

# ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL



## Student Club Guide Spring 2022

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

- George Eliot

## Introducing Ancaster High School & It's Pride

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

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with an outline of the clubs that currently exist at Ancaster. The clubs have been divided into four main categories: academic, altruism awareness & social, the arts, and athletics. You are encouraged to review this guide to determine what clubs interest you so that you can sign up and become an active member of our school community. As you will see, there are many opportunities for you to get involved, meet new people, and have fun!



Our clubs are initiated and run based on student interest. You can connect with a staff member should you and your peers wish to start a new activity or club. A wide variety of clubs are currently running or will be running again in the upcoming school year (2022-23).


We look forward to supporting your learning at Ancaster High and are excited to see your talents in the classroom, on stage, on our playing fields, and out in the community!





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# Academic Clubs

<b>DECA</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. S. Ciulini & Ms. M. Toor	
Who we are / What we do	DECA is Canada's largest youth business organization where students compete both provincially and internationally in various marketing/general business competitions.	
Meeting Frequency	Tuesdays at Lunch (September to February)	


<b>Homework Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. V. Fletcher & Ms. H. Harris	
Who we are / What we do	The Homework Club provides academic support and study strategies, including time-management. Students receive instruction on literacy/numeracy and test taking strategies. The club also connects students with peer tutors in all subject areas.	
Meeting Frequency	Monday & Wednesday in Student Success/Room 1014	

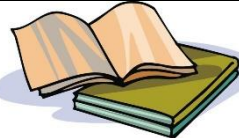
<b>Literacy/OSSLT Prep Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. V. Fletcher & Ms. H. Harris	
Who we are / What we do	The Literacy/OSSLT Prep Club helps to prepare grade 10 students for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Students build their test taking and literacy skills (reading comprehension, inferencing, and written expression).	
Meeting Frequency	Club meets Monday & Wednesday in Feb/Mar, Student Success/Room 1014	


<b>Math Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. J. Hendriks	
Who we are / What we do	The Math Club tackles a variety of math questions as practice for annual math contests.	
Meeting Frequency	Club meets weekly in Room 2030	


<b>Peer Tutoring Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. S. Nicholson	
Who we are / What we do	Peer Tutoring Club is all about students helping students to better their academic and study skills	
Meeting Frequency	Students can be connected by accessing the following link; <a href="http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/peer-tutoring">www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/peer-tutoring</a>	


## Altruism, Awareness, & Social Clubs

<b>Aerospace Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. C. Vezeau	
Who we are / What we do	The Aerospace club is an all-purpose club focused on discussing all things physics and collaboratively work on aerospace projects to engage our collective scientific and creative minds.	
Meeting Frequency	Meetings are Monday at lunch in Room 2068	

<b>Ancaster Reading Crew (ARC)</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Murray & Mr. S. Nicholson	
Who we are / What we do	Ancaster Reading Club strives to provide an all inclusive environment for students to explore literature, while making valuable peer connections. Meetings involve a standard 30 minute reading time, followed by a discussion question and recommendation period. Our goal is to encourage the enjoyment of books and to influence others to take a chance on, not just a beneficial hobby, but a crucial aspect of life. Join us, and become part of this reading initiative!	
Meeting Frequency	Meetings are Friday's at lunch in Room 1034	

<b>Announcement Crew</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. A. Grant & Mr. D. Taylor	
Who we are / What we do	This student group delivers morning announcements prepared by staff over the school PA system. The crew updates the school about events, meetings, athletics, and all things Ancaster.	
Meeting Frequency	Every morning from 8am – 8:25am	

<b>Best Buddies</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Crowe	
Who we are / What we do	Best Buddies is an internationally recognized organization that strives to build friendships between people with and without intellectual disabilities.	
Meeting Frequency	Weekly in the Comprehensive Classroom	

<b>Blood Drive Heroes</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. C. Vezeau	
Who we are / What we do	The Heroes of Ancaster gather 2-3 times per year to raise awareness of the need for life giving blood. Alongside raising awareness, we organize blood drives with the Canadian Blood Services of Ancaster to recruit new donors & encourage repeat donors. All are welcome, but you must be 17+ to donate blood to Canadian Blood Services.	
Meeting Frequency	Periodically throughout the year	

<b>Christian Faith Group</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	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	Returning in the fall of 2022	

<b>Debate Club</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. H. McLaren
Who we are / What we do	Learn how to debate, practice debating, and possibly enter competitions against other schools!
Meeting Frequency	Meetings are Wednesdays at lunch in Room 2071





<b>Girls Group (Junior)</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Not currently running
Who we are / What we do	This selected group of junior female-identified students (grades 9-10) meet bi-weekly to discuss current issues, build relationships, connect, and learn how to become a more active and engaged student.
Meeting Frequency	Returning in the fall of 2022


