

FARMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities

AMBASSADOR'S CLUB

The Ambassador's Club participates in all school activities and works on building the community through trips and excursions. Members work on bringing the various diverse groups together in a number of ways. The club hosts the South African Harvest team, a group of students from South Africa who perform at the school and visit classrooms talking about issues of discrimination and prejudice and how to confront these issues. It also hosts Diversity Week to highlight the diversity of the student and teacher population in the building. Colleges and other high schools are visited to talk about promoting diversity and tolerance (and produce a bi-county production on these issues.) The club plans on visiting elementary schools and talk with the children on how they can make a difference, too. Members participate in fund raisers, develop their own awareness and respect for other cultures and people, and have fun in the process.

ART CLUB

The primary purpose and goal of the Art Club is to afford students the opportunity to be exposed to all areas of art. Many do not have room in their schedules to take some of the classes offered. Current activities are clay projects and oil painting.

CARPENTRY CLUB

The Carpentry Club is open to all students; all boys and girls ranging from 9th grade to 12th grade. No experience is necessary; all students will be instructed on the proper and safe utilization of the tools, equipment, and materials. Club members may work on a project of their own choice. Some include a small bookcase, shelf, Adirondack chair, reindeer, etc. There may be an additional charge for materials depending on the size and style of the project. Over the years, the club has volunteered its efforts to construct items for the Farmingdale School District, the Farmingdale Public Library, the Village of Farmingdale, the Town of Oyster Bay, the County of Nassau, and the NYS Department of

Parks and Recreation among others. Our field trips usually include a skills competition and display at the Farmingdale Home Depot, a day trip to Jones Beach to repair lifeguard chairs, and our annual work experience overnight camping trip to Montauk Point in early May.

DALER PRESS

The purpose of the Daler Press is to provide students with an opportunity to enhance their Graphic Communication skills. The Daler Press designs, prints and performs other related activities for extracurricular clubs, other school related organizations, community groups and local businesses such as tickets, posters, brochures, programs, and envelopes.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)

DECA is a national association of marketing education students, providing teachers and members with educational and leadership development activities to merge with the education classroom instructional program. DECA chapters attract students who are interested in preparing for entrepreneurial, marketing or management careers. DECA's goal is for its student members to develop a "career success kit" to carry into their business and personal lives after graduation. DECA utilizes on-the-job experience, chapter projects, fundraising events, community service projects, and a program of competency-based competitive events in specific marketing occupational areas. These events emphasize academic and vocational excellence as building blocks for successful marketing and management careers and demonstrate the direct relationship between marketing education and the real needs of business and industry.

FRENCH CLUB

The purpose of the French Club is to give students an opportunity to experience French culture beyond classroom instruction. Once a year members go to a museum, play or an opera in New York. The French National Honor Society members take an active role in the leadership of the French Club. We do fundraising for our own use as well as for charities, and we organize other activities of interest.

INTERACT CLUB

By joining the Interact Club, students are given the opportunity to assist the community by fund-raising for charities, community fund-raising, car washes, helping children and more. The Interact Club encourages thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others. It is a group effort in which we all work as a team to achieve group and self-improvement and learn the many ways you can help your community. The club hopes that members end the year with a full understanding about the importance of your community and what you can offer.

ITALIAN CLUB / ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY

Members of the club and honor society are exposed to authentic cultural experiences and activities such as eating at Italian restaurants, seeing an Italian opera at the Metropolitan Opera House, and viewing Italian art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Members organize fund-raisers and participate in school sponsored activities. Members of our Honor Society must have a 90 average in Italian and overall average of 80.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Jazz Ensemble rehearses evenings after sports teams have finished their practices, allowing members of those teams to join us. We prepare for two formal concerts and a few dance sets for the Senior Citizens' Prom. Our repertoire includes traditional jazz, jazz-rock, and swing and Improvisation is encouraged. You do not have to be a band member to participate.

JOURNALISM CLUB

Students of the Journalism Club learn the fundamentals of journalism, collecting, writing, editing, and publishing the news. Members consider the responsibilities of the media, discussing the ethics of journalism and deciding what is news. Role playing, students become journalists for the newspaper, PAPER LION. Each member is a staff writer and works for the student holding the position of Editor-in-Chief of the paper. This club is an enjoyable experience, giving valuable insight to aspiring journalists as well as an outlet for those students who love to write.

KEY CLUB

The Key Club is an international organization sponsored by Kiwanis, and usually has between 75 and 100 members each year. The club was built on the concept of caring, thus the purpose is community service. Members are asked to perform a minimum of 50 community service hours per school year. Some of the ways the members earn these hours are walk-a-thons, food drives, Head Start visits, reading/mentoring children, working with the elderly, bake sales and various fundraisers for charities. If you are interested in making a difference, Key Club is the club for you!

MARCHING BAND

The Marching Band includes the Dalerettes. The season begins during the summer at mini-band camp for three early evenings in August. The band meets again for two weekends in September; one in Farmingdale and one in Pennsylvania. They perform for all home, playoff and championship football games, the Newsday marching Band Festival and three local parades. The band has appeared at Shea Stadium and was featured in the Part Two section of Newsday.

MATHLETES

The Math Team is a club for students interested in exploring mathematics in a competitive atmosphere.

