

# ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL



## Student Club Guide 2022-2023

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. 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) Contacts: <a href="mailto:sciulini@hwdsb.on.ca">sciulini@hwdsb.on.ca</a> and <a href="mailto:mtoor@hwdsb.on.ca">mtoor@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	
<b>Homework Club/Literacy OSSLT</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. H. Harris & Mr. S. Wilson	
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 addresses support for the Literacy Test (OSSLT Prep) prior to the test dates.	
Meeting Frequency	Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays in Room 2036 Contact: <a href="mailto:hharris@hwdsb.on.ca">hharris@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	
<b>HOSA</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Crowe	
Who we are / What we do	The mission of HOSA Canada is to enable secondary and postsecondary students to become leaders in the healthcare industry by enabling future health professionals to acquire knowledge, skills training, and leadership development through competition. Each year, we hold Canada's largest health science competition for secondary and postsecondary students.	
Meeting Frequency	Club meets Thursday in Room 1022 Contact: <a href="mailto:jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca">jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	
<b>Math Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. J. Hendriks	
Who we are / What we do	Dive into some interesting mathematical challenges & try to problem solve your way out of them.	
Meeting Frequency	Club meets weekly in Room 2030 Contact: <a href="mailto:jhendrik@hwdsb.on.ca">jhendrik@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<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> Contact: <a href="mailto:snichols@hwdsb.on.ca">snichols@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<b>STEAM</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. J. Hendriks	
Who we are / What we do	Investigate concepts and complete projects related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math	
Meeting Frequency	Weekly meetings in room 2030 Contact: <a href="mailto:jhendrik@hwdsb.on.ca">jhendrik@hwdsb.on.ca</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 on Monday at lunch in Room 2068 Contact: <a href="mailto:cvezeau@hwdsb.on.ca">cvezeau@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<b>Ancaster Reading Crew (ARC)</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	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 TBD Contact: <a href="mailto:snichols@hwdsb.on.ca">snichols@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<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 Contact: <a href="mailto:asgrant@hwdsb.on.ca">asgrant@hwdsb.on.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca">dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<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 Contact: <a href="mailto:jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca">jacrowe@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<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 Contact: <a href="mailto:cvezeau@hwdsb.on.ca">cvezeau@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<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	Date/time TBD Contact: <a href="mailto:cpage@hwdsb.on.ca">cpage@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<b>Doctors of Tomorrow</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. A. Tsang	
Who we are / What we do	Doctors of Tomorrow is a non-profit youth lead organization that aims to inspire, educate and empower students considering a career in the medical field. The Ancaster chapter will provide students the opportunity to donate to med-related charities, shadow professionals, learn from guest speakers & participate in hospital events. Chapter members will write case studies/research articles & be introduced to different careers in the medical field.	
Meeting Frequency	Tuesdays at lunch in Room 2071W Contact: <a href="mailto:atsang@hwdsb.on.ca">atsang@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<b>Diversity Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. A. McNeil	
Who we are / What we do	Official blurb to come; The Diversity Club is focused on supporting traditionally marginalized students with an emphasis on raising awareness of issues prevalent in and around the Ancaster community.	
Meeting Frequency	Thursdays at lunch in Room 1037 Contact: <a href="mailto:alymcnei@hwdsb.on.ca">alymcnei@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons Club</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. G. Malcolm	
Who we are / What we do	Official blurb to come; The D&D Club is a group of likeminded individuals that have come to learn and love various worlds of fantasy and role-play through a variety of formats including television/movies, board/card games, and video games.	
Meeting Frequency	Fridays at lunch in the big Art Room 1078 (it is in the tunnel) Contact: <a href="mailto:gmalcolm@hwdsb.on.ca">gmalcolm@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<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 Contact: <a href="mailto:tharrop@hwdsb.on.ca">tharrop@hwdsb.on.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:snichols@hwdsb.on.ca">snichols@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<b>Healthy Action Team (HAT)</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	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 designed to improve the overall emotional, mental, & physical well-being of all. This experience offers leadership opportunities and potential access to post-secondary scholarships.	
Meeting Frequency	Meetings take place on Tuesdays in room 1037 Contact: <a href="mailto:smwilson@hwdsb.on.ca">smwilson@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<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 on Tuesdays at lunch in Student Services (Guidance Office) Contact: <a href="mailto:cosulliv@hwdsb.on.ca">cosulliv@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<b>Positive Space</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	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 Wednesday at lunch in Room 1037 Contact: <a href="mailto:jwmurray@hwdsb.on.ca">jwmurray@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<b>Prayer Group</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. B. Woof & Mr. S. Wilson	
Who we are / What we do	Prayer group provides students of all religious denominations with an opportunity to attend Friday prayer 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 on Fridays in room 1014 between 1:05pm and 1:35pm Contact: <a href="mailto:bwoof@hwdsb.on.ca">bwoof@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	