<b>Girls Group (Senior)</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Not currently running
Who we are / What we do	This selected group of senior female-identified students (grades 11-12) meet bi-weekly to discuss current issues, build relationships, connect, and learn how to become a more active and engaged student.
Meeting Frequency	Returning in the fall of 2022


<b>Grad Committee</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. T. Harrop & Mr. S. Nicholson
Who we are / What we do	This committee meets to plan and run prom, semi-formal, and a grad brunch for the graduating students. Two senior students organize these events with staff advisors and their own sub-committees.
Meeting Frequency	Meetings occur as needed




<b>Grade 9 Night</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. V. Fletcher, Ms. J. Turner & Mr. S. Wilson	
Who we are / What we do	This is an annual event that is organized by our senior (grade 11 and 12) students. A lot of planning goes into making this event the great success that it is. The senior student planning group consists of approximately 80 student 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	5 – 10 meetings occur in the Spring	


<b>Healthy Action Team (HAT)</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. D. Adams, Ms. V. Fletcher, & Mr. S. Wilson	
Who we are / What we do	With the mandate and support of public health, HAT is a group of highly motivated members dedicated to creating a Healthy School Environment from a holistic perspective that considers; the physical, physiological and emotional well-being of our peers to facilitate optimal academic success and student engagement. We plan and organize a variety of events involving a range of delivery medium such as multimedia, personal promotions, hands-on opportunities as well as whole-school assemblies and teacher community in-servicing. This experience offers leadership opportunities and potential access to post-secondary scholarships.	
Meeting Frequency	Meetings occur Thursday at lunch in the auditorium	


<b>Make-A-Wish</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. C. 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	Meetings are Tuesdays at lunch	

<b>Model United Nations (UN)</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. J. Bower	
Who we are / What we do	The Model UN is a group of globally minded thinkers who seek to research, discuss, and collaborate on issues of human importance.	
Meeting Frequency	Once a week during lunch in the LLC	




<b>Positive Space</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. B. Danese & Ms. J. Murray	
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	Meetings are Thursday at lunch in Room 1031	

<b>Prayer Group</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. B. Woof	
Who we are / What we do	Prayer group provides students of all religious denominations an opportunity to perform daily prayers in a safe school space. Participating students are required to register in the main office and will receive a prayer pass (for attendance purposes).	
Meeting Frequency	Students meet daily in the afternoons in Room	

<b>Royal Gazette</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. D. Taylor	
Who we are / What we do	<i>The Royal Gazette</i> is a student-run newspaper established in 2017. Student reporters, photographers, and creative writers have a forum for their work. Digital distribution of the Gazette occurs monthly.	
Meeting Frequency	Virtual meetings and new writers always welcome!	

<b>Student Ambassadors</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Turner	
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. We meet Mondays at lunch in the auditorium.	
Meeting Frequency	Meetings are Monday at lunch in the Auditorium	

<b>Student Voice</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. V. Fletcher & Mr. S. Wilson	
Who we are / What we do	Student Voice is open to all and provides students with a platform to share their ideas with the school principal and other staff to help improve Ancaster High. This group is action oriented as it implements student suggestions, as needed. Past projects/initiatives include improved school signage and running orientation days for grade 9's.	
Meeting Frequency	Every other Tuesday at lunch in Student Success	


## Artistic & Creative Clubs

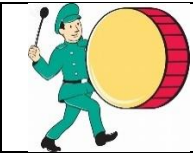
<b>Concert Band</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. M. Wylie	
Who we are / What we do	We play music! We provide music for various events, play at concerts and festivals throughout the year.	
Meeting Frequency	Rehearsals Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7am in the auditorium	


<b>Coffee House</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. M. Wylie	
Who we are / What we do	Coffee House is an opportunity for solo music performers or groups to get up in front of an audience and perform their music. Ancaster often runs two Coffee Houses a year.	
Meeting Frequency	Auditions are held in the weeks leading up to them – Upcoming event May 25 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm in the LLC	


<b>Fashion Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. H. Harris	
Who we are / What we do	The Fashion Club watches and discusses the latest fashion trends and shows. Rumor has it, the Fashion Club has even dabbled in sewing and crocheting.	
Meeting Frequency	Meets Friday at lunch	

<b>Musical Arts Association (MAA)</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. M. Wylie
Who we are / What we do	This group is an elected executive body which acts as a representation and organization for the support of musical ensembles. They also act as a liaison between student council and the ensembles.
Meeting Frequency	Meet Wednesdays at lunch in the Music Room

<b>Musical Theatre Cast and Crew</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Turner
Who we are / What we do	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>Musical Theatre is a course at Ancaster High School which works to prepare a musical for a live theatre audience! To put on a musical, we require many extra hands to be part of our cast and crew. You can come join us with lights, sound, set design, dancing, singing, and so much more.</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
Meeting Frequency	This group meets in Semester 2 and our schedule varies based on the show and its rehearsals. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ms Turner: <a href="mailto:jlturner@hwdsb.on.ca">jlturner@hwdsb.on.ca</a>

