



Farmingdale High School

Co-curricular Clubs

AMBASSADORS' CLUB

The Ambassadors' 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. It hosts Diversity Week to highlight the diversity of the student and teacher population in the building. Members participate in fundraisers, 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. This club is open to all students, including those who do not have room in their schedules to take any of the art classes offered.

ASL HONOR SOCIETY

The American Sign Language Honor Society is to encourage and recognize students' high academic achievement in ASL studies. It will enrich their learning experience by providing opportunities to participate in community service projects that benefit the deaf community.

BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY

The Business Honor Society recognizes the outstanding performance of students completing course work in the Business Department. To be eligible for induction into the Business Honor Society, sophomores and juniors must complete two business credits by June and seniors must complete three business credits by June. In addition, students must maintain an 88 business average and an 80 overall average in school. Applications are available in February for consideration of the May induction.

CARPENTRY CLUB

The Carpentry Club is open to all high school students. No experience is necessary. All students will be instructed on the proper and safe utilization of the tools, equipment, and materials. Members may work on a project of their own choice such as a small bookcase, shelf or Adirondack chair. Over the years, the club has volunteered its efforts to construct items for many entities including, the Farmingdale School District, Farmingdale Public Library, Village of Farmingdale, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, among others.

DALER PRESS

Daler Press provides students with an opportunity to enhance their Graphic Communication skills by designing and printing tickets, posters, brochures, programs, and envelopes, and other related activities for extracurricular clubs, school related organizations, community groups, and local businesses.

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 attracts students who are interested in preparing for entrepreneurial, marketing or management careers through fundraising events, chapter projects, community service projects, and a program of competency-based competitive events in specific marketing occupational areas.

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 (VLC) is comprised of students who participate in Varsity Athletics and are dedicated to positive leadership and service in our school and community. Members are required to complete at least 15 hours of service. The athlete and guardian create the student's plan to fulfill the service activities of their choice including but not limited to regular opportunities with the Long Island Blood Services, Field Day, Events with Professional Sports Associations, Peer Tutoring, and other opportunities planned annually.

VIDEO CLUB

The Video Club is a student run club which acts as an extension of the Media/TV Production class. The Video Club allows students to create their own video productions, such as: short story, music video, drama, PSA (public service announcement) or documentary. Video editing is done in Adobe Premiere. Taping can be on location or in the school's media lab. Make your own family videos look professional, video editing of home footage is available. The sky's the limit.

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 (Hi Life)

Yearbook Club is a product-driven endeavor. Its ultimate goal is to work in concert with the 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 meets daily in class and two to three times per week after school.

PLAYCRAFTERS

Playcrafters has been a Farmingdale tradition for over 30 years as the high school's drama club. It produces one musical and one play every year. Students can enroll to act, sing, dance, and/or work on the various crews: lighting, construction, painting, sound, props, costumes, makeup and hair, stage management, box office, fundraising and publicity. Shows are produced in the fall and the spring.

SADD

SADD works to promote awareness about the dangers of destructive decisions by participating in many programs that promote 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 Long Island 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 the SGA interact with the student body, teachers and administrators to make our school a better place.

SPANISH CLUB / HONOR SOCIETY

The Spanish Honor Society/Club promotes the Spanish language and culture. Members attend field trips to Spanish restaurants, museums, plays, movies and dances. Members also participate in; Día de los Muertos, LOTE week, Carnevale, the Honor Society picnic, etc.

TECHNOLOGY HONOR SOCIETY

The FHS Chapter of the NYS Technology Department Honor Society is a prestigious organization in which to be a member. Induction requirements are: a student must be a junior or a senior; must have taken at least two Technology courses; must have a 90% average in all Technology courses; student also must complete a 25-hour technology oriented independent study and a community service project (can be in conjunction with a class requirement.).

FRENCH CLUB/FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

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

GO GREEN RECYCLE CLUB

The Go Green Recycle Club is responsible for taking all recyclables out of the high school to be picked up by the Town of Oyster Bay. The club also organizes Earth day on the Farmingdale Village Green.

