

# KHS EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular Clubs and organizations available to Kenston High School students help shape well-rounded, prepared, and confident individuals. They offer opportunities for pursuing special interests for learning to work with others, and for forming friendships. Students must remember that participation is a privilege and student eligibility applies. Contact the activity advisor or coach for specific questions you may have. Otherwise please pay special attention to announcements for membership meetings and event activities.

## **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE – [Mrs. Shirey](#)**

The **ASL Club** meets regularly to learn communication through American Sign Language while bringing awareness about the Deaf culture and community to students at KHS. As a club we strive to best support students' learning, communication skills and inclusive understanding of Deaf Culture and ASL as a whole language. All levels are welcome to attend and join our club. We often review basic signs while building our advanced knowledge of ASL weekly. For more information, please see Mrs. Shirey (*Google Classroom code will be shared in the near future*)

## **ART CLUB – [Ms. Quinn](#)**

Art Club was created to allow each individual member to explore their creativity and create art that helps themselves and communities. This club fosters a supportive environment for anyone interested in any form of art no matter the member's skills.

## **BAND - JAZZ ENSEMBLE / PIT ORCHESTRA – [Mr. Link](#)**

Jazz Ensemble is a musical organization that starts in early November and consists of a traditional 'big-band' instrumentation. Involvement in the jazz ensemble is limited to students involved in the concert band program who play traditional jazz band instruments. The KHS Jazz Ensemble performs for various jazz festivals and events, community outreach events, and all scheduled KHS Band concerts. Pit Orchestra is a musical organization that starts during the second semester and runs in conjunction with Kenston Center Stage for the Spring Musical. Instrumentation and number of participating students is based upon the show being performed within a given year. Interested students should see Mr. Link for more details.

## **BOCCE BALL CLUB – [Mr. Segulin](#)**

Kenston Underground Bocce Ball League is open to all students interested in the sport of Bocce. The club plays in the fall through October and again in the spring beginning in April as well as an occasional winter tournament. The club is run through Kenston Community Education. If interested, either sign up on Google Classroom with code "**kc6fmuh**" or see Mr. Segulin in room B123.

## **CREATING EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER (CEC) CLUB – [Mrs. Phipps](#)**

The CEC is an inclusive club designed to build meaningful relationships and foster acceptance with peers. Students will engage in activities that promote the inclusion of People with Disabilities

## **DIVERSITY CLUB – [Ms. D. Kramer](#)**

This club is a safe space for students who value diversity and wish to promote understanding among various groups of students, including minorities, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ students. We meet before or after school and participate in community events.

## **DRAMA CLUB / KENSTON CENTER STAGE – [Mrs. Green](#) and [Mrs. Wirthwein](#)**

Students who participate in the Drama Club experience all aspects of the theater. Kenston Center Stage produces fall and spring plays each school year. Sign up on Classroom using the code "**qtafupm**"

## **ENVIROTHON – [Dr. Colicchio](#)**

Envirothon is a service club interested in improving the environment. They compete against other Envirothon clubs, take field trips, listen to speakers and participate in volunteer service projects.

## **FRENCH CLUB – [Mrs. Wahl](#)**

The goal of French Club is to increase students' cultural awareness and provide opportunities to learn about and experience the customs of French-speaking countries. French club generally meets twice a month and activities include experiencing French food, watching authentic movies, discussing cultural differences and current events and celebrating francophone holidays. All students are welcome in French Club. Join Google classroom with code "**j7igaw7**"

## **INTERACT - [Mrs. Corto](#)**

Interact is a school- and Rotary-sponsored service club for students in grades 9-12. The club is a volunteer organization in the business of helping people. The Kenston Interact Club carries out two service projects yearly. One project serves the school, and another serves the community. Each year the Interact Club awards scholarships to worthy seniors.

## **JANUS – [Mr. Marchesi](#)**

Janus is an annual publication of students' written and visual creativity. The work can be prose, poetry, or artistic designs. Anyone is eligible to submit work for this publication.

## **KENSTON GIVING GARDEN CLUB - [Mr. Markoff](#) and [Mrs. C. Kramer](#)**

The club's goal is to foster an appreciation for the outdoors, connect with the community through annual donations of fresh produce, provide a hands-on learning experience in gardening/resource conservation, and to have fun!

## **MATH CLUB – [Mr. Koltas](#)**

The Math Club was developed to expand and encourage student exposure to Mathematics. Activities include guest speakers in mathematics and engineering, field trips, exploring math and science careers, and numerous math and engineering contests and competitions.

