

NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2017-2018

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ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM

Advisor: Ken Brooke, Brad Walker (Room 402)

Academic Bowl is an academic competition whose weekly meetings involve team Jeopardy-style competitions. The club meets on Tuesdays after school in Room 426. At least twice a year, members compete in matches against local schools featuring questions on history, literature, science, math, art, music, and current events. We also sponsor themed history contests on topics such as the history of Needham or Needham High School.

A-CAPPELLA CLUB

Advisor: Jonathan Vanderwoude

To create connection and communication between the school and the students who are members of the out of school a capella groups.

ACS HOPE CLUB

Advisor: Andrew Verardo

Raise money for the American Cancer society and provides a meal for the residents of the Hope Lounge fighting cancer.

ADVOCATE, THE

Advisor: Katie Bergeron (Room 809)

The school's yearbook, The Advocate, is produced by the Advocate's student editors and staff. Sports, clubs and activities, staff, candid photos, and portraits of all seniors, as well as underclassmen, are included in the book. The Advocate staff plans, lays out, and coordinates the entire artistic production of the yearbook, as well as monitoring and administering all sales and circulation issues. Any student at Needham High School is welcome to apply for an editor position on the Advocate staff. Positions include:

- Editor in
- Chief
- Sports Editors
- Circulation/Business Editors
- Arts/Layout Editors
- Clubs/Activities Editor
- Photographers
- Assistant Editors

AGSA (All Genders & Sexualities Alliance)

Advisor: Missy Barry (Room 424)

The AGSA is an organization where a person's sexual and/or gender identity is not judged (even if you are straight). We plan social events and work together to create a safe and accepting school. We also offer free pizza every Friday afternoon at our meetings. Most importantly, our meetings are a fun and welcoming environment where everyone is accepted.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Advisor: Jeanette Word

This club is for anyone interested in learning sign language.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Advisor: Kate Fanous (Room 732)

This club is for anyone interested in supporting humanitarian causes all over the world. The club will help students learn about human rights and how individuals can continue to help with the cause later in life.

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ANIME CLUB

Advisor: Candace Chase (candace.nhsac@gmail.com)

Ever wanted to just relax after school? Do you need a safe place to escape the daily stress of life? Then the Needham High School Anime Club is the place for you! We meet Mondays and Wednesdays in the Needham Public Library. Mondays we play games or socialize. Wednesdays we watch anime, often new or obscure titles not yet popularized in the US. We have movie nights during holiday breaks and over summer vacation too! We order pizza, hang out, watch anime, play games, and generally have a good time. We also attend Anime Boston, the largest anime convention in the northeast, and members also have the chance to earn discounted passes. Finally, the funds we raise from our amazing bake sales go not only to offset the cost of Anime Boston, but also back to our community. We've been recognized for donations to the Needham Public Library, the Needham High School Library, Needham Youth Services, and also the Red Cross to support ongoing tsunami relief efforts in Japan.

ART TO HEAL CLUB

Advisor: Pete Caccavale (Room 415)

Art to Heal is an organization where student volunteers and disabled young adults as well as elders come together through an art workshop. Members paint and draw together as well as build relationships with people other than high school peers. All are welcome.

BEST BUDDIES / ROCKET CONNECTIONS CLUB

Advisor: Melanie Bunda (Room 810)

This is an international organization whose goal is to promote friendship. This club works on building one-on-one relationships with students with special needs. Students can choose to enter into a one-on-one commitment or participate in larger group activities. Large group activities are meant to bridge connections between students and include movies, attending athletic events as a group, Best Buddies Prom (a State-Wide event), and dinners. Officers are chosen annually and are involved in planning events and coordinating buddy pairs. Monthly planning meetings occur before school and one whole group activity a month is planned after school. Individual buddy pairs plan one-on-one activities weekly as fits their schedule.

BIO BUILDER CLUB

Advisor: Jen Regrut (Room 103)

Members of this club will participate in the Bio Builder and IGEM community of schools and scientists working on Bio Engineering projects.

