

WILLIAM H. HALL HIGH SCHOOL

Clubs & Activities

"Activity is the only road to knowledge."

(George Bernard Shaw)

The following list reflects groups that have been active at Hall in recent years. Not all of these groups meet every year, and new groups form according to student interest.

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Starting a new club or organization

Any student interested in forming a new club or organization can do so by following these procedures:

- Organize a group of friends and classmates who share your interest and would like to form a club or organization. Complete a New Club

Request Form, available from Mrs. Bronson, Student Activities Coordinator, in the Career Center. You will need to describe your objectives and goals in writing, as well as seek out a faculty advisor who can be present during your meetings and who can provide a classroom in which to hold your meetings.

- Consult Mrs. Bronson if you are having difficulty finding a faculty advisor.
- Once a school administrator has approved your new club, you may begin meeting and enjoying your new extra-curricular activity!

Action Club

Advisor: Ms. Jennifer Lanese

How do I join? Attend meetings

When does this activity meet? Mondays in A105

This group meets to increase awareness of social justice issues, contribute to positive change in our school and community, and encourage student leadership.

Animé

Advisor: Mr. Tom Devine

How do I join? Attend a meeting

When does this activity meet? Thursdays in C105

This group meets to view films and discuss this sophisticated form of Japanese animation.

Art Club

Advisor: Mr. Jerry Lavery

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Wednesdays after school in HG01

Art Club is an attempt to build an artistic community wherein artists are able to build on and improve their own artistic style. Art Club hopes to annunciate the importance of content in art and its role in society, as well as provide opportunities for young artists to create change in their communities.

Asian Cultural Club

Advisor: Mrs. Lauren Drazen

How do I join? Come to a meeting or see Mrs. Drazen!

When does this activity meet? Tuesdays after school in A206

The ACC meets in order to learn about the Asian culture. We sample Asian food, learn about the holidays and traditions, discuss current issues and watch Asian films. You don't have to be Asian to join!

Bowling Club

Advisor: Mrs. Anna Capobianco

How do I join? See advisor or come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Monthly; listen to announcements

The Bowling Club seeks to promote a renaissance of bowling within the Hall community. The club meets once a month at Hall and will host occasional outings to bowl.

Brass/Woodwind United

Advisor: Mr. James Antonucci

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? See advisor

This is a social club for talented music students who wish to further their band experience and music education!

Chem-4-Kids

Advisor: Ms. Johanna Foley

How do I join? Come to a meeting or see Ms. Foley

When does this activity meet? Twice a month in B206; check announcements for details!

This group prepares lessons and activities on chemistry and travels to local elementary schools to teach science to young students.

Chemistry Club

Advisor: Ms. Johanna Foley

How do I join? Any student enrolled in Advanced Placement Chemistry is welcome to join

When does this activity meet? Beginning in October this team's members meet weekly after school to prepare for the competition in March.

This group carries out experiments and participates in lectures and discussions for the purpose of preparing a Hall Chemistry Team to take part in the Chemistry Olympiad Competition sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Several levels of competition are held to select a U.S. team for the international contest.

Chess Club

Advisor: Mr. Norman Burtness

How do I join? Come whenever you can!

When does this activity meet? Thursdays after school in PG01

Come to play a game or for instruction. The success of the club depends on student involvement!

Circle of Friends

Advisor: Mrs. Tracy Smith

How do I join? Stop by and see Mrs. Smith in room AG09, or call the voicemail at 521-1350 ext. 6068 to find out when the next event is.

When does this activity meet? Events are scheduled nearly every weekend and posted outside room E115

This club provides opportunities for Special Education and mainstream students from Hall, Conard, and WAAVE to come together for social interaction and friendship. Past events have included bowling, Rock Cats baseball games, Wolf Pack hockey games, ice cream socials and much more!