HISTORY CLUB

The History Club is an opportunity for students interested in exploring the past, analyzing current events and debating controversial issues. Some of the club's activities include: internal debates, field trips, attending lectures and participating in the Long Island Ethics Bowl and National History Bowl.

INTERACT CLUB

Interact members are special people interested in helping others both in the local community and around the world. Our motto is "Service above self", which is reflected in the numerous activities completed each year. Members propose new ideas, projects and charities to support based on their interests and personal life experiences, and then plan, recruit supporters and implement their community service activity. The students gain leadership skills, confidence, and pride in their accomplishments, while developing empathy, building friendships and support networks, and discovering that ordinary people can truly make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others.

ITALIAN CLUB / ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY

Members of the Italian Club/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 fundraisers and participate in school sponsored activities. Members must attain required grade averages to qualify for the honor society.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Jazz Ensemble rehearses in the evenings preparing to play in formal concerts and various community and school events. Their repertoire includes traditional jazz, jazz-rock and swing. Improvisation is encouraged. You have to be a band member to participate.

JOURNALISM CLUB (PAPER LION)

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. This club provides aspiring journalists with valuable insight as well as an outlet for those who love to write.

KEY CLUB

The Key Club is an international organization sponsored by Kiwanis and typically has over 75 members each year. The club was built on the concept of caring, thus the purpose is community service. Members are asked to perform a required number of service hours by participating in walk-a-thons, conducting food drives, and many other fundraisers. Key Club is the club for those who are interested in making a difference.

KNITTING CLUB

The Knitting Club is open to all high school students; no prior knowledge of knitting is necessary. All students will have the opportunity to learn to knit, improve their skills, and enjoy the friendship of other students. The Knitting Club also participates in a charity event that raises money for childhood cancer research by contributing knitted caps. The Knitting Club is a great opportunity to learn a lifelong skill and make lifelong friends.

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Labyrinth is a publication that contains artistic works and writings from the student body and is designed by students using the computer software, *Adobe In-Design*. Students are provided with an outlet for their creative works—drawings, photographs, paintings, stories, poems and essays. They also have a hands on experience in publishing a professional quality journal.

MARCHING BAND

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

MATHLETES

The purpose of the Mathletes is to provide an opportunity for students who want to expand their mathematical skills beyond the classroom and compete in the Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League.

MURAL CLUB

The Mural Club is a group of students who have an interest in art and wish to use their interest in decorating 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 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.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The National Art Honor Society is a club for high school students who have completed one semester of art with a B+ grade average. The students are expected to successfully complete a required number of hours of art related school and/or community services by working in teams or independently. They participate in special events decorating for other clubs and schools in the district. 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 and earn service credit throughout the year in school and community functions and events. Each member must satisfy a minimum requirement of 21 hours of service per school year. Sophomores and juniors who have a required average are invited to seek membership. A member must show strength in the areas of leadership, service, and character. A five-member teacher committee selects new members in the spring and they are inducted into the chapter with a formal ceremony.

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. Students will also compete in a randomly selected problem also selected by Creative Competitions. Students will compete in a local competition in the spring and if successful, may compete in the state and national competitions.

OLYMPICS OF THE VISUAL ARTS (OVA)

OVA is a NYS competition sponsored by the NYS Art Teachers' Association and each fall, OVA poses a series of visual arts problems in the following areas: drawing, painting, photography, architecture, fashion, illustration, jewelry and sculpture. Students work in groups to create a long-range visual solution to their chosen category. On competition day, each district travels to the Albany area to enter their artwork and each group participates in a spontaneous art challenge on site which is judged in conjunction with their long-range solution. OVA is an opportunity for students to develop their visual problem solving skills, meet other art students from districts around the state, and work cooperatively in groups.

PEP BAND

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

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 several times a week, culminating with the performance of the musical.