

BHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES 2022-2023

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Category</u>
A Choired Taste	Sarah Staebell & Jessica Padilla	An extracurricular group that incorporates movement, dance, and singing in a show choir style. Open to students in grades 9 through 12 by audition; this groups rehearses before and after school and performs at BHS concerts and in the community. The group typically rehearses on Fridays at 6:55 am.	Vocal group
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 a variety of beliefs/ideas of a variety of Asian nations, in addition, the club discusses pressing issues Asian Americans currently could be dealing with. This exchange in ideas not only occurring with the Asian population but, hopefully will occur with different ethnicities that are willing to learn the rich culture of Asia. Other goals: visit religious sites or cultural centers; and trying to find places to play sports that are pertinent to Asian culture, ex: Cricket.	Student association
Bella Voce	Sarah Staebell	An auditioned extracurricular ensemble for advanced treble singers; open to Sopranos and Altos in grades 9 - 12. 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	Marla Taplinger	Creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, events and inclusive opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).	Social
Black Student Union (BSU)	Amy Maloy & Tylyse Dorsey-Patros	Open to all students at Brighton High School. BSU is responsible for organizing speakers for the annual Martin Luther King 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 readers. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 3:15 - 4 PM via Zoom. Select a book or two to read as a group, and discuss the following month. Club also participates in virtual meetings with authors and teen literary bloggers.	Social
Brighton on Board Club	Lance Mitchell	B.O.B is open to all students of all skill levels. 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 the classics like Magic/Yu-Gi-Oh card games, Sorry, Monopoly, Battleship, Risk, Uno, Wizards, Yahtzee and Chess.	Social
Brighton-Bremen Exchange	Karl Dbbosz Jen Wheeler	An exchange trip to Bremen, Germany has taken place every other year for over 25 years. Students must be in grades 10-12, enrolled in a German class, and be in good academic standing. If spots are still available, the exchange will then be open to students enrolled in other World Languages, and then to all students in grades 10-12. There are roughly 10 parent/student meetings throughout the year.	Academic

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Brighton-Israeli Exchange	John Clements & Marla Taplinger	Open to all students to promote cultural awareness, understanding and friendships between the US 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 to be a cultural and not a religious exchange.	Academic
Brighton-Rennes Exchange	Jessica Beh	A school-to-school exchange with Lycée Sévigné, in Rennes, France that takes place every two years. French students visit 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. Contact jessica_beh@bcasd.org for more information.	Academic
Bruin e-Sports Club	Laura Byrne Travis Figueroa	Open to all students interested in playing and discussing a wide variety of e-Sports games. Current game competitions are 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. Other competitions dependent on interest of members.	Social
Bruinettes	Sarah Staebell	An extracurricular, collegiate-style a cappella group for Sopranos and Altos. Open by audition to treble voices and beatboxers in grades 9-12; 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 2 national organizations for club participation. 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. FBLA - regional, state, and national business conferences/competitions in a variety of categories. Membership is limited to all current and former business students. FBLA = Future Business Leaders of America	Academic/competitive
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 sport season.	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

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Climate Club	Craig Smith	Open to all students who are interested in increasing awareness and taking action in combatting climate change within BHS, the Brighton community and on a national/international scale.	Nature
Club de Español, Spanish Club	Tyelise Dorsey-Patros	A safe space free from formal assessments for students to converse in Spanish, learn traditional dances, sing popular songs, and perform poetry, songs, dances and plays I Spanish.	Social
Crazy Pitches	Sarah Staebell	An extracurricular, co-ed, collegiate style a cappella group. Open by audition to singers and beatboxers in grades 9-12, this group rehearses before and after school, and on weekends, and performs regularly both at school and community events throughout the Rochester area.	Vocal group
Crossroads Yearbook	Jennilyn Pickering	BHS yearbook. Open to all students the opportunity to develop and oversee all yearbook operations. Students design, create, and publish the yearbook on an annual basis; while learning to work within deadlines and within a budget; and learning to collaborate with peers and work with the greater school community. The yearbook team works regularly through the school year. Although this club is a significant time commitment, the work is rewarding, and the leadership experiences are great.	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.	Creative
Envirothon	George Smith	An annual environmentally themed academic competition for high school students organized by the National Conservation Foundation. The competition is held by the US 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. Roughly 500,000 students from US and Canada currently participate.	Academic/competitive
Eurchre Club	Heather Bonadonna	Students come together once a week to play Euchre, teach other students to play and have fun!	Social
Fishing Club	TBD	Open to all students interested in sharing knowledge about the spirit of fishing and promote socialization through meetings, discussions, seminars and fishing trips; while exploring the the possibility of competing in tournaments.	Social
French Club	Jessica Beh	Open to all students interested in participating in discussions involving French cultural activities including movies, music, French cuisine and more. French club meets twice a month after school. Dates and times TBD	Social