Class Leadership Board

Advisors: Mrs. Michelle Boire (11) and Mrs. Tricia Snodgrass (11); Mrs. Kimberly Mickus (12) and Ms. Donna Ranieri (12)

How do I join? By class election

When does this activity meet? As determined by each class's leaders

Leaders organize fundraising activities and other projects for the junior and senior classes, such as bake sales, the Junior Prom (grade 11), and Senior Graduation activities (grade 12).

Community Service Club (CSC)

Advisors: Ms. Asia Boxtton and Mrs. Jessica Palliardi

How do I join? Check the calendar outside C105 for the CSC listing!

When does this activity meet? Tuesdays after school

The CSC aims to benefit the community through various acts of volunteerism. They plan to engage students in helping others by participating in activities such as working with the elderly, young children, animals, nature and many more!

Connecticut Youth Forum

Advisor: TBD

How do I join? Listen and look for announcements with information

When does this activity meet? Monthly from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at high schools in the greater Hartford area

Meetings are a forum for discussion for students from many public and private high schools in the area. Themes vary each month. Bus transportation is provided to and from Hall.

Cross Age Connections

Advisors: Mrs. Chris Bivona, Mrs. Amy Landers and Ms. Amanda Williams

How do I join? Attend a meeting

When does this activity meet? Meeting time varies throughout the year.

Listen to morning announcements and look for our group on Facebook!

High school students work with middle school students to make a connection and help make their transition to high school a positive experience.

Empty Bowls

Advisor: Mrs. Kim Hart-Kindleberger

How do I join? Attend meetings and/or see advisor

When does this activity meet? To be decided by the advisor

Empty Bowls is a club dedicated to fighting hunger in our community. We organize events around various hunger awareness issues, organize a school-wide Thanksgiving Food Drive, sponsor the annual Empty Bowls Banquet Fundraiser and participate in the Walk Against Hunger. There are also club activities such as making sandwiches for soup kitchens and bake sales to support local food-oriented charities.

Environmental Awareness Club

Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Coghil

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? As determined by advisor and members

Environmental Awareness is a group for students interested in learning about and acting on the issues affecting our environment.

Fashion Club

Advisor: TBD

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? TBD; listen for announcements

Sew, What's Up? is a fashion club where members discuss and learn about new trends and styles in clothing and accessories. Members will also learn to sew and make bracelets and headbands.

Feminist Coalition

Advisor: Ms. Kristin Larson

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? After school every other Thursday in A109

The Feminism Club seeks to raise awareness about feminism and debunk the stereotypes of feminism.

Filmmaking Club

Advisor: Mr. Anthony Wasley

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Thursday in room PG-08

The newly formed Filmmaking Club is for students interested in learning filmmaking skills, including cinematography, writing and editing. Members will work on making a 10- to 20-minute short film each school year to be submitted to the Connecticut Student Film Festival.

Game of Books Club

Advisors: Ms. Asia Boxtton and Mrs. Kim Hart-Kindelberger

How do I join? Attend a meeting

When does this activity meet? Every first and third Tuesday from 2:15 to 3:30 in the library

The newly formed Game of Books Club is open to book fans who love young adult books and fan fiction. Each month we will select a book or two to read and gather twice a month to discuss the book or peruse new books. We will also check out fan fiction websites and create our own fan fiction!

Gay/Straight Alliance

Advisor: Ms. Elise Dunphe

How do I join? Attend meetings or contact a member

When does this activity meet? Every Tuesday after school in C102

This group seeks to create a safe place for all students to discuss issues of diversity and have fun.

Hall High Animal Aid Coalition

Advisor: Ms. Nora McHugh

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Once a month in B210

The Animal Aid Coalition is a community-service club centered around helping animals. Activities are focused on raising money and awareness of the welfare of animals, as well as visiting local animal shelters.

Hall High Literary Magazine (*Sententia*)

Advisors: Mr. Cary Blocker and Ms. Melissa Roy

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Bi-weekly on Fridays

The Hall High Literary Magazine is a culmination of student-written poems and short stories, and student-created artwork. The magazine is a forum for artistic students to have their work published and shared with the school community. Students in the club write, edit and collect work from other student artists.

