

CLUB AND ACTIVITY OFFERINGS

2023-2024



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Club or Activity	Advisor(s)	Description	Category
A Choired Taste	Jessica Padilla Sarah Staebell	Open to all students by audition; An extracurricular group that incorporates movement, dance, and singing in a show choir style. This group rehearses before and after school and performs at BHS concerts and in the community. The group typically rehearses on Friday mornings at 6:55 am.	Vocal Group
African American/Black Studies Club	Alyssa Curatalo	Open to all students, the African American/Black Studies Club provides a nuanced understanding of African American impacts historically, politically, and culturally.	Student Association
Asian Student Association (ASA)	John Clements	A cultural club that represents the Asian population of BHS. The Asian population can be defined as students of Asian descent including people from India, China, Southeast Asia, or any Asian country. This club's objective is to gather the Asian students and share various beliefs/ideas of a variety of Asian nations. In addition, the club discusses pressing issues with which Asian Americans are currently dealing. This exchange in ideas not only occurring with the Asian population, but hopefully will occur with people of different ethnicities who are willing to learn about the rich culture of Asia. Other goals: visit religious sites or cultural centers; trying to find places to play sports that are pertinent to Asian culture, such as cricket; etc.	Student Association
Bella Voce	Sarah Staebell	Open to Sopranos and Altos in grades 9-12; An auditioned extracurricular ensemble for advanced treble singers focusing on collegiate level classical and contemporary repertoire; This ensemble rehearses after school and performs regularly at school and community events.	Vocal Group
Best Buddies	Sara Schron-Metz Marla Taplinger	Open to all students; Looks to create and foster one to one friendships, events, and inclusive opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)	Social
BHS Bookstore	Sam Rizzo	Open to all students; The BHS Bookstore is a student-run organization where members decide on purchases and handle sales. It is an opportunity for all students and staff to show off their Bruin pride by offering a variety of apparel. The club meets once a month to discuss sales and student interests.	Academic
BHS Music Collective	Jeremiah Cooper	Open to all students; The BHS Music Collective strives to connect musicians that play and enjoy vocal and instrumental music to jam and create music. The BHS Music Collective also has the mission to support people with special needs through music. A great opportunity to learn more about music, play in a band and volunteer in the community.	Social

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Black Student Union (BSU)	Deirdre Carter Amy Maloy	Open to all students; BSU is responsible for organizing speakers for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly and Black History Month. Students also meet weekly to discuss various issues of their choice in the greater school community.	Student Association
Book Club	Howard Enis	Open to all students who are avid or casual readers Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month from 3:15 - 4 PM in the lower library. We select a book or two to read as a group and discuss the following month. Open book discussions are always welcome. We sometimes meet with authors and presenters! Snacks are included!	Social
Brighton-Bremen Exchange	Karl Dobosz Jen Wheeler	Open to students in grades 10-12 who are enrolled in a German class and in good academic standing; An exchange trip to Bremen, Germany, that has taken place every other year for over 30 years; If spots are still available, the exchange will then be opened to students enrolled in other World Languages, and then to all students in grades 10-12. There are roughly ten parent/student meetings throughout the year.	Academic
Brighton-Israeli Exchange	Alpa Khandhar Marla Taplinger	Open to all students to promote cultural awareness, understanding, and friendships between the U.S. and Israel. BHS has participated since 2011 in the opportunity to host students from Rochester's sister city of Modi'in to meet, spend time together, and make lasting friendships. This program is jointly sponsored by BCSD, and the Jewish Federation of Rochester intended to be a cultural and not a religious exchange.	Academic
Brighton-Oviedo Exchange	Suzanne Crowley Rachel Rivera	A school-to-to school exchange with Colegio Meres in Oviedo, Spain that takes place every two years. Spanish students visit in October/November, and BHS students travel in February of the same school year. Hosting is open to any BHS students. Travel is open to students in good academic standing who have hosted or are enrolled in a Spanish class. Our visit to Spain includes 3-4 days in Madrid and Barcelona, then a stay in Oviedo. In Oviedo, students stay with their host family for a week, attend school, visit sights in Asturias, such as the Caves of Covadonga, the city of Gijon, the city of Oviedo and other activities.	Academic
Brighton-Rennes Exchange	Jessica Beh	The Rennes Exchange is a school-to-school exchange with Lycée Sévigné that takes place every two years. French students visit for 10 days in October/November, and BHS students travel in March/April of the same school year. Hosting is open to all BHS students. Travel is open to students in good academic standing who have hosted or are enrolled in a French or science class. Our visit to France includes 2-3 days in Paris with a trip to Versailles on our way to Rennes. In Rennes, students stay with their host family for a week, attend school, visit Normandy beaches, WWII museum, Mont Saint-Michel, and the city of Rennes. There are approximately five parent/student meetings throughout the year.	Academic