BIOLOGY CLUB

Advisor: Richard Ayache (Room 110)

This club will create a non-competitive learning environment that delves into Biology by using hands on, experience based learning through investigations and projects. Emphasis will also be placed on bio technology and medicine.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Advisor: Lauren Downey

This club will provide homeless kids with birthday parties.

BOMB SQUAD

Advisor: Shakur-Abdal-Khallaq (Cafeteria)

This is a stepping/step-dancing group that uses a mixture of clapping and footsteps to create rhythms and visual formations that resemble military formations. The Bomb Squad performs at the NHS Pep Rally in the fall and other NPS events, as requested. Tryouts are held at the beginning of each school year. The Bomb Squad is also invited to represent NHS at various events, namely the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in January at the First Baptist Church in Needham. The club meets after school prior to the NHS Pep Rally and then occasionally after school to prepare for games or other events.

BOOK CLUB

Advisor: Paige Rowse (NHS Library)

This club will provide students with an opportunity to read and discuss literature outside of class. Members should be willing to read the book chosen for the month and attend monthly meetings.

BROWNIES FOR BOOKS

Advisor:

This club will collect and donate books to places in need to promote an appreciation of reading.

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BUSINESS OF SPORTS

Advisor: David Bookston

This club will educate peers on how sports organizations, products and leagues run their teams through marketing, media, contracts and agents. Statistics of sports will also be discussed and analyzed. Club is discussion based with guest speakers and events throughout the year.

CHESS CLUB

Advisor: Joey Schotland (Room 426)

This is a club for students interested in learning and improving their chess game. The opportunity to participate in chess competitions may be available.

CHOOSE TO BE NICE CLUB

Advisor: Leslie Ofer & Karen Vona McIntyre

This club is about being kinder and better people. Members will volunteer locally by performing community service.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS CLUB

Advisor: Leslie Ofer (Room 401)

This club will bring awareness to the students at NHS about individuals in the community who are in need of items that some students take for granted. Members should be interested in volunteering and donating to Cradles to Crayons in order to make a difference within the Needham Community.

DECA Club

Advisor: Alison Borrelli (Room 112)

To bring the international community of future entrepreneurs and business leader to NHS while developing leadership and marketing experiences that will prove to be useful skills in any future careers. Members must be willing to learn how to effectively communicate, work collaboratively and compete with sportsmanship.

DREAMFAR

Advisor: Meridith Welch (Guidance)

This club creates an opportunity for students to be a part of a fun, non-competitive team. Students will be able to set a goal of running a marathon and achieve it with the support of teachers and teammates. Bring your willingness and enthusiasm to train and to make the time commitment to the program.

EL CLUB DE ESPANOL

Advisor: Meaghan McSherry, Jen Hopkin (Room 711)

This club boosts language development outside the classroom and teaches members about the culture connected with the Spanish language. Members should be enrolled in any level Spanish course and be willing to speak Spanish at meetings and events.

ENGINEERING CLUB

Advisor: Michael Hirsh

This club creates a safe and fun environment for students to research, design and build various gadgets and tools.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CLUB

Advisor: Hans Batra (Room 101)

The NHS Environmental Club is a group of students who meet most Tuesday mornings before school for about a half an hour to discuss environmental issues that our school, town, country and ultimately the globe face as we attempt to seek a sustainable balance with our one and only planet Earth.

EVEN A RAG LIKE THIS (LITERARY MAGAZINE)

Advisor: Theresa Levy (Rooms 730)

The Rag is the Needham High School literary magazine. Students solicit, read, evaluate, and publish selected poetry, short fiction, essays, and art from the student body. The magazine is published in the spring.

FAMILY PROMISE CLUB

Advisor: Michael Hirsh

This is a club to raise awareness about family homelessness and to help out families involved in the Family Promise Organization. Club members can participate in fundraising, providing dinners and playing with the children.