<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	Weekly Wednesday meetings in the Library Learning Commons (LLC) Contact: <a href="mailto:dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca">dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<b>Student Council</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Turner & Mr. S. Wilson	
Who we are / What we do	Student Council is composed of a <b>group of elected students</b> including our co-Presidents, co-Vice Presidents, Grade Reps, Treasurer, Social Chairs, and more. 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	Meetings are on Monday at lunch in Room 1037 Contacts: <a href="mailto:jturner@hwdsb.on.ca">jturner@hwdsb.on.ca</a> and/or <a href="mailto:smwilson@hwdsb.on.ca">smwilson@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

## Artistic & Creative Clubs

<b>AUD Squad</b>		
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Turner	
Who we are / What we do	The Auditorium Squad is a group of students who have a passion for, and interest, in technological aspects of the theatre. The Aud Squad members work on the lights, sound board, and projector, and handle microphones, and tech equipment rentals. They work as part of musicals, talent shows, guest presenters, assemblies, and concerts.	
Meeting Frequency	Meetings occur monthly in the auditorium and/or based on tech needs Contact: <a href="mailto:jturner@hwdsb.on.ca">jturner@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

<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 Music Room (2044) Contact: <a href="mailto:mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca">mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


### **Coffee House**

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 – Fall and Spring dates are yet to be determined Contact: <a href="mailto:mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca">mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

### **Drama Festival Club**

Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. S. Panavas	
Who we are / What we do	Students will participate in the NTS Drama Festival – Ontario, a play competition featuring 12,000 students from across the province. Actors and stage crew will rehearse and perform a play that will compete against other schools in HWDSB. Students can win a variety of awards and scholarships. The top plays are selected for regional and then provincial competition rounds. Look for auditions in early November.	
Meeting Frequency	Begins in November meeting twice weekly (exact dates to be determined) Contact: <a href="mailto:spanavas@hwdsb.on.ca">spanavas@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


### **Fashion Club**

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	Meet on Friday at lunch in Room 2036 Contact: <a href="mailto:hharris@hwdsb.on.ca">hharris@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


### **Musical Arts Association (MAA)**

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 on Wednesdays at lunch in the Music Room (2044) Contact: <a href="mailto:mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca">mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


### **Musical Theatre Cast and Crew**

Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. J. Turner	
Who we are / What we do	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.	
Meeting Frequency	This group meets in Semester 2 and our schedule varies based on the show and its rehearsals. Contact: <a href="mailto:jturner@hwdsb.on.ca">jturner@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


### **Pep Band**

Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. M. Wylie	
Who we are / What we do	This musical group performs at athletic events.	
Meeting Frequency	Rehearsals are on Fridays at lunch in the Music Room (2044) Contact: <a href="mailto:mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca">mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	