Hall High Think Tank

Advisor: Ms. Lauren Merriam

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Bi-weekly on Thursdays in H102

The Hall High Think Tank is an inclusive environment where students with all viewpoints can learn about and discuss today's current events. The club will cover a combination of local, national and international topics, with an emphasis on those involving the United States.

Hallmarks

Advisor: TBD

How do I join? Editors are chosen by the advisor(s). Students applying to be editors must complete an application and include teacher references.

When does this activity meet? Weekly to discuss ideas and to assign tasks for the next deadline

Do you like graphics? Doing surveys? Taking pictures? Want to help make the Hall High yearbook look amazing? Then join *Hallmarks*—Hall's yearbook club—and get hands-on experience. Participation on the yearbook staff requires strong organizational skills and work ethic, computer literacy and a significant time commitment. Strict deadlines with the publishing company begin in September; work begins in late August and continues until the end of the year.

Health and Fitness Club

Advisors: Mr. Bryan Moretti and Hall P.E. Teachers

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school in the weight room

The Health and Fitness Club is a gathering of students who are interested in being healthy and strong young adults.

Highlights

Advisor: Mrs. Jenny Bronson

How do I join? Come to our meetings; contact an editor or the advisor

When does this activity meet? TBD

Highlights is Hall High School's student-run newspaper and is published throughout the school year. Section editors and the editor(s)-in-chief are upperclassmen appointed by their peers. Any student who contributes articles, pictures, and/or graphics to the newspaper is considered a staff member. Come join us!

Human Rights Coalition

Advisor: Mrs. Elizabeth Devine

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? Friday after school in H101

Members of the Human Rights Coalition get together to learn about, discuss, and act on issues dealing with human rights globally. They address issues including human trafficking, use of child soldiers, prisoners of conscience, poverty in developing nations and education about fair trade.

Improv Club

Advisor: Mr. Sean Harris

How do I join? See advisor or come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Every Friday after school in the choir room

Our goal is to create a fun, welcoming environment where students can try out their improv skills, work on improving them, or just watch. Our focus is creating an atmosphere where everyone can feel comfortable and at home.

Investment Club

Advisor: Mrs. Maryanne Taft

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? TBD in room E125

The newly formed Investment Club is for anyone wishing to learn about investing and the stock market. A main focus of the meetings will be to play the Stock Market Game.

Iron Primates Barbell Club

Advisor: Mr. Benjamin Norland

How do I join? See Coach Norland in the weight room, email him at benjamin_norland@whps.org, or stop by C214

When does this activity meet? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:30 – 3:30 open hours in the weight room for coaching and training; optional one per quarter meeting for discussions on technique, nutrition and other topics as desired by members

Do you want to move better, feel better and be more awesome? Make Darwin proud and become an Iron Primate! IPBC is open to all community members interested in learning more about strength and conditioning. Novice and experienced athletes alike are welcomed and challenged! Bring a desire to learn, set goals and work. Mr. Norland is a certified USA Weightlifting Sports Performance Coach and knows how to Paaaahmp you aaaaahhp!

J.E.T.S. (Junior Engineering & Technical Society)

Advisor: Mr. Norman Burtness

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? Meeting times are determined by participants

J.E.T.S. is part of the Technology Student Association (T.S.A.) and features a state-wide and national engineering competition. Teams of 4-8 students compete against each other on a multiple-choice exam based on eight engineering scenarios.

Jazz Dancers

Advisors: Mr. James Antonucci and Mr. Bryan Smith

How do I join? Auditions are held near the end of Sept/early Oct., usually on two consecutive Mondays. Strong dance skills are required.

When does this activity meet? TBD; meetings are more frequent in February and March

This group meets to study and improve dance skills and rehearse for performances in *Pops 'n Jazz* in March.