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FASHION CLUB

Advisor: Peter Kiefer

This is a creative environment for members to bond with each other over fashion. This club gives members an opportunity to voice their creative thoughts and ideas about the fashion world, compare icons, and discuss the next big thing. Eventually they would like to produce clothes and put on a fashion show.

FILM CLUB

Advisor: Natalie Guthrie (Room 409)

This is a club where students interested in filmmaking can put together their resources and pursue this common interest. Students will have the opportunity to come together and collaborate to write, direct, edit and produce short films in accordance with school rules and policies.

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor: Maurice Louis (Room 414)

Est-ce que vous aimez le français? Oui? Then come join NHS French Club! We plan trips to French-speaking countries, eat French food and do exciting activities involving French culture. We also raise funds for French charities and throw a Soirée Francophonie, a night to celebrate Francophone music, every year!

FUTURE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS CLUB

Advisor: Andrew Verardo

Topic for letting students know what it actually takes to be a doctor.

GENDER EQUALITY CLUB

Advisor: Jen Gould, Lauren Downey (Room 216)

This club aims to promote feminism, activism, awareness, dialogue and anything that falls under the umbrella of working toward gender equality. Specifically, the club wants to educate, advocate and fundraise for gender equality at NHS and around the world.

GIRLS RUGBY CLUB

Advisor: Diana Parkhurst

This club is for girls interested in playing rugby in the Massachusetts Youth Rugby Organization. Any female student in grades 9-12 may participate who has completed the waiver and consent forms, provided a current physical and is in good academic standing.

GIRLS WHO CODE

Advisor: Emily Griffiths (Room 109)

By 2020 there will be 1.4 million jobs open in the computing related field, but right now our girls are being left behind. Girls Who Code Clubs work to close the opportunity gap in technology by providing high-quality computer science education to 6th-12th grade girls nationwide. We partner with school networks, community-based organizations, libraries, faith-based centers, labor unions, and technology companies to bring Girls Who Code Clubs to communities across America.

GRAPHIC DESIGN CLUB

Advisor: Robyn Briggs (Room 605)

This club is for students who have an interest in Graphic Design who would like to pursue the activity and be able to collaborate with others to achieve a visual project. Members should have taken or be currently enrolled in DADA or Graphic Design 1.

GREATER BOSTON PROJECT CLUB

Advisor: James Odierna

This club is for students participating in the Greater Boston Project. The activities will facilitate Community Action Projects, trips and functions.

GUITAR CLUB

Advisor: Jon Zucchi

This club is for students who wish to learn and/or teach guitar in addition to making new friends.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Advisor: Diana Parkhurst (Room 815)

Needham High School Habitat for Humanity club works in partnership with people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which every person can experience a healthy and safe living environment. The high school club participates in local outreach and advocates for the right of all people to have housing. Each year about 20 students participate in a Collegiate Challenge Trip over February Break. We have traveled to Virginia, Texas, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Alabama and Florida.

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HILLTOPPER

Advisor: Robert Flaggert (Room 726)

The Hilltopper, founded in 1975, is the student newspaper of Needham High School, and publishes with the intent of conveying relevant issues to the school community and providing a forum for student and teacher opinions and voices.

HOPE CLUB

Advisor: Melanie Bunda (Room 209)

This club is for students who are willing to help others and are passionate about the cause. This club believes that homelessness is a prominent problem in today's society and want to help. Trips are made to Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for homeless women in Boston. Those who are interested in going to Rosie's Place must be personable, empathetic, kind and patient. The club would like to fundraise for this cause and spread awareness in Needham.

IHELP-INDIVIDUALS HELPING ELDERLY LEARN PROGRAMS

Advisor: Scott Blanchette

This club provides students with the opportunity to help educate our local senior citizens in a retirement home. Members can help eliminate a generational gap by broadening communication through technology and social media as well as create a close community between students and senior citizens. This club is for students who are interested in interacting with an older generation and who have patience and knowledge of the use of iPhones, and social media sites.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Advisor: Keara Eagan (Room 205F), Linda Lannon

This club provides opportunities for international and American students to learn about the people, customs and cultures of other countries by participating in social and educational activities. Meetings are held in Room 205F on Wednesdays.