### **Photography & Video Club**

Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. A. Sanders	
Who we are / What we do	A group of students who have a passion for Photography, Photoshop, and Videography. We take videos and photos for the yearbook and competitions.	
Meeting Frequency	Group meets on Tuesdays at lunch in D1/Room 1065 Contact: <a href="mailto:ansander@hwdsb.on.ca">ansander@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


### **Rock Band**


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 (2044) Contact: <a href="mailto:jvallanc@hwdsb.on.ca">jvallanc@hwdsb.on.ca</a>	


<b>Visual Arts Coalition (VAC)</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. G. Malcolm
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	The group meets on Thursdays at lunch in the Big Art Room (1078) Contact: <a href="mailto:gmalcolm@hwdsb.on.ca">gmalcolm@hwdsb.on.ca</a>

<b>Yearbook</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. B. Woof
Who we are / What we do	The Yearbook Club is a student-led initiative which creates an annual Yearbook for all students. We invite all students to participate by offering photos and/or joining the club directly We are looking for Co-Editors/Presidents, Photographers, and Designers. All grades are welcome. This is an excellent way to develop leadership and communication skills.
Meeting Frequency	Once a week in second semester. More frequently as the deadline approaches. Contact: <a href="mailto:bwoof@hwdsb.on.ca">bwoof@hwdsb.on.ca</a>

## 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	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>The AAC is focused on providing all students with 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.</p> </div> <div style="flex: 0.5; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
Meeting Frequency	Meetings are on Wednesdays at lunch in H1 Contact: <a href="mailto:daadams@hwdsb.on.ca">daadams@hwdsb.on.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:rdunbrack@hwdsb.on.ca">rdunbrack@hwdsb.on.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:epiccioni@hwdsb.on.ca">epiccioni@hwdsb.on.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:mschurer@hwdsb.on.ca">mschurer@hwdsb.on.ca</a>

<b>Basketball Club (Game Theory)</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Mr. J. Hendriks & Ms. H. Spring
Who we are / What we do	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>A combination involving an investigation into the analytics of basketball and taking those skills to the basketball court!</p> </div> <div style="flex: 0.5; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
Meeting Frequency	The club meets on Tuesdays in Room 2028 and Wednesdays in Gym D Contacts: <a href="mailto:jhendrik@hwdsb.on.ca">jhendrik@hwdsb.on.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:hspring@hwdsb.on.ca">hspring@hwdsb.on.ca</a>

<b>Dance Team</b>	
Staff Advisor(s)	Ms. L. Mifflin
Who we are / What we do	<p>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 is looking to compete this year and performs at events such as Arts Nights, Football Games, Lunchtime shows, the Musical and more!</p> 
Meeting Frequency	The team meets/practices Tuesday at lunch in the Auditorium. Contact: <a href="mailto:lmifflin@hwdsb.on.ca">lmifflin@hwdsb.on.ca</a>

## Clubs By Day

A list of all the clubs happening every day of the week at Ancaster. All clubs occur at lunch unless otherwise indicated.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aerospace Club Drama Festival (lunch) Homework Club Student Council	Basketball/Game Theory (classroom) Concert Band (7am) Dance Team DECA (Sep to Feb) Drama Festival (lunch) Doctors of Tomorrow Healthy Action Team Make A Wish Photo/Video Club Rock Band	Ancaster Athletic Council (AAC) Basketball/Game Theory (Gym D) Homework Club Musical Arts Association (MAA) Positive Space Royal Gazette	Concert Band (7am) Diversity Club Drama Festival (after school) HOSA Visual Arts Coalition (VAC)	Dungeons & Dragons Fashion Club Friday Prayer (1:05-1:35pm) Homework Club Pep Band Robotics Club

# 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:

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

Sport:	Boys / Girls:	Grade 9:	Jr:	Sr:	Varsity:
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

Sport:	Boys / Girls:	Grade 9:	Jr:	Sr:	Varsity:
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

Sport:	Boys / Girls:	Grade 9:	Jr:	Sr:	Varsity:
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				