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Brighton Ceramics Collective	Katie Maley	The Brighton Ceramics Collective is open to all students interested in furthering their craft in the medium of clay, and for students with a passion for Ceramic arts. Come learn new techniques, increase your skill with wheel throwing or hand building, and join our community of artists.	Social
Brighton on Board Club	Lance Mitchell	Open to all students of all skill levels; Brighton on Board meets on Fridays after school in the lower library to play an assortment of the current and vintage popular board/card games, such as Coup, Settlers of Catan, Duel, Ticket to Ride, Dungeons & Dragons, and Machi Koro. We also play classics, such as Magic/Yu-Gi-Oh card games, Sorry, Monopoly, Battleship, Risk, UNO, Wizards, Yahtzee, and Chess.	Social
Bruinettes	Sarah Staebell	Open by audition to treble voices and beatboxers in grades 9-12; An extracurricular, collegiate-style a cappella group for Sopranos and Altos; This group rehearses before and after school, on weekends, and performs regularly both at school and community events throughout the Rochester area.	Vocal Group
Business Club	Cory Wright	Open to all students who are interested in the fields of business, marketing, and business leadership; There are two national organizations for club participation: (1) Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) - regional, state, and national business conferences/competitions in a variety of categories. Membership is limited to students who are currently taking a business class; (2) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - regional, state, and national business conferences/competitions in a variety of categories. Membership is limited to all current and former business students.	Academic Competitive
Cars and Racing Club	Kevin Holcolmb-Pierce	Open to all students; a place for students to meet to discuss cars, racing (F1, Nascar, etc.), race design, and partake in some racing yourself! The club meets once a month, typically on Wednesdays (see Schoology group).	Social
Catalysts for Change (CFC)	Jeremiah Cooper	Open to all students and designed to improve BHS through service projects and student collaboration; We will engage in school beautification projects, fundraisers, and the creation of artwork to better the Brighton Community. CFC's mission is to ensure that BHS' environment is the best it can be.	Social

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Chemistry Club (Teen Science Café)	Karen Blodgett Rebecca Geary Alpa Khandhar	Open to all students; the Chemistry Club is a student-led exploration of all things chemistry. All students are welcome, enrollment in chemistry is not required. We can explore the chemistry of food, make elephant toothpaste, slime, and bouncy balls. Our experiments will be guided by student interest and choice. For the Teen Science Café, students invite local scientists to engage in lively conversations and explore a topic deeply. Recent cafés include conversations with local scientists about the coronavirus, circadian rhythms in animals, methane deposits in the ocean, and nuclear fusion at the UR Laser Lab of Energetics. Join and you can help guide which scientists we invite and which topics we explore.	Academic
Chess Club	John Clements	Open to all students interested in playing and/or learning how to play chess; At the weekly meetings, games are played, and instruction is given. The club participates in the Greater Rochester Interscholastic Chess League, which meets during the winter sports season. Additional competitive chess tournaments for Brighton students only will be held throughout the year.	Competitive
Christian Student Union (CSU)	Amy Maloy	Open to all students who are interested in discussing issues related to Christianity and the bible; Students meet on a weekly basis.	Student Association
Class Councils	K. Pierce/A. Conroy K. O'Shea/M. Crelley J. Wasserman/K. Muniz E. Trowbridge/ B. Rogenmoser	Members are elected. The student council has various roles, such as organizing school activities, (including the Senior Ball, Junior Prom), and organizing fundraisers. The student council aims to make positive changes that benefit the students, school, and community.	Service
Climate Club	Craig Smith	Open to all students interested in increasing awareness and taking action in combatting climate change within BHS, the Brighton community, and on a national and international scale.	Nature
Crazy Pitches	Sarah Staebell	Open by audition to singers and beatboxers in grades 9-12; An extracurricular, co-ed, collegiate style a cappella group; This group rehearses before and after school, as well as on the weekends, and performs regularly both at school and community events throughout the Rochester area.	Vocal Group