INVESTMENT CLUB

Advisor: Jennifer Nehill (Room 404)

This club provides opportunities for students to learn how to invest in the stock market.

KIDZ B KIDZ CLUB

Advisors: Nancy Corderman & Jan Weinshanker

Kidz b Kidz is a non-profit organization whose mission is to teach children about empathy, the importance of helping others, and encourage them to continue to find ways to use their artful hands and generous spirits to do good in the world. Kidz b Kidz inspires kids to create artwork from their hearts used in products sold to fund medical breakthroughs and save kids' lives. We are charity awareness for children!

The Kidz b Kidz Club run their own KbK "Art Parties" in schools, hospitals, and other public venues. The club members follow what happens to a drawing once it leaves the art party and how it ultimately becomes a product and eventually helps others. We teach our teens about building leadership and entrepreneurial skills and they also get to experience first-hand how their input into a community program can truly create change and make a difference. Our hope is to inspire kids to come up with their own ideas and ways to do something good in the world, now and in the future. Please visit our website at: www.kidzbkidz.org

KIVA

Advisor: Doug Stanczak (Room 425)

By learning about and using micro financing techniques, students can gain global perspectives on how people in under-privileged societies can be enabled to become self-sufficient and help themselves out of poverty. Students have to be willing to make smart and careful decisions about where the money that is raised will go. Contact us at nhskivaclub@gmail.com, or visit the web page at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/NeedhamHighSchool>.

LATIN CLUB (World Languages)

Advisor: Lauren Downey (Room 417)

This club gives students the opportunity to celebrate Latin language and literature, and ancient Roman culture and civilization. Students meet once a week (generally Thursday afternoons) to play games, plan events, or help other Latin scholars with Latin learning.

LAUNCH CLUB

Advisor: Joey Schotland & Hans Batra (Room 101)

To teach students Entrepreneurship through the creation of a real company with peers while competing against others in a MIT-sponsored competition.

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LIFTING METCO

Advisor: Shakur Abdal-Khallaq

The goal of Lifting METCO is to help raise money to help offset expenses related to transportation and for educational purposes.

LINGUISTICS CLUB

Advisor: Adam Coggeshall

This club is for students interested in linguistics and languages in addition to applying linguistic skills to other subjects. Members will also participate in Olympiads.

MAKE A STATEMENT DAY

Advisor: Carolyn Tracey (Needham Youth Services)

“Make a Statement Day” committee organizes this special day that takes place during March. Every student and staff member receives a free t-shirt to decorate with a quip or quote...serious or funny. It is day of empowerment and sharing that has been going on since 2006. Meetings begin in January, on Friday mornings from 7:30 to 7:55 in the Library classroom. Committee members strategize the logistics of the event, plan publicity and seek donations. This event is a collaborative project of the Needham Youth Services & Needham High School.

MANDARIN CLUB

Advisor: Yijie Wang (Room 419)

The purpose of this club is to provide members of the school community a chance to expand and explore Chinese culture and the Mandarin language. We spend much of our time in Chinatown, seeing different shops and businesses, as well as trying a variety of Chinese food. Bring a genuine interest in Chinese culture and/or Mandarin. Active participation in club events will be required.

MARCHING BAND / COLOR GUARD

Advisor: Brian Voelz (Band Room)

The NHS Marching Band is a completely different experience than any other school band. We perform 10-20 times a year, providing energy to varsity football games, the pep rally, parades and town functions outside of the school day. Students may join the band and still play fall sports, as many of our members are highly involved with other activities. Our rehearsals are spent learning music and perfecting our halftime show, with significant roles played by student leaders. Since each member is responsible for a unique contribution, marching band provides a great opportunity to work hard individually so as to contribute to performance of the entire band. We welcome all musicians, regardless of instrument or background; some members take this opportunity and perform on a secondary instrument. We also invite students who might have dancing experience to join our color guard, which incorporates choreography with flags to make a strong visual impact. The season starts one week before the start of school, and some students have earned community classroom credit through marching band. Marching band is a great way to become part of the high school through a welcoming, fun, and energetic organization.

