

ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL



Student Club Guide 2025-2026

At Ancaster High School, we're all about providing you with exciting and meaningful learning experiences, both in and out of the classroom. We cater to the diverse needs, interests, and abilities of all our students, making Ancaster a fantastic place to learn and grow.



This guide is here to introduce you to the various clubs we offer at Ancaster. We've grouped them into five main categories: **Academic**, **Altruism**, **Awareness & Social Clubs**, **Arts & Creative Clubs**, and **Athletic and Active Clubs/Teams**. Take a look through this guide to find clubs that spark your interest and sign up to become an active part of our school community. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, make new friends, and have a great time!

Our clubs are created and run based on what you, the students, are interested in. If you and your friends have an idea for a new club or activity, just talk to a staff member. We're excited to support your learning journey at Ancaster High and can't wait to see your talents shine in the classroom, on stage, on the field, and in the community!



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Academic Clubs

Coding Club

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Vallance	Tuesdays at lunch, room 2023
This club will teach essential skills in coding, preparing students for post-secondary while exploring the coding side of STEM. Students will work collaboratively on projects and in competitions. Utilize technology to create projects for your portfolios and embrace our technology-focused future!	
Student Leaders: Joud A., Leila L., Nida M.	

Debate Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Provost	Fridays at lunch, room 1031
Join the Debate Club and sharpen your skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork. Engage in exciting debates where you'll argue for or against various topics, competing in fun tournaments with students from other schools. Whether you're looking to boost your confidence, improve your argumentation, or prepare for future career challenges, Debate Club offers the perfect platform to develop essential life skills in a supportive and competitive environment.	
Student Leaders: Jun C., Muhammad S.	

DECA

Teacher Advisor: Mme. Toor	Tuesdays at lunch, room 1109W
DECA is Canada's largest youth business organization where students compete both provincially and internationally in various marketing/general business competitions. DECA is application-based, and the process happens in May each school year.	
Student Leaders: Jun C., Alrick V., Alfred V., Kaylie K.	

Homework Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Harris	Tues and Thurs at lunch, room 2036
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.	

HOSA – Future Health Care Professionals

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Parker	Wednesdays at lunch, room 1102W
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.	

Math Club

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Hendriks	Wednesdays at lunch, room 2030
Math club is a social and educational space for students at all levels of proficiency. Those who struggle with math can seek assistance and tutelage from experienced club members; those who do well at math can expand their knowledge and challenge themselves. This is also great preparation for participation in math contests!	
Student Leader: Benjamin Z.	

Model United Nations Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Brown	Mondays at lunch, room 1031
At the Model United Nations Club, we strive to help our fellow students understand global issues with a hands-on community-based experience. Students will immerse themselves in the life of a United Nations delegate through research, discussions, and debates. Students will build their research and public speaking skills through fun and entertaining group debates while learning about the world around them.	
Student Leaders: Teodora J., Julia D., Cadence H.	

Peer Tutoring Club

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Nicholson	Tuesdays at lunch, Student Services
The Peer Tutoring club is all about students helping students improve their academic skills. Students can register to be a tutor or find a tutor by completing the registration survey. Find posters in Student Services and around the school.	

STEM Club

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Hendriks	Thursdays at lunch, room 2030
This club meets to investigate concepts and complete projects related to Science, Technology, Engineering & Math.	
Student Leaders: Lachlann B, Cadence H, Winnie Z, Corlissa G, Caitlyn G, Melissa H.	

The Royal Gazette

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Harris	Thursdays at lunch, room 2036
<i>The Royal Gazette</i> has been a vital part of our school and community since 2017. It amplifies student voices and opinions and motivates students to engage in issues that matter to them. Contributors gain essential skills such as interviewing, photography, writing, designing, teamwork, and leadership. New members are very welcome to join!	
Student Leaders: Dev P., Melanie S., Arjun B.	