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Friend in Me	Jessica Watson	Friend in Me is a student-led club, partnering with Golisano Children's Hospital, that 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 experienced by pediatric patients.	
Friends of Rachel	Lance Mitchell	Open to all students to promote kindness, connectedness, community, and caring. An affiliate of the national Friends of Rachel organization.	Service
Future Teachers	Tyelise Dorsey-Patros & Marissa Meehan	Welcome to any student in 8th-12th grade 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, hear guest speakers, and shadow teachers. Other opportunities include joint club meetings with future teachers from East High School, as well as visits to the St. John Fisher College campus to connect with current college students in the School of Education. Additional activities can be developed by club members. The club meets biweekly on Tuesdays after school.	Academic
Galaxy	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. Meets Sunday evenings in the Fall and also has some after school meetings. Dates TBD For more information contact Becky Wiggins at becky_wiggins@bcsd.org	Creative
GenBru	Howard Enis	BHS student run and operated tech help desk. Students staff shifts during free periods to field questions regarding school/edu tech, as well as create learning content.	BHS service
Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club (GSA)	Becky Wiggins	Open to all students that are 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 315. Dates TBD For more information contact Becky Wiggins at becky_wiggins@bcsd.org	Student association
Geology Club	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
German Club	Heike Geiger	Open to all students interested in participating in discussions involving German language and cultural.	Social

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GirlUp	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 have the opportunity to channel their energy and compassion to raise awareness and funds for the UN programs that help some of the worlds' hardest to reach adolescent girls.	Service
Harmonies for Healing	Julie Capossere	The club will use music to provide encouragement and support to patients, residents, healthcare workers, and employees, mainly in senior living homes, but also at the Rochester General	Service
Interfaith Club	John Clements	Open to all students interested in learning more about various organized religions and faith-based groups. A primary goal is to promote interfaith relations and dialogues between BHS and greater Rochester communities by visiting religious buildings, listening to guest speakers; be involved in community service activities as well as researching information on various religious groups.	Social
International Club	Jennifer Wheeler	International club is a club for all students - especially to help introduce our English Language Learners and exchange students to American culture in various social settings. Activities include: helping to organize our district-wide international picnic in the fall, planning movie afternoons, going apple picking, participating in nature walks, sledding, ice-skating, and our annual trip to Darien Lake. 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 to meet new people, talk about Jewish culture, heritage, and religion. Our main mission is to create a space where people can learn about Judaism.	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. The club promotes a sense of citizenship and collaboration among students and the greater community. Co-sponsored by local Brighton Kiwanis. Typically meets on Tuesday at 3pm for meetings and service projects 1-2x a month.	Service
Kick Cancer's Button 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 sell as fundraisers. Donations are made to local cancer centers. This club originated in memory of a BHS alumnus.	Service
Link Crew	Heather Bonadonna Mike Bonadonna	Link 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 a positive role models, will be motivators, and will help ensure that our new students have a successful transition to high school.	Service
Lorax Club	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	An extracurricular, collegiate style a cappella group for Lower Voices. Open by audition to basses, baritones, tenors, and beatboxers in grades 9- 12, this group rehearses before and after school, and on weekends, and performs regularly both at school and community events throughout the Rochester area.	Vocal group
Masterminds	Heather Bonadonna	Open to 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 students that are interested in representing BHS at the Monroe County Math League meets. Math meets are held monthly from September - February. One meet is at Brighton. Students will travel by bus to the other meets at Local High Schools. There will also be one practice held per month. All students have opportunity to compete locally. All students will have the ability to qualify and compete regionally, and potentially at the state level.	Academic/competitive
Mock Trial	Heather Bonadonna	Open to students interested 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 UN	Brendan Quinn	Model UN encourages students' interests in the United Nations, international affairs in general, and the governments, cultures, and politics of selected countries across the world. Students compete at local and regional conferences, with at least one overnight trip to Syracuse University.	Academic/competitive
Morning Show	Michelle Rumley	BHS's forum for announcements and news. The show is broadcast online and produced by BHS students.	BHS service
Mountain Bound	Jamie Porta & Mike Bonadonna	The goal of Mountain Bound is to introduce students to a variety of outdoor activities, to challenge each individual mentally and physically, and to generate a respect for the environment. The program and challenges are for everyone, regardless of camping, backpacking, canoeing, hiking or climbing experience. Students take a five-day trip to the Adirondacks during the summer (July/August).	Nature
Music Production Club	Howard Enis	Open to all students interested in creating or producing digital music. All levels of experience are welcome. The group meets 1-2x per week via Zoom to share projects, tips, training, and to collaborate on projects. Several events and concerts are planned during the year. Tuesdays and Fridays via Zoom.	Creative