Jewish Student Union

Advisor: Mr. Tom Devine

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? Tuesdays in C105

The Jewish Student Union enjoys food, music and Jewish culture.

Latin Club

Advisor: Mr. Jim Crabb

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Fridays after school in A212

Latin Club is a group of students who promote the study of Latin at Hall. They also represent the school at Latin Day at the end of the year.

Lead By Example

Advisors: Mr. Dan Jordan and Ms. Zulynette Morales

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Wednesdays after school in room C110

Lead By Example is a teen-driven substance-abuse prevention campaign that focuses on healthy decision making and positive peer role modeling. Members work on various areas of the campaign, such as developing and filming videos, and communicating the LBE message to classes and /or other youth groups.

Lemon Club (Alex's Lemonade Stand Club)

Advisor: Mrs. Maryanne Taft

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? TBD in room E125

This is a newly formed club intended to raise awareness of childhood cancer. We will also pursue opportunities to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. Come join us and make a difference!

Link Crew

Advisors: Ms. Nora McHugh and Mrs. Christina Tysh

How do I join? Apply in the spring and be selected. See advisors for applications.

When does this activity meet? Once in the spring; several times in the summer before school begins; and periodically throughout the year

Link Crew is a leadership and mentoring program that assists students in transitioning to Hall High; only sophomores and juniors may apply for the following year. Link Crew Leaders assist in freshman orientation and mentor several students during their first year at Hall.

Math Team

Advisor: Mr. Tom Ledvorowski

How do I join? Stop by PG03 and/or attend the first meeting in September!

When does this activity meet? Competitions are held once a month on Wednesdays from October to March; practice meetings will be announced

The Hall High School Math Team participates in math competitions with teams from 25 high schools in the Greater Hartford Area during the regular season. Hall High School has been invited to compete at the State and New England levels several times and has received multiple awards for placing during the regular and state competitions.

Medical Club

Advisor: Mrs. Jessica Brand

How do I join? Check the monitors for announcements or see Mrs. Brand in E105

When does this activity meet? Thursdays after school on a TBD schedule

The Medical Club offers opportunities and exposure to different fields in the medical career pathway. There will be opportunities for volunteer work, field trips, meet-and-greets with guest speakers, and you can meet peers interested in the same career path as yourself!

Mock Trial Team

Advisor: Ms. Maryam Wardak

How do I join? Attend meetings and participate in rigorous trial preparation

When does this activity meet? As determined by advisor and members

The Mock Trial Team, sponsored by the CT Bar Association, is a group of students interested in learning more about court procedure. The team practices from December through March in preparation for a mock trial competition with schools throughout the state.

Model United Nations/World Affairs Club

Advisor: Ms. Elise Dunphe

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? To be decided by advisor and members

Regularly scheduled meetings will prepare students for Hall's participation in various Model United Nations conferences that take place throughout the school year. We represent different nations each year. In order to gain a better understanding of how the UN works and each country's position on a number of critical issues, we visit the United Nations and sit down to discuss the issues with representatives from each country.

Movie Club

Advisor: Mr. Tom Devine

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? Mondays after school in C105

The movie club is for students who love movies. We'll explore and discuss many different genres: one week it could be comedy, the next action, animated, "club choice," etc.

Multi-Cultural Club

Advisors: Ms. Asia Boxtton and Mr. Ryan Carlson

How do I join? Attend the first meeting to fill out a member form

When does this activity meet? TBD

The Multicultural Club seeks to increase community awareness about the importance of cultural identity and showcase the cultural diversity that exists at Hall High. We celebrate the many cultures that make up our school

community and provide an opportunity for families of diverse backgrounds to feel connected to the school. Come learn about our fabulous and celebrated events, “A Night Around the World” and “Cultural Fusion.” Whether you are an immigrant or not, want to share your culture, connect with others in school or learn about the world around us, join the Multicultural Club!

