

Club Offerings 2019-20

Archery Club

A club for those who wish to try their hand in the heroic art of precision and force over distance. Real people, bows, arrows, and targets.

Maximum Enrollment: 25

Irving's Inklings

A group devoted to studying the works and life of Tolkien and his creation of middle-earth. Activities include: discussion of his short stories, books, and poetry. Exploring Tolkien's biography, his letters and philosophy, the influences on Tolkien, imitating his drawings, writing fantasy stories, constructing models, feasting like hobbits, riddles, watching a film, learning languages (i.e. Old English, Runes, etc.) and old Norse myths, traipsing around the woods, hunting orcs, climbing Mount Doom, and riding on the backs of eagles. Our study will include works by C.S. Lewis and George MacDonald.

Maximum Enrollment: 25

Dance Club

Learn ballroom dancing, line dances, fancy moves, and just dance.

Maximum Enrollment: 60

Culinary Arts Club

Learn the basics of cooking in a few elementary categories (Eggs, stocks/sauces, vegetables, proteins, etc.). Ideally, each week students would be able to cook/prepare something while learning proper techniques along the way.

Maximum Enrollment: 25

Correspondence Club

Students learn and practice the art of keeping written correspondence with friends and loved ones. Students will be required to write and post one letter per week. We will offer students basic, GHI-themed stationery, but students are welcome to supply custom paper and envelopes on their own.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Speech and Debate Club

The art of rhetoric in practice, working toward participation in district/state speech and debate competitions.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Drawing, Watercolor Masterwork Copy Club

Students will work on a variety of drawing, ink, and watercolor techniques of masterworks.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Chess Club

Students will play chess, perfecting their enjoyment of the game through mastery of the rules, regular practice, the study of strategy, and occasional discussions and brief readings on the history of chess.

Maximum Enrollment: 26

Gardening Club

Students will practice the basics for starting a home garden and also help beautify campus by planting and tending to plants on campus.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Card Games Club

Students will learn to play card games that use the classic 52 card deck: euchre, hand and foot, hearts, spoons, bridge, gin rummy, nertz, etc.

Maximum Enrollment: 28

Robotics Club

Description of club: Students will work in teams to assemble and program robotics kits with the goal of competing in a robotics competition second semester.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Students will learn how to exercise their frisbee skills, including but not limited to: running, conditioning, racing, competing, throwing and catching in an environment that is appropriately, but not excessively, competitive. Fun will be had, sweat will be shed, and the battle for honor and glory will be determined by games and competitions on the GH campus, near the sunflowers.

Maximum Enrollment: 30

Instrumental Music Club

Those who already have a basic, working knowledge of sight-reading with a musical instrument may join this music ensemble. We will seek ways to make music together, whether accompanying the choral performances of music students at Great Hearts or in other ensemble situations. We will seize opportunities to enrich our community life by providing music at some Great Hearts events. ***Students must have their own instrument, and prior musical training.***

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Business Club supporting Robotics

Description of club: This club will introduce students in the business aspects of running an organization. The club would support the financial and sponsorship needs of the robotics club. Students will create budgets, pursue donor companies as well as seek professional engineers' volunteers from local companies and or parents of GHI. The business club would teach students how to rally the community around a cause and obtain funding for that cause.

Maximum Enrollment: 25

Spanish Club

This club will introduce students culture practices to perspectives from the different spanish speaking countries. Hands on activities; for example making pinatas, learning the different foods from the spanish speaking countries and cooking them. Learning about el dia de los muertos and preparing masks for that event. Other cultural activities depending on the month.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Philosophy Club

This club will offer participants the opportunity to explore, in an atmosphere of leisurely curiosity, some of the grand questions that have captured the attention of humanity for countless generations. Topics will be determined by the interest of the participants but could include assessments of human nature, aesthetics, good and evil, or supernatural reality. No prior knowledge of philosophy will be assumed.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Latin Club

This club will be open to all students, 6th-11th grade, whether currently taking Latin or not. It will provide a place and time to come together to do activities which allow students to interact with Latin and Roman culture. For example, performing skits or acting out scenes in the Cambridge stories, having informal conversational Latin practice, or building models of the forum.

Maximum Enrollment: 22

Book Arts and Construction/Assemblage Arts

Students will make handmade books and constructed or assembled artworks using a variety of materials including disused books, wire, glue, paper, and needle and thread. Students will employ and work in a sustained manner on specific projects to create art objects that are interesting and well crafted.

Sketchbook work, problem-solving skills, and materials sourcing will be involved. Sharp objects will be used, requiring attention to safety and a mature attitude.

Maximum Enrollment: 25

High School Drama

Students will cultivate basic acting and presentation skills through rehearsing dramatic pieces. Students in high school may also have the opportunity to perform a monologue or dialogue for the UIL competition.

Maximum Enrollment: 25

Creative Writing & Critique

This club will focus primarily on short form creative writing, especially poetry. In each meeting, we will begin by critiquing submissions that have been emailed to the teacher the evening prior at the latest. We will conclude our meetings by providing and discussing an imitative assignment that students will be encouraged to complete and submit for the next meeting's critique session. **High school students only.**

Maximum Enrollment: 25

Film Club

We will view and discuss influential films of the 20th century, while practicing theater etiquette and right discussion. ***High school students only.***

Maximum Enrollment: 22