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Dance Club	Jessica Padilla	Open to all students; Dance club is a year-long after school club for grade 9 th -12 th at BHS. The club will meet two times a month with the goal to give students an outlet for dance and choreography. This is an inclusive club meant to encourage students with or without dance experience to be active, have fun, and to have a creative outlet and make new connections within the community. The group will be student run with the help of Mrs. Padilla for choreography. We hope to have opportunities to perform at BHS events during the year.	Social
Digital Media Production Club	Eric Gruner	Open to all students interested in producing films and video focusing on script-based stories and news features; Students will write, film, and edit short and full-length stories that are either fictional, factual, and/or create news features about the Brighton Central School District. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers to learn about the film and video industry.	Creative
Drama Club	Colleen Parent	Open to all students providing additional opportunities to explore all aspects of the theatre arts; Activities include group script readings; staged readings; improv games; workshops for dance, acting, and design; as well as trips to professional and community theatre events. We are open to diverse students in ways that are inclusive. We meet at least once per month and then do additional workshops.	Creative
Envirothon	Dr. George Smith	An annual, environmentally themed academic competition for high school students organized by the National Conservation Foundation. The competition is held by the U.S. and Canada on a regional, state, and bi-national level combining in-class and hands-on environmental education in a competition setting which involves a problem-solving presentation, as well as 5 written field tests (aquatic ecology; forestry; soils and land use; wildlife; and a fifth annual changing subtopic which focuses on relevant environmental issues). 500,000 students from the U.S. and Canada currently participate.	Academic Competitive
eSports Club	Laura Byrne Travis Figueroa	Open to all students interested in playing and discussing a wide variety of eSports games; Games offered are based on student interest. Previous competitions include Super Smash Brothers Ultimate - a team based 1v1 last person standing game, CS: GO (Counterstrike Global Offensive) - a 5v5 economy-based FPS, Overwatch - a 6v6 hero-based FPS, Rocket League - a 3v3 soccer with cars, and League of Legends - a 5v5 MOBA. Weekly meeting and practice times are based on student interest and availability.	Social

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Euchre Club	Heather Bonadonna	Open to all students interested in playing and/or learning to play Euchre; Students come together once a week to play Euchre, teach other students how to play, and have fun! No knowledge of euchre necessary. We are all willing to teach you how to play. Come join us!	Social
Executive Council	Nicole Baker Suzanne Crowley	Members are elected. The Executive Council oversees the Students Senate. If you are interested in running Homecoming, pep rallies, the winter formal, Spring Fest, and other school wide events, you should join the Executive Council! Students will also run Student Senate meetings and attend CCLT (Culture and Climate Team) meetings. Students will run the Class Council Elections. Joining Executive Council gives you the opportunity to grow as a leader, enjoy organizing and partaking in events, and have a say in school wide decisions. Meetings are weekly.	Service
Fashion Club	Keri Crowley	Open to all students who appreciate fashion and are interested in uniting to learn and grow together. Activities include hosting guest speakers, journaling, projects on design, Bring Your Own (BYO) dress up, sewing class, modeling clinic, and more!	Social
French Club	Jessica Beh	Open to all students interested in participating in discussions involving French cultural activities, including movies, music, French cuisines, and more! French Club meets twice per month after school.	Social
Friend in Me	Barry Rogenmoser Jess Watson	Open to all students; Friend in Me is a student-led club, partnering with Golisano Children's Hospital, which is dedicated to empowering Rochester pediatric patients battling with hardships in hospitals and providing them with a sense of normalcy through engaging activities and a multitude of events. Friend in Me aims to raise childhood cancer awareness and hopes to help combat the many challenges faced by pediatric patients.	Service
Friends of Rachel	Lance Mitchell	Open to all students to promote kindness, connectedness, community, and caring; Friends of Rachel is an affiliate of the national Friends of Rachel organization.	Service
Future Teachers Club	Marissa Kenrick	Open to all students interested in learning more about becoming a teacher; As members of this club, students will engage in community-building activities, learn to plan lessons, practice teach/tutor younger students, listen to guest speakers, and shadow teachers. Other opportunities include joint club meetings with Future Teachers from East High School, as well as visits to St. John Fisher College to connect with current college students in the School of Education. Additional activities can be developed by club members.	Academic

