.

Meeting frequency: Email sbentham@hwdsb.on.ca



Positive Space

Staff Advisor(s): Ms. Danese

Who we are / what we do: Positive Space provides a safe and inclusive space for students to discuss the experiences of LGBTQ+ persons. The goal of this human rights group is to promote equity, understanding, and acceptance of all students within the Ancaster High community.

Meeting frequency: Thursdays 11:30 in TEAMS. Email bdanese@hwdsb.on.ca

Student Ambassadors

Staff Advisors: Ms. Turner & Ms. Fletcher

Who we are / what we do: Student Ambassadors represent the very best AHS has to offer in terms of student leadership. These dynamic student leaders provide a platform to share their ideas with school administration and other staff to help improve Ancaster High. This group is socio-political, diverse and action-oriented as it implements student suggestions to create lasting and impactful social change at AHS and in the community.



Meeting frequency: Mondays 3:20 in TEAMS. Email vfletche@hwdsb.on.ca

Concert Band

Staff Advisor: Ms. Wylie

Who we are / what we do: We play music! We provide music for various events, play at concerts and festivals throughout the year.



Meeting frequency: Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 in TEAMS
Email: mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca

Musical Arts Association

Staff Advisor: Ms. Wylie

Who we are / what we do: This group is an elected executive body which acts as representation and organization for the support of musical ensembles. They also act as a liaison between council and the ensembles.



Meeting frequency: Tuesday at 11:20 in TEAMS. Email mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca

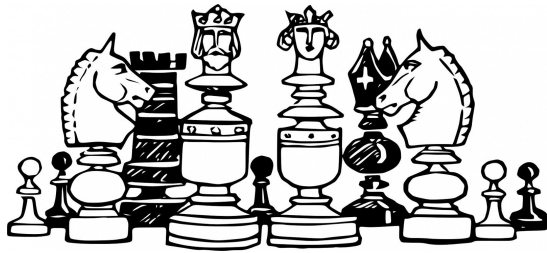
Slam Poetry

Staff Advisor(s): Ms. Crowe



Who we are / what we do: We discuss, view, and write individual and team poems in preparation for a spoken word festival in May called *Louder than a Bomb*.

Meeting frequency: Once a week in room 1014



Chess Club

Staff Advisor: Mr. C Page

Meeting frequency: Mondays 11:00 in TEAMS. Email gcuff4889@hwdsb.on.ca

Athletic Clubs & School Teams

Athletic Association (AAC)

Staff Advisors: Ms. D Adams & Mr. M Schurer

Who we are / what we do: The AAC is focused on providing students a unique experience to get involved and to find a sense of community within our large high school. We offer the opportunity to become Co-Presidents, an executive member with more responsibilities, or a member of the AAC. We offer intramurals at lunch, BBQ's for many special events, Halloween Haunted House, Christmas Themed event, Terry Fox Games area, Triathlon BBQ, Marathon of Hope Water Station, and many other events determined by the Co-Presidents.

Meeting frequency: Email daadams@hwdsb.on.ca or mschurer@hwdsb.on.ca