Altruism, Awareness, and Social Clubs

Best Buddies

Teacher Advisors: Ms. Kenney, Ms. Andrews	Fridays at lunch, room 1021
Best Buddies is an internationally recognized organization that strives to build friendships between people with and without intellectual disabilities. Our goal is to help deepen relationships and increase social skills by hanging out, socializing, working and playing during lunch.	
Student Leader: Nora M. , Georgia M.	

Black Student Alliance (BSA)

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Patterson	Wednesdays at lunch, room 2020
A Black Student Alliance (BSA) is a vital club that offers a supportive community for Black students to connect, share experiences, and build a sense of belonging. The alliance promotes and celebrates Black culture, history, and achievements, enriching the entire school with cultural awareness. It also serves as a platform for advocacy, empowering students to address issues of equality and inclusion, and fostering a more diverse and accepting school environment.	
Student Leaders: Keyanna J., Sarah I., Israela N.	

Chess Club

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Page	Fridays at lunch, room 2027
Chess enhances critical thinking, problem solving, and concentration skills. Learn healthy competition in an academic environment! All levels of players are welcome.	
Student Leaders: Cameron B., David M., Eugene S.	

Christian Fellowship Club

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Page	Wednesdays at lunch, room 2027
Ancaster High's Christian Fellowship is a space where students can come together to learn about faith, ask questions, and encourage each other in daily life. We focus on building friendships, supporting one another, and creating a positive community in our school. Whether you're a Christian or just curious, everyone is welcome to join and be a part of the conversation!	
Student Leaders: Kaylie K., Jun C.	

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Boda	Fridays at lunch, room 1078
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.	
Student Leader: Amity G.	

ECO Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Andrews	Tuesdays at lunch, room 1025
This club encourages students to take responsibility for the environment, promoting sustainability within the school community. Students develop leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills by organizing green initiatives and events. The club runs awareness campaigns and commits to environmental causes, making the school cleaner and eco-friendly.	
Student Leader: Georgia M.	

Healthy Action Team

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Logan	Every other Thursday, room 2013
HAT focuses on the mental health and physical wellbeing of our students. We do this through hosting many events throughout the year to help students de-stress and bond. We push students to excel both within and outside of school. Motivation and morale are a focus. Join us!	
Student Leaders: Tamara A., Scarlett W., Avisia J.	

Key Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Waite	Tuesdays at lunch, room 2016
Key Club is part of a global organization for high school students in 45 different countries. It provides students with the opportunity to lead and benefit their lives, school, and community. Its goals are acts of service and members are required to put in 50 hours per school year toward their home, school, and community. Key Club holds four core values: caring, inclusiveness, character building, and leadership. Key Club at Ancaster High focuses on learning and furthering knowledge of crocheting and creation which will be donated to the community (shelters).	
Student Leaders: Fatima M., Naayeli P., Julia G., Deniz D.	

Magic: The Gathering Club

Teacher Advisor: Mrs. Bentham	Mondays at lunch, room 2011
Magic: The Gathering Club is an interest-based social space for fans of the popular trading card game. This club has brought a sizable population of Magic players together for the past few years and welcomes new players at any level of proficiency. Highlights include a tournament with other schools and weekly gameplay.	
Student Leaders: Benjamin Z., Jason M.	

MEDLIFE

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Pattison	Wednesdays at lunch, room 2006
MEDLIFE stands for Medicine, Education, and Development for Low-Income Families Everywhere. This club gives students leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills which connects Ancaster High to the wider community. MEDLIFE is a global non-profit organization working to improve access to healthcare, education, and housing in low-income communities in Latin America and Africa.	
Student Leaders: Sanad B., Melanie S.	

Muslim Student Association (MSA)

Teacher Advisor: Ms. McKaig, Ms. Khalid	Mondays at lunch, room 2010
The Muslim Student Association (MSA) brings together the Muslim community at Ancaster High School, fostering strong community and faith. We further educate the Muslim community (and others) about Islam, manage daily prayers and Friday prayers, and organize social events to bring the Muslim community together.	
Student Leaders: Marium H., Yasmine E., Nida A., Walid A., Muhammad S., Sibel Z.	