Perspicacious Literary Activists Club (P.L.A.C)

Advisors: Ms. Monica Ahern

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? During free periods in the library throughout the school day

The Perspicacious Literary Activists Club is an open group of literary enthusiasts who wish to contribute to the library’s environment, helping to maintain the library and working to create a more welcoming space.

Ping Pong Club

Advisor: Mr. Ryan Carlson

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

The Ping Pong Club meets once a week to play table tennis in the cafeteria.

Quiz Bowl

Advisor: Ms. Christina Hunter

How do I join? See advisor or come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Mondays in room C209

The newly formed Quiz Bowl provides members an opportunity to participate in a competitive trivia game. Members compete against each other and against other schools, answering trivia questions that are provided through a national online database.

Relay For Life

Advisors: Mrs. Nicola Culmo and Ms. Nora McHugh

How do I join? Come to a meeting, or see Mrs. Culmo or Ms. McHugh

When does this activity meet? The first Thursday of every month in room B202

Relay For Life raises money through various events and fundraisers for people suffering from cancer. This organization also works on promoting awareness about cancer. Members participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in the fall and Relay for Life in June.

Science Technology Innovation Club

Advisor: Mr. Anthony Wasley

How do I join? This club is small and selective based on commitment; see Mr. Wasley for details.

When does this activity meet? Once/week in fall; twice/week in spring.

Meetings are mandatory.

The Science Technology Innovation Club's main purpose is to compete in the Student Innovation Expo Open Science Challenge held annually in May. Members brainstorm solutions to a problem based on a yearly theme. Throughout the year students create, design and research their idea to present at the Innovation Expo, where they meet experts in their field in order to further their project and improve their communication skills and professionalism. Student teams also design and produce logos, websites, interactive publications, social and multimedia campaigns, and short films in order to compete against other teams from around the country.

Sign Language Club

Advisor: Ms. Julie Colbert

How do I join? Come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Thursdays after school in room C110

The Sign Language Club presents an opportunity for students to learn and utilize American Sign Language, as well as learn other aspects of deaf culture.

Student Association

Advisors: Ms. Asia Boxtton, Mrs. Lauren Merriam and Mr. Brian Rappelfeld

How do I join? Senator Applications are accepted at the beginning and end of the school year.

When does this activity meet? TBD; attendance at SA sponsored events is expected

The Student Association (S.A.) represents the student body and is responsible for working with the administration and faculty to make the Hall community a safe, spirited and pleasant learning environment. Members will make decisions regarding school-sponsored activities, fundraisers, and

allocations of monies earned. Make a difference because your voice counts –
join S.A.!

Technology 3000

Advisor: Mr. Michael Wilkosz

How do I join? Contact advisor or listen/read the daily announcements

When does this activity meet? As needed, usually Mondays or Thursdays
after school in room AG11 (during robotic contests we will meet daily)

This group is made up of several sub-groups, including but not limited to robotics, electronics, student webmasters and computer programmers. The group starts with the VEX robotics platform and competitions during the fall and the winter, and concludes with the Trinity College Fire Fighting Home Robot Contest during the winter and the spring; run by students and staff.

The Answer

Advisor: Mr. Sean Harris

How do I join? See advisor or come to a meeting!

When does this activity meet? Every Friday after school in the choir room

The Answer is a select, audition-only, award-winning improvisation troupe with performances throughout the school year.

Video Club (Be the Media)

Advisor: Mrs. Monica Ahern

How do I join? Attend a meeting

When does this activity meet? Thursdays in the Library; frequency TBD by members

Video Club gives members the opportunity to cover school events and issues. Students will learn filming and editing skills. Club members also participate in video competitions.

Young Educators Society (Y.E.S.)

Advisor: Mrs. Michelle Nicklas

How do I join? See advisor

When does this activity meet? Once a month after school

Y.E.S. is geared toward students who are interested in being future educators, as well as students who are interested in working with young people.