MURAL CLUB

The Mural Club is a group of students who have an interest in art and wish to use their interest to both decorate their "place of work" and to provide a more congenial atmosphere in the school. Murals have the advantage of being topical, of conveying a message while, at the same time, giving those who are here every day a relief from the institutional, pastel colored corridor walls. Students know that through their extracurricular, collaborative, creative labors they will leave a lasting, meaningful "impression" on the walls of Farmingdale High School. An impression that will remain long after they have graduated.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

National Art Honor Society is a club for sophomores, juniors and seniors who have completed Studio in Art with a 90 or above average. Throughout the course of the school year, the students are expected to successfully complete 25 hours of art related school and/or community services by working in teams or independently. They participate in activities such as special events decorating, assisting other clubs with decorating and painting, assisting elementary teachers after school with clubs and activities such as Scenery Club, Camera Club, and Stained Glass Club, and assisting high school teachers with displays and exhibits. Students must be motivated, hard working, and committed to the club.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Farmingdale Chapter of the National Honor Society is a service-based organization comprised of juniors and seniors. Members volunteer their time throughout the year in such school functions as Open House, Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, Senior Awards Night, Senior Citizens Prom, and many others. The members are also community minded and they spend time with senior citizens at living facilities, collect medical supplies for a health clinic, and volunteer at the Long Island Fair. They interact with the elementary students on various projects including PARP (Parents as Reading Partners).

Each member develops his or her own 20-hour service project for the school year. Sophomores and juniors who have an academic weighted average of 93.5% are invited to seek membership. A member must also show strength in the areas of leadership, service, and character. A five-member teacher committee selects new members in the spring and induction into our chapter takes place in late May.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Odyssey of the Mind allows students to compete against other students and schools in the yearly Odyssey of the Mind competitions. Working in groups of no more than seven, students select and try to solve a long-term problem that has been designed by the Creative Competitions Company that governs the Odyssey of the Mind competitions. On the day of the competition students also compete in a spon-

aneous problem that is randomly selected by Creative Competitions. The students compete in a local competition held each March and if successful, may be able to compete in the state and national competitions held later in the school year.

PEP BAND

The Pep Band promotes DALER spirit while they play throughout the football games.

PLAYCRAFTERS

Playcrafters produces two productions each school year. The Fall production is a full-scale musical with a cast of 25-40; full orchestra, sets and costumes, approximately 100 students are involved. The Spring production is a full-scale drama or comedy with a cast of 6-12, usually done in "theatre in the round" style. Playcrafters is open to students of all grade levels and students must audition for roles. Backstage people are always welcome and may just sign up. They are trained for the many tasks required such as lights, sets, costumes, makeup, etc.

PIT ORCHESTRA

This is the orchestra that performs with the Playcrafters musical production each fall. Participation is based on recommendations from the instrumental teachers and membership in Tri M Music Honor Society. Rehearsals are 2-5 times a week culminating in the performance of the musical.

SADD

SADD works to promote awareness about the dangers of destructive decisions and contributes to the school by running toy drives, putting on skits at the elementary schools, organizing "Grim Reaper Day", and many other programs promoting awareness and community action.

SCIENCE COMPETITION CLUB

The Science Competition Club is open to all students interested in working together as a team in competitions such as the Science Olympiad and The LI Envirothon. Team members will be challenged to master science, mathematics and technology concepts that require not only knowledge and problem-solving skills but also the ability to work together as a group. Some topics the club will explore are: astronomy, robot building, chemistry, bridge building, forestry, wildlife, rocks and minerals and more.

SGA (Student Government Association)

SGA is the governing body of Farmingdale High School. Members of SGA interact with the student body, teachers and administrators to make our school a better place in which to work and play.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club promotes the Spanish language and culture. Members attend field trips both on Long Island and in New York City to Spanish restaurants, museums, plays, dance ensembles, and/or movies. Members also have the opportunity to get involved in Foreign Language Week, when all the language clubs demonstrate to the rest of the school how exciting it is to learn a second language. Students participate in local language competitions with other high schools, and in the past, the club has adopted a young South American child. The Spanish Club is always looking for innovative ideas to add to their activities. The year end is celebrated with an end-of-the-year bash.

TECHNOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

The Farmingdale High School Chapter of the New York State Technology Department Honor Society is a prestigious organization in which to be a member. Induction requirements are: student must be a junior or a senior; must have taken at least two Technology Department courses; must have a 90% average in all Technology courses; (including those courses taken in ninth and tenth grades); student also must complete a 25-hour technology oriented, independent study, community service project (which may be done in conjunction with a Technology Department class requirement). Examples include printing a program for the school play, building a bench seat for the village, or participating in the robot building competition.

TRI M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

This is an international service organization which promotes music in one's school and community. Members participate in quarterly recitals and yearly field trips. Membership is based on NYSSMA scores or audition. This is an honor society for the top musicians in the school.

VARSITY LEADERS CLUB

The Varsity Leaders Club is comprised of students who have earned a varsity letter and are still participating in a varsity sport. Members are required to do 15 hours of community service. They choose from: Cancer Association, Heart Foundation, Special Olympics, Future Ministries Warehouse, L.I. Blood Services and Salvation Army.

VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Enrollment by audition only, this select group of singers performs several times a year at school concerts, community functions and national competitions. Repertoire performed is from the jazz genre only. Participants rehearse once a week at night.

YEARBOOK JOURNALISM CLUB

Yearbook Club is a product-driven endeavor. Its ultimate goal is to work in concert with Yearbook Class to design, coordinate, craft, and create a yearbook which will adequately reflect a particular place in time in the life of the high school. The efforts of the Hi-Life staff have been overwhelmingly successful. The Yearbook is a professional, polished, award-winning publication. Yearbook participants gain invaluable experience in desktop publishing and journalism. They also develop aptitudes in management and inter-personal relationships. Students become proficient in writing and editing and are afforded the opportunity to examine their potential for leadership. Yearbook Club has no one official meeting day. Staffers are generally available in the Computer Room 103 after school from Monday through Thursday, until approximately 4:30 p.m. On deadline weeks, they work much later. Yearbook participants are traditionally students who are very involved in the life of the school. Therefore, they work on yearbook projects before or after other meetings and sports activities.