Positive Space Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. McKaig	Tuesdays at lunch, room 2010
Positive Space Club provides a safe space for LGBTQIA2S+ members and allies! Whether it be through crafting, lunchtime hangouts, or bakeoffs, PSC always has something fun to get the community engaged. Furthermore, we raise money for important charities such as the Trevor Project through events we host. See you there, Royals!	
Student Leader: Ali T.	

Student Council

Teacher Advisors: Ms. Turner, Ms. Lapko	Mondays at lunch, room 1029
Student Council is composed of a group of elected students 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.	
Student Leaders: Jun C., Alrick V.	

Yearbook Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Logan	Wednesdays at lunch, room 2013
This student-led club creates an annual yearbook for all students. All grades are welcome! Come develop leadership and communication skills while preserving memories. We are looking for co-editors, photographers, and designers. Join the yearbook team and let's make this a year to remember!	

Arts & Creative Clubs

Art Club and Visual Arts Council

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Boda	Wednesdays at lunch, 1078W art room
A relaxed space where students from all disciplines are invited to spend their lunch hour drawing, doodling, and colouring to music while mingling with other artsy students. Opportunities to participate in larger events and projects will be presented by the Visual Arts Council, a group that promotes the visual arts in the school and wider community (for example: creating publicity banners for school/community events, organizing art contests, hosting art therapy sessions, putting up art around the school, etc.). Join us!!!	
Student Leader: Mia R., Emily C., Rayne J.	

Aud Squad

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Panavas	Mondays at lunch, Auditorium
The Aud Squad is a group of students who have a passion for the 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.	
Student Leaders: Maddy C., Jack T.	

Concert Band

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Wylie	Tues & Thurs, 7:00 a.m., Music Room
We learn and perform together as a musical ensemble. We participate in music events, massed bands and concerts, and social activities. Instruments include flute, clarinet, alto sax, baritone sax, tenor sax, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, keyboard, percussion, string bass, electric bass and more. All are welcome!	

Improv Club

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Panavas	Mondays at lunch, Auditorium
Improv Club is both fun and low commitment. Each week a rag-tag group of class clowns meet to play games and create comedy sketches. No experience is needed, but a sense of humour is essential!	
Student Leaders: Sophia K. (semester 1) and Curtis B (semester 2)	

Jazz Band

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Wylie	Fridays at lunch, Music Room
This band is comprised of drum kit, bass guitar, electric guitar, baritone sax, tenor sax, alto sax, trumpet and trombone. We play jazz standards and new jazz tunes as well as contemporary music. No jazz experience necessary.	
Student Leaders: Kai F., Thomas G.	

Grade 9 Band

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Wylie	Mon & Wed, 7 a.m., Music Room
Grade 9 band is a beginner band which meets Monday and Wednesday morning at 7am with additional sections as needed. All winds brass and percussion and bass guitars are welcome. No experience necessary.	

Musical Arts Association

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Wylie	Wednesdays at lunch, Music Room
Participating students are selected by vote from the Senior Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Band.	

Photography & Film Club

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Bell	Tuesdays at lunch, room 1065
This is a group of students who have a passion for photography, Photoshop, and videography! We take pictures of school events, sports, and competitions, and we contribute to the official Instagram account.	
Student Leader: Kayla V.	

Rock Band

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Vallance	Thursdays at lunch, Music Room
If you like rock music come on out and jam with Mr. Vallance and Rock Band! This is a great opportunity to meet rock musicians in the school and discuss all things Rock'n'Roll! The group performs at various events throughout the year as well.	
Student Leaders: Léa B., Edward G.	