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Muslim Student Association (MSA)	Jen Wheeler	Open to all students interested in participating in the Muslim Inter-Scholastic Tournament that takes place at the University of Rochester. Students compete with other students in their knowledge and appreciation of Islam.	Student association
Natural Helpers	Mike Bonadonna	Natural Helpers is a student group composed of selected BHS students nominated by their peers. Students meet regularly throughout the school year, usually at individual student homes.	Service
Outdoor Club	Mike Bonadonna & Jamie Porta	Open to all students interesting in participating in weekend in-person adventures in Fall, Winter, and Spring. Activities may include a 12 Corners' treasure hunt, skiing, snowshoe, and hiking.	Nature
Pals Through Pens	Kathryn Muniz	Throughout these past years, we all have faced many hardships. Isolation and loneliness has been a large problem with everybody, but teens have been hit especially hard. Pals Through Pens is here to help that. We provide conversation and friendship without endangering anybody's health and well-being. In Pals through Pens we write to children in hospitals, as well as other activities involving writing to students and children for the betterment of many peoples mental health! We aspire to be helpful to many with our activities, and to give a safe environment where they can talk to others without being judged!	Service
Phoenix Artists Club	Katie Maley	Open to all students interested in promoting and nurturing excellence in the visual art; while providing an opportunity for its members to express themselves creatively. The club is for students both actively enrolled in art classes as well as for those unable to take art classes due to scheduling issues, etc. The club provides an environment for self-directed projects and activities and encourages students to explore careers in the visual arts through studio visits, guest lectures, and independent research. The club also offers everyone exposure to the visual arts in ways that go beyond the classroom.	Creative
Programing Club	Matthew Schindler	The programing Club meets weekly, engaging in various activities related to computer science. The club members work together on programming problems from coding competitions and create websites. The club strives to further members' understanding of programming in various languages and welcomes anyone interested in coding. No experience is necessary to join.	Academic
Robotics	Kristin Hallagan	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 also provides paths to successful careers. First holds local, national and international competitions that focus on gracious professionalism and STEM concepts. http://www.usfirst.org	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.	Academic/competitive

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Shinshinim	Marla Taplinger John Clements	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
Ski Club	Nadine Dykes	Students purchase discounted tickets and have transportation with the club to Bristol Mt. on 6 Saturdays, weather permitting, January thru March. Student sign up for Ski Club is in the Fall.	Social
South Asian Student Association S.A.S.	Alpa Khandhar	To create a more inclusive atmosphere for the South Asian (Desi) students 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.	Student Association
Speech and Debate Club	Karen Flynn, 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 such as Oral Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and Dramatic Performance. The team gets together to practice and prepare to compete in these events. Tournaments are held on Saturdays at area schools.	Academic/competitive
Student Government	Anna Holcomb	Open to all students interested in participating as elected student officials with the responsibility of developing and overseeing individual class initiatives and school wide programs and events. Consists of Executive Student Council, Student Senate and Class Councils. Freshman advisors: Meghan Gibbons & Erin Merydith Sophomore advisors: Kevin Donohue & Eric Morris Junior advisors: Kerri O'Shea & Erin Vanstrom-Sheldon Senior advisors: Suzanne Crowley & Rachel Rivera	Student association
Tech Crew	Jack Witmer	The purpose is to build and perform the duties of a production crew for all shows. This includes running lights, sound, deck crew, props, costumes and anything else needed by the production crew. Meets the first Friday of every school year after school in the auditorium. Future meetings are established throughout the school year.	BHS service
Teen Institute Heart of New York @ Brighton	Anna Holcomb	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 it affects ourselves and the people around you through different activities and workshops. Open to all students.	Social

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Teen Science Café/Chemistry Club	Karen Blodgett Rebecca Geary Alpa Khandhar	A fun way to explore big advances in science and technology that affect your life. In this club, teens and STEM experts engage in lively conversations to explore a topic deeply. Recent cafes 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. This club meets virtually through a Schoology group. Meeting times vary depending on speaker engagements.	Social
TIES	Karen McGraw	A volunteer opportunity TIES (Together Including every Student) is a student volunteer organization that provides peer support in school activities, and in the community to students with developmental disabilities. Students in grades d8-12 are trained to work with the participants who need the support. Some of the activities include clubs, the Festival of Ideas, and roller skating at FRES. If you would like to volunteer please contact Karen McGraw at karen_mcgraw@bcsd.org 746-6422	Service
Trapezoid	Barry Rogenmoser	BHS newspaper produced by students in order 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 of 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 and state level.	Vocal group
Water Polo	Benjamin Vick		
Whale Watch	Mike Bonadonna	Whale Watch is an annual trip open to current biology students who want to partake in a weekend of whale watching and marine biology experiences. Students are responsible for the entire cost of the trip. The trip is usually taken the first full weekend of May.	Social
Wildlife Conservation Club	Jessica Weber	Our mission is to raise awareness for endangered species and help to improve the wildlife in our community.	Service