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Galaxy Club	Becky Wiggins	Open to all students to promote and nurture excellence in literature and art; Students are encouraged to write and create art, critique the work of their peers, and produce and publish an annual literary/art magazine of their work. They also host two poetry café nights where their work is shared in a public setting and host the annual “Galaxy Soiree” where their work is displayed for the Brighton school community. This club meets on Sunday evenings in the Fall and has some after-school meetings. For more information, contact Becky Wiggins at Becky_Wiggins@bcsd.org	Creative
Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)	James Nguyen	Open to all students interested in a diversity group that seeks to expand the knowledge and awareness of the LGBTQ+ Community. Through discussion and programming, students explore current and relevant issues of gender and sexuality, both in their own lives and relationships, as well as in societal representations and expectations. GSA generally meets every other week in room 385. For more information, contact Mr. Nguyen at James_Nguyen@bcsd.org . The club meets Wednesdays after school from 3-4.	Student Association
Geology Club	Dr. George Smith	Open to all students to offer a platform to discover the world of rock geology; share facts and discoveries about rocks and geology and their importance in our lives; meet new friends with similar interests and share unique and interesting rock finds; hear guest speakers on geology, Earth, atmospheric science, and remote sensing; as well as field trips to see geological formations.	Social
Girl Up	Suzanne Crowley	An innovative campaign of the United Nations Foundation, Girl Up gives girls the resources and platform to start a movement for social change wherever they are; Students can channel their energy and compassion to raise awareness and funds for the UN programs that help some of the world’s hardest to reach adolescent girls.	Service
Harmonies for Healing	Julie Capossere	Open to any students who play musical instruments and/or sing and are interested in providing encouragement and support to patients, residents, healthcare workers, and employees, in senior living homes. Students perform at local nursing homes and record concerts for their YouTube channel.	Service
Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA)	Erin Dwyer	Open to all students interested in health occupations; This club provides networking opportunities, leadership positions, community service, and opportunities to compete in different health events at a local, state, and national level.	Student Association

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International Club	Jen Wheeler	Open to all students; The purpose of this club is to help introduce our English Language Learners and exchange students to American culture in various social settings. Activities include helping to organize our districtwide international picnic in the fall, planning movie afternoons, going apple picking, crafting, participating in nature walks, and Friday afternoon fun. Recently, we have been working on volunteer projects in helping refugees in the greater Rochester area.	Student Association
Jewish Student Union (JSU)	Rebecca Geary	Open to all students interested in meeting new people, as well as learning and talking about Jewish culture, heritage, and religion; Our main mission is to create a space where people can learn about Judaism. Meets every other Thursday after school for about 25-30 minutes.	Student Association
Key Club	Andrea Doyle	Open to all students interested in community service opportunities, both locally and internationally; Members will have opportunities to serve, build character, and develop leadership skills. The club is co-sponsored by local Brighton Kiwanis and promotes a sense of citizenship and collaboration among students and the greater community. Typically meets once a month, and service projects 2-3x monthly.	Social
Kick Cancer's Butt-on Club	Marla Taplinger	Open to all students to promote friendships by involvement in making items including button necklaces, bracelets, picture frames, pins, and other items made from buttons to donate or sell as fundraisers and donate the proceeds to local cancer centers. This club originated in memory of a BHS alumnus.	Service
Link Crew	Heather Bonadonna Mike Bonadonna	Link Crew is a mentor program open to 11th and 12th grade students to assist in the transition of freshmen and new students to BHS. Our goal is to make everyone feel safe, comfortable, and welcome at school. This idea is built on the belief that students can help other students succeed and feel connected to our BHS community. The expectation of Link Leaders is that they will be positive role models, will be motivators, and will help ensure that our new students have a successful transition to high school." It is extremely accurate and exceeds its goals.	Service
Lorax Club	Dr. George Smith	Open to all students interested in urban forestry through landscape design; tree/shrub planning; pruning, trimming and water upkeep; invasive species removal; fundraising and communication/education with the Town of Brighton and the Brighton community.	Nature