Athletic and Active Clubs/Teams

Ancaster Athletic Executive Council (AAC)

Teacher Advisors: Ms. Adams, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Piccioni, Mrs. Schurer, Mr. Schurer	Tuesdays at lunch, 1061 (Health Room)
The AAC offers endless opportunities to students on and off the field. By raising money to support athletics, the council helps ensure teams have the resources they need to succeed and do so in an inclusive community. Members have a chance to try new things, develop leadership skills, and take on responsibility in meaningful ways. The AAC also plays a very important role in enhancing school spirit, creating exciting events and Royal pride throughout the school. Most importantly, it's a place to meet people who share your passion for athletics, creating friendships and connections.	

Dance Team

Teacher Advisors: Ms. Kenney, Ms. Surtel	Lunch: Tues in the Gym C, Thurs in Aud
The AHS dance team is a dedicated group of students that <i>audition</i> to be a part of the team! We provide a space where students build confidence in various dance styles and get their bodies moving. Our team is consistently working, learning, and performing student-led choreography, in a variety of genres. The team is looking to compete and perform at various events including Arts Nights, Football Games, PLF events, lunchtime shows, and more! We are supported by both the arts and athletics! <i>Note: the team does not allow drop-ins as it works on routines throughout the year.</i>	
Student Leaders: Ava S., Tamar S., Melanie S.	

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: there are several *Grade 9 only teams*, as well as Junior (grade 9 &10 only), Senior (grade 11 & 12 only) and Varsity teams (all grades)

Fall Season Sports Teams

Sport	Boys / Girls	Grade 9	Junior	Senior	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	
Flag Football	G				X
Flag Football	B	X			
Football (tackle)	B				X
Baseball	B				X
Golf	B & G				X

Winter Season Sports Teams

Sport	Boys / Girls	Grade 9	Junior	Senior	Varsity
Hockey	B & G				X
Basketball	B		X	X	
Volleyball	G		X	X	
Water polo	B & G		X	X	
Badminton	B & G	X	X	X	
Wrestling	B & G	X	X	X	X

Spring Season Sports Teams

Sport	Boys / Girls	Grade 9	Junior	Senior	Varsity
Track and Field	B & G	X	X	X	
Soccer	B & G				X
Slo-pitch	G				X
Cricket	B & G				X
Junior Football	B		X		
Junior Hockey	B		X		
COED Volleyball	B & G		X	X	
Ultimate Frisbee	B&G				X
Junior Baseball	B		X		

Daily Club Breakdown

Mondays

- AUD Squad (Auditorium)
- Grade 9 Band (7 a.m., Music Room)
- Improv Club (Auditorium)
- Magic: The Gathering Club (room 2011)
- Model United Nations Club (1031)
- MSA - Muslim Student Association (2010)
- Student Council (room 1029)

Tuesdays

- AAC (room H1 – 1061)
- Coding Club (room 2023)
- Concert Band (7 a.m., Music Room)
- Dance Team (Gym C)
- DECA (room 1109W)
- Eco Club (room 1025)
- Homework Club (2036)
- Key Club (2016)
- Peer Tutoring (Student Services)
- Photography & Film Club (room 1065)
- Positive Space (2010)

Wednesdays

- Art Club and Visual Arts Council (1078W Art Room)
- Black Student Alliance (2020)
- Christian Fellowship Club (2027)
- Grade 9 Band (7 a.m., Music Room)
- HOSA (room 1102W)
- Math Club (room 2030)
- MEDLIFE (room 2006)
- Musical Arts Association (Music Room)
- Yearbook (2013)

Thursdays

- Concert Band (7 a.m., Music Room)
- Dance Team (Auditorium)
- HAT (every other week, 2013)
- Homework Club (2026)
- Rock Band (Music Room)
- STEM Club (room 2030)
- The Royal Gazette (2036)

Fridays

- Best Buddies (1021)
- Chess Club (2027)
- Debate Club (room 1031)
- Dungeons & Dragons Club (room 1078)
- Jazz Band (Music Room)