MATH TEAM

Advisor: Kaitlyn Garner (Room 223)

The Math Team is for all students who love solving problems and working with other students interested in math. The group meets every Wednesday after school for student-run practices. Five times a year we travel to Greater Boston Math League meets. The Math team also prepares for other math competitions, including Math Olympiad and the New England Math League.

MENDING HEARTS

Advisor: Cathy Clemens (NHS Staff Cafeteria)

This is a service-learning project where students of all levels work together to make quilts for and form bonds with people who have lost their homes and possessions due to disasters such as fires or hurricanes. Club members are eligible to earn community service credit as they form relationships with people who have suffered great loss. Not only do members learn sewing and design skills, but they also research the news to find out who might benefit from our project, write the story of the quilt for quilt recipients, and work with students at other levels in and beyond Needham to create unique personal gifts to help others who have lost everything dear to them. The club meets every Thurs. after school until 4:30 in the Teachers Cafe. Contact Cathy Clemens at cmclemens@comcast.net for more information, to see what quilts we've made, or if you're interested in becoming involved. Regular attendance is not mandatory – you may come and earn hours when it suits your schedule.

METAPHYSICS CLUB

Advisor: Max Hekler (Room 702)

This club incorporates a philosophical component into the curriculum by sitting down for an hour bi-weekly and engaging in a specific topic of discussion.

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MINDFULNESS CLUB

Advisor: Timothy Walsh (Room 811)

This club is for students who would like to practice yoga and meditation as well as doing other activities that bring awareness to different cultures.

MOCK TRIAL

Advisor: Laura Magno

The mock trial team competes with other MA schools in an exercise of trial procedures in a courtroom setting. There is a case provided by the Mass Bar Assoc. that all competing schools learn and students assume roles to perform during the trial competitions. The team employs the volunteer efforts of attorneys to steer the team through the legal issues of the case. Those students who have public speaking ability or experience and those who wish to improve these skills would enjoy this club and its activities.

MODEL CONGRESS/MODEL UN

Advisor: Drew Ames (Room 406)

This is a club for all grades that attends Model UN events locally and the Harvard Model Congress in Boston. Model Congress/Model UN invites students to act as legislators and ambassadors in attempting to pass legislation or reach consensus. Students act in an assigned role debating a variety of issues. This dynamic activity builds speaking skills and helps students learn how to affect change. In 2010-2011, we attended a one-day conference in Shrewsbury and a four-day event in Boston. We also ran three model congresses at NHS. Students can join the club without the expectation of joining all events.

MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

Advisor: Steven Mock (Needham Town Forest or Cutler)

To create a club to enjoy this great sport, this would be a great time and can be done locally in Needham.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Advisor: LeeAnn Sutton (Fine & Performing Arts)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisors: Doug Stanczak/Kate Bergeron (NHS Auditorium)

This is a national organization celebrating academic achievement, as well as the ideals of character, service, and leadership. Students with an unweighted GPA of 4.0/4.5 receive letters of invitation to apply for membership following second term grades (sophomores and juniors), and during the summer (seniors). As a group, the Needham High chapter leads service projects in the school and community; as individuals, each member gives back to the educational community with 10 hours of peer tutoring. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month in the auditorium at 7:15 AM.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION CLUB

Advisor: Jacklyn Pursuit

This club will raise awareness and money for the National Suicide Prevention Organization. The club will also help people understand the severity of the issue.