<b>Pep Band</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. M. Wylie
Who we are / What we do	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>This musical group performs at athletic events.</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
Meeting Frequency	Rehearsals are Fridays at lunch in the Music Room


<b>Photography &amp; Video Club</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. A. Sanders
Who we are / What we do	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>A group of students who have the passion for Photography, Photoshop, and Videography. We take videos and photos for the yearbook and competitions.</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
Meeting Frequency	Group meets Tuesdays at lunch in D1/Room 1069


<b>Rock Band</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. J. Vallance	
Who we are / What we do	If you like rock music come on out and jam with Mr. Vallance and Rock Band! A great opportunity to meet rock musicians in the school and discuss all things Rock N Roll!	
Meeting Frequency	Tuesdays at Lunch in the Music Room	


<b>Visual Arts Coalition (VAC)</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. G. Malcolm & Ms. B. Surtel	
Who we are / What we do	We make art! This group is dedicated to promoting visual arts in Ancaster High. We help create banners and posters for events, themed backdrops for dances, and have designed murals and art displays.	
Meeting Frequency	Group meets Thursdays at lunch	

<b>Yearbook</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. B. Woof	
Who we are / What we do	We are an extension of the yearbook class, which designs and creates Ancaster High's yearbook. The class only runs during semester one, so the yearbook club is responsible for finishing the book in February and March. The Yearbook Club also sells and hands out the books in June.	
Meeting Frequency	Once a week in second semester. More frequently as the deadline approaches.	

## Athletic & Active Clubs

<b>Ancaster Athletic Council (AAC)</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. D. Adams, Mr. R. Dunbrack, Ms. E. Piccioni, & Mr. M. Schurer	
Who we are / What we do	The AAC is focused on providing all students unique experiences that create a sense of community within the school. We offer intramurals, school-wide athletic events, fundraisers, and BBQs throughout the school year.	
Meeting Frequency	Meetings are Wednesdays at lunch	

<b>Dance Team</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. L. Mifflin & Ms. B. Surtel	
Who we are / What we do	The AHS dance team is a dedicated group of students that <b>audition</b> to be a part of the team. The team does not allow drop-ins as it works on routines throughout the year. We provide a space where students build confidence and get their bodies moving. Our team is consistently working, learning, and performing student-led choreography, in a variety of styles. The team performs at events such as Arts Nights, Football Games, Lunchtime shows, the Musical and more!	
Meeting Frequency	The team meets/practices Tuesday & Thursday in the Auditorium.	

<b>Game Theory Basketball Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. J. Hendriks & Ms. H. Milan	
Who we are / What we do	In this club you will learn to apply analytics to the sport of basketball. In meetings we will break down film, game strategy, player scouting reports, and participate in NBA debates. This club will provide you an opportunity to deepen your understanding of modern basketball as well as learn the growing field of sports analytics and strategy.	
Meeting Frequency	Club meets Tuesdays in Room 2028 and Wednesdays in Gym D	

## School Teams

Review the charts below to see which sports are offered at Ancaster High School. Announcements with signup or tryout information will be made prior to the season.

Note:

Midget = Grade 9 only

Junior = Grade 9 and 10 only

Senior = Grade 11 and 12 only

Varsity = Open to all grades (9-12)

### Fall Season Sports Teams

<b>Sport:</b>	<b>Boys / Girls:</b>	<b>Grade 9:</b>	<b>Jr:</b>	<b>Sr:</b>	<b>Varsity:</b>
Cross-Country	B & G	X	X	X	
Grade 9 Soccer	B & G	X			
Basketball	G		X	X	
Volleyball	B		X	X	
Field Hockey	G				X
Tennis	B & G		X	X	
Touch Football	G				X
Touch Football	B	X			
Football (tackle)	B				X
Baseball	B				X

**Winter Season Sports Teams**

<b>Sport:</b>	<b>Boys / Girls:</b>	<b>Grade 9:</b>	<b>Jr:</b>	<b>Sr:</b>	<b>Varsity:</b>
Hockey	B & G				X
Basketball	B		X	X	
Volleyball	G		X	X	
Waterpolo	B & G		X	X	
Swimming	B & G	X	X	X	

**Spring Season Sports Teams**

<b>Sport:</b>	<b>Boys / Girls:</b>	<b>Grade 9:</b>	<b>Jr:</b>	<b>Sr:</b>	<b>Varsity:</b>
Track and Field	B & G	X	X	X	
Soccer	B & G				X
Slo-pitch	G				X
Cricket	B & G				X
Football (Junior)	B		X		
Badminton	B & G	X	X	X	
Junior Hockey	B		X		
Volleyball	B & G		X	X	
Ultimate Frisbee	B&G				