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Macapella	Sarah Staebell	Open by audition to basses, baritones, tenors, and beatboxers in grades 9-12; An extracurricular, collegiate style a cappella group for Lower Voices; This group rehearses before and after school, on weekends, and performs regularly both at school and community events throughout the Rochester area.	Vocal Group
Masterminds	Heather Bonadonna	Open to all students interested in participating on a competitive quiz team; Competitions are in question/answer format. Students compete with other students from schools across Monroe County.	Academic Competitive
Math Team	Ann Marie Swilley	Open to all students that are interested in representing BHS at the Monroe County Math League meets. Math meets are held monthly from October – February. All monthly meets will be held at Brighton consisting of a team round and individual rounds. There will also be one practice held per month. All students have the opportunity to qualify and compete regionally, and potentially at the state level.	Academic Competitive
Mock Trial	Heather Bonadonna	Open to all students interested in furthering their understanding of the law, court procedures, and the legal system. During Mock Trial, students will develop speaking, listening, reading, and reasoning skills while being involved in mock trial cases for both defense and prosecution. Students will have the ability to compete locally and regionally and possibly at the state level.	Academic Competitive
Model United Nations (Model UN)	Brendan Quinn	Model UN encourages students' interests in the United Nations, international affairs in general, as well as the governments, cultures, and politics of selected countries around	Academic Competitive
Morning Show	Michelle Rumley	Open to all students; There are different tasks/roles for the Morning Show in which students can participate. Once they are trained, they will be able to participate independently. (For example, a person might be interested in learning how to use the camera so they will be trained by a mentor until they are comfortable working independently and have shown an understanding of the equipment and process.) Leadership roles are determined the previous year but as the year progresses roles are assigned as needed.	Service
Mountain Bound	Mike Bonadonna Jamie Porta	Open to all students of all experience levels; Mountain Bound is a five-day adventure to the Adirondack Mountains that usually takes place in July. The trip introduces students to a variety of outdoor activities, challenges each individual mentally and physically, and generates a respect for our green space. The program and challenges are for all students, regardless of camping, canoeing, hiking, rafting, or climbing experience. Hiking, canoeing, and white-water rafting are some highlights of the trip.	Nature

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Music Production Club	Howard Enis	Open to all students interested in creating, producing, and mixing digital music of all genres. All levels of experience are welcome. The group meets twice per week to learn about music production, share projects, tips, training, and to collaborate in a nonjudgmental environment. Several events and concerts are planned throughout the year.	Creative
Muslim Student Association (MSA)	Jen Wheeler	Open to all students; MSA is a club that supports students of all faiths and belief systems in our school community. The club is run by students for students, and most meetings include current events, explanations of specific customs and rituals in Islam, and planned activities for club members. We have volunteered at Barakah Charity and helped to host interfaith programming at the Islamic Center of Rochester. Meetings are typically the first and third Wednesday of every month.	Student Association
Natural Helpers	Mike Bonadonna	Students with problems naturally seek out other students, and occasionally teachers or other school staff whom they trust. They seek them out for advice, for assistance or just for a sympathetic ear. The Natural Helpers program uses this existing helping network; it provides a three-day training to students and adults who are already identified as “natural” helpers. Students are selected based on the recommendations of classmates from a survey in homeroom. It gives them the skills they need to provide help more effectively to young people who seek them out. The retreat is the training program for the group. Monthly/bimonthly meetings are scheduled at student homes from 7-9 in the evening as a support mechanism for members who attended the training.	Service
Outdoor Club	Mike Bonadonna Jamie Porta	Open to all students in grades 8-12 interested in participating in weekend, in-person adventures in Fall and Spring. Activities may include hiking, white-water rafting, and kayaking. The club also organizes longer trips during the summer to the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and scuba diving in Grand Cayman, which are open to students in grades 8- 11.	Nature
Pathways to Medicine	Jessica Weber	Open to all students interested in entering the medical field (any level – doctors, nurses, PAs, X-ray techs, physical therapists, pharmacists, EMTs, phlebotomists, medical lab techs, midwives, doulas, etc.) to connect with other students who share similar interests and to hear how they’re preparing for their next steps in education or training towards their chosen career.	Student Association