NHSN TV NEWS

Advisor: Samantha Bookston (Room 409)

NHSN is a student-led television news program that brings NHS news to students via the school broadcast network and the school website. Students in the news homeroom work on the stories, and students in the club have the opportunity to help out on news stories. Students collaborate with students to write, produce, and tape news stories relevant to the NHS community. This is the fifth year students have volunteered their time and commitment to the program, which can be found:

<http://www2.needham.k12.ma.us/nhs/NHSN/index.htm>

N.I.C.E. NHS INITIATIVE TO COMPLEMENT EVERYONE

Advisor: Eric Chase (Room 813)

The goal of this club is to foster a supportive and inclusive environment at NHS where everyone feels appreciated. Each club member will write notes with compliments to fellow students at NHS anonymously. By the end of the year, the goal is to have notes written to every student in the school. Notes will be completed alphabetically and distributed to homerooms before school on Fridays.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Advisor: Michael Robinson

Odyssey of the mind is an international creativity competition in which a team designs a play following some criteria in addition to spontaneous actions which might include building a structure. Teams build skills such as teamwork, leadership and creativity. All are welcome, and members should be willing to work as a team and bring creativity.

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OWN YOUR PEACE

Advisor: Tom Denton and Beth Pinals (Room 728)

Commitment to creating a climate that supports asking for help and helping others. Members must demonstrate interest and consistent attendance at meetings.

PEOPLE OF COLOR AFFINITY GROUP CLUB

Advisor: Shakur Abdal-Khallaq

The People of Color Affinity Group will be a safe space for students who identify themselves as a “person of color” to discuss issues revolving around their race and ethnicity. It will be a space that students will be able to connect with other students who are similar to them and allow them to expand their identity as a person of color in a predominantly white school.

PET PALS CLUB

Advisor: Meaghan McSherry (Room 711)

This club will fundraise for the Animal Rescue League of Boston to help dogs and cats who have been hurt, abandoned, abused or just need a new home.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Advisor: Karl Max Hekler

This club provides a place for students to practice philosophy together. Students should have an interest and a willingness to discuss philosophical topics with others.

PING PONG CLUB (Blazing Paddles)

Advisor: James Ash (400s Lobby by Main Stairs)

POLITICS CLUB

Advisor: Joey Schotland (Room 406)

This club provides an atmosphere where people can productively debate political topics. Students will be informed about political processes, candidates and political issues. Members should have a desire to inspire and change.

PROMGRAMMING CLUB

Advisor: Hans Batra (Room 101)

This club provides students an opportunity to gather with fellow programmers and tech enthusiasts and solve real world problems, both in school and out of school, using computer science. Club members will teach other new skills, and apply them to solve interesting/current problems or write new applications. Anyone with basic programming knowledge or interest in computer science may join, no experience necessary.

RADD (SADD) - ROCKETS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS/SALSA

Advisor: Karen Mullen (r_k_mullen@yahoo.com)

Rockets Against Destructive Decisions, R.A.D.D. is the Needham chapter of the national student organization Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) SADD is “a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly destructive drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide.” The group began in June 2009 with a primary mission of sponsoring fun, substance-free activities for all Needham High students. The group has successfully planned, coordinated, and implemented several social events each year and is working on coordinating a peer group counseling program.

SALSA/Students Advocating for Life without Substance Abuse – An offshoot of the RADD Club. SALSA is a mentoring and peer leadership skills program for students who abstain from alcohol and other drug use. SALSA Youth Leaders are trained to speak to younger students in middle school, presenting themselves as healthy, happy and productive teenagers who have chosen not to use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. Middle School students learn refusal skills they can use when faced with any risky behavior.

This club meets before school throughout the year, and students may qualify for community service credit when participating in the club activities.

RAISE TO SAVE CLUB

Advisor: Richard Ayache (Room 110)

This club raises awareness and money for Lupus.