**MOCK TRIAL TEAM – Mr. Voudris (Grades 9 - 12)** (Grade 8 is part of the middle school team)

Mock trial is a fun academic competition against other high schools where students either serve as an attorney (by conducting examinations and making objections) or utilize acting skills as a witness and participate in a simulated trial in real courtrooms. Trials are scored by panels of actual court judges or lawyers. The competition is on a Friday in January with the goal of qualifying for States, which is held in March. Practices begin in October. The coaches are all attorneys. Join Google classroom with code “ydzq6kw”

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Mr. Marchesi and Mrs. DiBernardo**

National Honor Society is a select organization made up of exemplary juniors and seniors who are involved in leadership roles with school activities and community service, while maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Eligible students are interviewed and selected by the NHS Faculty Council. The organization prides itself on the four qualities of Leadership, Service, Scholarship and Character. In addition to peer tutoring, they sponsor the KHS Variety Show to raise funds for annual service projects. They participate in service-oriented events including ushering and assisting at school-related events and activities, graduation, open houses and orientation night, and sponsor food drives and charity fundraising.

**PULSE WRITING CLUB – Ms. B. Joyce**

The Pulse Writing Club is a gathering place for creative writers of all levels who are interested in creating fiction, nonfiction, and/or poetry writing. This is a collaborative group that shares their ideas and gives feedback to one another. The club meets twice a month, October through April.

**RADIO CLUB – Mr. Kofron**

Radio Club offers the Kenston student the ability to learn mass media and broadcast technique at radio Station WKHR, a fully functioning FM radio station operating in service to the Greater Cleveland community 24/7 at 91.5 FM, and world-wide at [www.wkhr.org](http://www.wkhr.org). Members are trained in broadcast production and recording studio technique, scripting for broadcast, professional vocal technique and Federal broadcast law. Acquired skills are used to program, host and produce prerecorded and live content on-air. Members strengthen communication, technical engineering and professional presentation skills, all while working in collaboration to help run FM 91-FIVE. Members are also eligible to apply for the \$10,000 Malcolm Scott McVay Memorial Scholarship in their Senior year.

**ROBOTICS CLUB - Mrs. Hildebran (Grades 9 - 12) JUNIOR BOTS (Grade 8)**

Students are led to design, build and troubleshoot robots in a team environment with engineers as coaches. No previous experience or knowledge is necessary. Competition is scheduled in April.

**RUSSIAN CLUB – Mr. Krejsa**

The purpose of the Russian Club is to promote increased cultural awareness and understanding by offering opportunities for students to learn about and experience different aspects of Russian life through activities such as student-led discussions, preparing and sharing traditional foods, celebrating holidays, or watching Russian films.

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM – Dr. Colicchio (Grades 10 - 12)** (Grades 8 & 9 are part of the middle school team)

A national nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition of outstanding achievement in science. Students participate in STEM-based events with a partner or as a team of three students. The team participates in several invitational events throughout January and February, a regional tournament in March, and has the potential to travel to Columbus for the state competition in April.

**SPANISH CLUB – Mrs. Scola**

This club is designed to promote increased involvement in Spanish-speaking cultures through various activities including: viewing authentic media; discussing relevant social issues; experiencing the culture through food, music and dance; fund-raising and service projects.

**SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM -- Mr. Voudris (Grades 9 - 12)** (Grade 8 is part of the middle school team)

Speech and debate is an individual and team academic competition against other high schools on Saturdays beginning in late October with the goal of qualifying for States, which is held in March. Students have fun competing in debate, acting, student congress, current event extemporaneous speaking and original speech writing events. Practices begin in mid-September. Join Google classroom with code “3hyfamo”

**STUDENT COUNCIL – Mrs. Krill and Mrs. Domonkos**

The Student Council consists of members from each class. Students work on various projects throughout the year to increase student engagement, with a main focus on the homecoming festivities in the fall. To become a member, students should contact Mrs. Krill. Members must attend regular meetings. Officers are elected each spring from the current membership. Join Google classroom with code “hvonkqlb”

**STUDENT VOICES - Mr. Gabram**

Student Voices is a group of diverse KHS students who come together to ensure the KHS community is a place where everyone feels valued. Our motto: Equality for all, a Voice for all. We connect with other Kenston schools through a variety of activities.

**TRIVIA CLUB (formerly Academic Competition) – Mr. Koltas**

Join fellow students to compete in various academic themed competitions. A team of students representing KHS compete in contests of wits and intellect against students from other schools. Competitions vary by topic and format. Some are buzzer-based, others rely on depth of knowledge. Most are traditional school topics while others include sports, popular media, video games, movies and television.

**UNICYCLE CLUB – Mr. Segulin**

Kenston Underground Unicycle League is open to all students who want to test their abilities to balance while having fun! All skill levels of riders are welcome, from never ridden to the professional carney. Try something new and have a good laugh. The club meets in the fall through October and again in the spring beginning in April and is run through Kenston Community Education. Sign up on Classroom using the code “yqvwmif” or see Mr. Segulin in room B123.