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Philosophy Club	Brendan Quinn	Open to all students; a discussion and research-based club that investigates thought-provoking questions as well as studies historical and current philosophies. The club meets Day 4 During Flex in Room 201.	Academic
Phoenix Artists Club	Mackensie Galusha	Open to all students interested in participating in an open studio environment. Come spend time with other artists, make self-directed works of art in your material of choice, and learn new artistic techniques!	Academic
Photo Club	Jennilyn Pickering	Open to all students; Photo club members have opportunities to hone their skills by understanding and learning about what makes a good photograph, from composition to artistic expression. In addition, members of this club will learn how to use state of the art software to edit and enhance photographic images for their own use. Students are encouraged to practice their skills while photographing school related activities and during off campus local club field trips. All levels of experience are welcome and encouraged to explore this exciting side of the visual arts.	Social
Prepworks Tutoring	Debbie Appleton	Open to all students; the Combined BHS Peer Tutoring initiative provides two options for students seeking out-of-classroom help. We aim to provide free and accessible peer tutoring to BHS students while remaining flexible for both the tutors and tutees. BHS Peer Tutoring covers all core subjects and several electives. The club meets Tuesdays after school.	Academic
Programming Club	Matt Schindler	Open to all students interested in learning more about coding; The club meets weekly, engaging in various activities related to computer science. Members work together on programming problems from coding competitions and creating websites. The club strives to further members' understanding of programming in various languages and welcomes anyone who is interested. No experience necessary!	Academic
Red Cross Club	Andy Conroy	Open to all students; The purpose of the Red Cross Club is to address and target our community's needs and deliver the services of the American Red Cross (disaster/emergency relief, support to military, teach lifesaving skills, blood drives, etc.), as well as to develop the interpersonal and community-building skills of students.	Service

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Replenish Rochester	Dr. Tracie Glazer	This club seeks to promote student understanding, research, social justice, and impactful service through deeply connected partnerships with local non-profit organizations that serve the Greater Rochester area community's health and human services needs. We aim to work with one lesser-known non-profit per semester to learn about their mission and "theories of change" while partnering with their leaders to understand the underlying policies, realities, conditions, and politics that make their work necessary and needed in our local community. We hope to then work in collaboration with the agencies' staff to create and plan a time-bound strategies for meaningful service that utilizes our memberships' individual and collective strengths and abilities, in ways that the organization's leadership believes will expand their impact while reducing or alleviating barriers that they currently face.	Service
Robotics Club	Aaron Schnittman	Open to all students whose main objective is to build a robot as a group that can participate and compete in an annual First Tech Challenge; First's mission is to show students of every age that science, technology, and problem-solving is fun and rewarding and provides paths to successful careers. First holds local, national, and international competitions that focus on gracious professionalism and STEM concepts. See http://www.usfirst.org for more information.	Academic Competitive
Science Olympiad	Brad Allen Chris Law	Open to all students interested in science to compete with other students in a variety of science-related building and examination events; Students may compete regionally and at the state level. Members have an opportunity to compete in events that may involve testing, experimentation, or engineering. There are competitions throughout the year at the Invitational, Regional, and State levels.	Academic Competitive
Serenity Seekers	Dawn Vergari	Open to all students; The purpose of the Serenity Seekers Club is to have students teach each other how to reduce and/or manage stress. Each month, the club will present a method to do so. The club meets Thursdays after school.	Social
Shinshinim	Marla Taplinger	Open to any students interested in learning more about Israel; Recent high school graduates from Israel volunteer to engage with people of all ages to bring Israel and Israeli culture by bringing their energy, love of Israel, and fresh views through educational lessons, presentations, arts and crafts, music, and personal connections with community members of all ages.	Social