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RED CROSS CLUB

Advisor: Heather Harris (Room 403)

A club for students who like to make an impact around the world by getting involved in helping countries in need.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Advisor: Hans Batra & Dan Smalley (Room 101)

This club is for students interested in learning about robotics, engineering design, problem solving and teamwork. We meet after school and evenings throughout the year to design, build, and program robots. We compete in FIRST FTC Robotics Competitions, demonstrate our robots at various events, take field trips to companies or colleges to learn more about robotics, and mentor young students. During the competition season (September-April), we usually meet several times a week (currently Tuesdays 6-8pm, Thursdays 2:40-4pm, and sometimes Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays). Any NHS student interested in robotics, programming, and engineering design is welcome to join, no prior experience necessary. All you need is an interest and desire to learn and be creative, and a willingness to make a commitment. The Robotics Club will compete at competitions as two teams: "T-minus-10" and "HackHers". For more information, visit us on Facebook (NeedhamRobotics) or see Mr. Batra or Mr. Smalley.

ROCKET EXPRESS

Advisor: Jimmy Odierna

To provide an organized outlet through which all clubs and activities can sell items for fundraisers

ROOM TO READ CLUB

Advisor: Kelly Scott (Room 715)

The Room to Read Club is an organization focused on supporting literacy and girls' education throughout Africa and Asia by building schools and libraries, donating books, supplies and more. The club works to support and fundraise for the organization through book drives, bake sales, and other events.

RUBIK'S CUBE CLUB

Advisors: Jon Zucchi (Room 612)

The goal of this club is to learn to solve Rubik's cubes faster, solve different types of Rubik's cubes and compete with others.

SAMD: STUDENTS ACTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Advisors: Jonah Ledoux (Room 905)

This club raises money for selected charities through a musical production. Auditions take place in June and rehearsals start in September. The performances are in November. Students may join the club to work on stage or behind the scenes as tech or stage crewmembers.

SAVE A CHILD'S HEART

Advisor: Lauren Finucane

This club brings awareness to Save a Child's Heart Organization and fundraises for children's heart surgeries.

SCHOOL ON WHEELS

Advisors: Richard Ayache (Room 110)

The goal of this club is to collect school supplies and money for less fortunate children in Massachusetts. The kids are paired with a mentor who helps form a bond and keep the child caught up in school.

SCIENCE TEAM

Advisor: Mike Hirsh & Richard Ayache (Room 108/110)

This club meets every Thursday to prepare for monthly competitions. The monthly competitions consist of four or five events held in different disciplines of science. Examples of events include astronomy, physics, chemistry, cell biology, experimental design, and bridge design. Weekly practices consist of preparing for specific events that will be held that month, such as building a bridge to meet specific parameters or studying crime scene data for forensics. The monthly competitions are held from September through March.

SEAL (THE)

Advisor: Shakur Abdal-Khallaq

This club is for students who see a need in the district for a student run organization to help create social change and work toward a more culturally proficient district. Students must be interested in actively working to change the culture and social climate of the district.

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SECURE THE CURE

Advisor: Kaitlyn Garner (Room 223)

This club is for students who want to make a difference in the fight against cancer due to personal experiences. Individuals should believe that through the fundraising efforts of the club the cure for cancer is one step closer to securing the cure. Members should be dedicated, enthusiastic and have the desire to make a difference. Members must be willing to complete three phases which include choosing an organization, building awareness and fundraising.

SHANGHAI-NEEDHAM EXCHANGE

Advisor: Kenneth Brooke (Room 421)

The Shanghai-Needham Exchange occurs every other year and involves students hosting a student from our sister school, Shanghai Number 2 High School, in the fall and then visiting Shanghai the following spring. In China, students live with their exchange partner and go to school. They also visit Beijing for a long weekend. The program aims to promote long-term understanding between students and teachers from both schools, and to provide the opportunity for our students to not only improve their Mandarin, but also to benefit from hosting students from China and from immersion into Chinese culture. Students are involved in fundraising and work together to make the exchange a success.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB

Advisor: James Nix (Room 815)

This club hopes to spread awareness of the Special Olympics organization and would like to have a school team represented at one of the fundraising events such as the polar plunge.

SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

Advisor: Paul Wexler (Room 413)

Founded in 1994, this team is a chapter member of the National Forensics League, a national honorary society. The Team attends competitive public speaking and debate competitions throughout the year, and has become one of the leading programs in New England. Needham students have won approximately thirty awards at nationals over the last decade. Competitive events include those which focus on politics, philosophy and drama. Practices are held at set times and by appointment. We welcome members who wish to attend two tournaments a year, as well as those who wish to attend twenty. Students may expect their writing, speaking, thinking, listening, and research skills to improve markedly in either case.

Websites: http://fcw.needham.k12.ma.us/~paul_wexler/Speech%20and%20Debate%20Team/ and <http://needhamdebate.com/>

STRIDES FOR SOLUTIONS

Advisor: Jen Hopkin and Kaitlyn Garner (Room 713)

This club is for students who would like to participate as a walker or volunteer at various walks for charity, but do not know how to get involved.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Advisor: Jimmy Odierna (Room 728), Keara Eagan

Student Council is a student body government whose purpose is to “serve the students, provide communication with the school administration, and coordinate social activities for Needham High School”. Elections for Freshman Class positions take place at the end of September. This larger body is made up of various smaller sections including:

- At-large (all members of Student Council – within the at-large Student Council there are also committees)
- Class Government (officers and reps from each grade)
- Greater Boston Regional Student Advisory Committee (GBRSAC)
- METCO Representatives
- Student Advisory to the School Committee (SASC)
- School Council

STUDENTS OF NHS

Advisor: Elizabeth Palmer (Room 601)

This club will create a Students of NHS mini blog which will utilize aspects of photography and journalism to create a sense of community.

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T 1 D – TYPE 1 DIABETES CLUB

Advisor: David Bookston

This club's purpose is to raise money and awareness for Type 1 Diabetes. Funds raised will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Members should be truly committed to the cause and willing to show up for meetings and fundraisers. This club is open to the Class of 2019 and 2020.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Advisor: Deb Jacob (Domestic Violence Action Corp – dhjacob@comcast.com), Elizabeth Cox (Room 728)

Take Back the Night (TBTN) is an international event to raise awareness about domestic violence, its prevention and to promote healthy relationships. Working with Needham's Health Department's Domestic Violence Action Committee (DVAC), NHS students organize Take Back the Night – an event that takes place in the fall and features music by local bands, acapella groups, a keynote speaker, a candlelight march, and talks by the students. The TBTN committee raises funds through a combination of car washes, cupcake sales, and grants. Weekly morning meetings take place during September and October at the High School.

THEATRE ARTS SOCIETY

Advisor: Jonah LeDoux

Theatre Arts Society produces two plays a year (Fall and Spring) under the direction of the advisor. All are welcome to audition! If you're interested in acting at NHS, this is the place to be.

UNICEF CLUB

Advisor: Rosemary Calland (Room 423)

UNICEF has instituted a new initiative to get high school students involved in their efforts to help younger children from poor communities. Students should be interested in the concepts of fundraising money to send to children around the globe and doing good deeds to help children that live in their own backyard, as well as connecting these ideas to one another.

VISUAL ARTS SOCIETY

Advisor: LeeAnn Sutton

This club annually takes part in numerous extra-curricular art shows, exhibits, and competitions. In addition, the high school receives a large number of requests from the community looking for students to produce more specific works of art for events and town organizations. This club will enable the most serious students to formally address these many requests, and to fundraise and organize activities to ensure maximum participation by all.

WOMYN'S RIGHTS COALITION

Advisor: Elaine Priovolos (Room 401)

This club is for individuals interested in educating members about gender equality issues with a focus on discussion of worldwide current events that involve womyn's struggles. Fundraising will bring in annual speakers. The club also aspires to create a safe space where members feel comfortable sharing their personal narratives and participating in discussion.

WRITING CENTER

Advisor: Karen McCalley (Room 719)

The Writing Center is a student-led peer-tutoring program that provides after school help for students. Students who would like extra help on their writing can meet with a peer tutor in Room 719 after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - No appointment is necessary. This service provides support for students at all grade levels across many disciplines. Tutors are trained to help fellow students with a wide variety of writing assignments.