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Ski Club	Nadine Dykes	Students purchase discounted tickets and have transportation with the club to Bristol Mountain on 6 Saturdays, weather permitting. Dates to be determined. Sign-ups for Ski Club are in the Fall.	Social
South Asian Student Society (SASS)	Alpa Khandhar	Open to all students; This is a social club with a focus on activities and celebrations from the Indian subcontinent. We focus on creating a more inclusive atmosphere for our South Asian (Desi) students here at BHS; to help engage them in their respective cultures; to connect students with similar heritages and backgrounds, and to educate all students at Brighton about the various South Asian cultures, traditions, histories, and issues.	Social
Speech and Debate Club	Barry Rogenmoser Dr. Rae Smith	Open to all students interested in improving your speaking and logic, or just a chance to enjoy a good argument; In addition to Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate, there are several other categories that also develop your speaking skills, such as Declamation, Original Oratory and Extemporaneous Speaking, as well as some that combine speaking and performing together to practice and prepare to compete in these events. Tournaments are held on Saturdays at area schools.	Academic Competitive
Tech Crew	Jack Witmer	Open to all students; The high school theatre Tech Crew Club is a dynamic and collaborative community where students with a passion for behind-the-scenes magic come together. Dedicated to the technical aspects of theatrical productions, the club provides a hands-on experience for members interested in lighting, sound, set design, and stage management. Through workshops, rehearsals, and actual productions, students learn the intricacies of creating a seamless and immersive theatrical experience. This tight-knit group fosters creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills as they work together to bring the stage to life, ensuring that every performance is a masterful blend of artistic vision and technical precision.	Service
Tech Help Desk (Genius Bruin/ GenBru)	Howard Enis	Open to all students interested in running and operating the BHS Tech Help Desk; GenBru is a student-staffed tech help desk, who assist students and teachers with their questions and problems involving school technology. The club also offers opportunities for tech minded students to explore, build, test, and create all realms of innovative tech apps, solutions, hardware, programming, etc. We maintain an office in the library and are also planning to support the Tech Help Desk in the Maker Space. GenBru welcomes students of all skillsets and is planning a major expansion this Fall 2023.	Service

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Teen Institute Heart of New York at Brighton	Kevin Pierce	Open to all students; A branch of the Heart of NY Teen Institute organization focusing on helping and providing opportunities for youth to become strong leaders to empower positive change within themselves and the community; While growing individual leadership skills, the goal is to work together and leverage to actively find ways to make a difference in our community, while stressing the importance of mental health and how this affects ourselves and the people around you through different activities and workshops. Club meetings will be discussed next year based on member's schedules. Schoolwide events are advertised around the building, all are welcome to attend!	Service
Together Including Every Student (TIES)	Kathleen DeGoey	TIES is a student volunteer organization that provides peer support in school activities, and in the community to students with developmental disabilities. Students are trained to work with the participants who need support. Some of the activities include clubs, the Festival of Ideas, and BINGO at FRES. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Kathleen DeGoey at kathleen_degoey@bcsd.org.	Service
Trapezoid (BHS newspaper)	Barry Rogenmoser	BHS newspaper produced by students to provide the Brighton Community with relevant information and opinions on current issues; Student members are committed to producing a first-class newspaper and spend Friday evenings and all-day Saturday once a month to lay out the paper. All the writing and editing is done during the month independently. Final editing and approval of all content is done each month by the advisor.	Creative
Vocal Jazz	Sarah Staebell	An auditioned extracurricular ensemble for advanced singers focused on singing in the jazz style and incorporating improvisation; This group is open to students in grades 9-12 and rehearses after school. Students from this ensemble often compete as soloists in the jazz style and perform at the regional state level.	Vocal Group
Water Polo	Ben Vick	Open to any students interested in coming to play water polo in the BHS pool! Students will learn the skills necessary to play and the rules of the game. Both short and long course games will take place depending on the participants' skill level.	Social

BHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES 2023-2024

Club or Activity	Advisor(s)	Description	Category
Whale Watch	Mike Bonadonna	Whale Watch is an annual trip open to current biology students who want to take part in a weekend of whale watching, marine biology, and ecology experiences. The trip explores the evolution of whales, several hikes through ecosystems not found in Western New York while examining succession and symbiotic relationships. Boasting two marine excursions to look at both our marine mammal relatives and invertebrates that live on the bottom of the bay. Students also look at the environmental, history, and economic impacts of the whaling industry on the New England area. Students are required to participate in three educational workshops before the trip. Students are responsible for the entire cost of the trip. The trip is taken the first full weekend of May.	Social
Yearbook/Crossroads Club	Jennilyn Pickering	Open to all students; Crossroads provides students with the opportunity to develop and oversee all BHS Yearbook operations; Students design, create, and publish the yearbook on an annual basis, while learning not work within deadlines and a budget, as well as learning to collaborate with peers and work with the greater school community. The yearbook team meets and works throughout the school year on a regular basis. Although this club is a significant time commitment, the work is rewarding, and the leadership experiences are great.	Creative