

MCDOWELL AND MIHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – UPDATED 10/6/21

AP CLUB (Honors/AP students in grades 9-12). AP Club aims to create a community of support for students in Honors and AP classes. You will get together with other students and talk about your classes, the best ways to study, time management, and test taking strategies. You will be able to share your frustrations and triumphs! Please see **Mrs. Gibson in room 111** to sign up.

ART CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Do you love to make art? Are you a creative, expressive person who wants to make the world more beautiful? Art Club may be the place for you! Join us to plan art activities, field trips, and community art events. All students of all ability levels are welcome. **Students will meet with Ms. Alesso at MIHS room 6-204....dates and times TBD.**

ATOMIC HABITS CLUB (Gr. 11-12)

Are you the kids of person who is always working to become the best version of yourself? Join Mr. Wahlmark and other students like you for a study of Atomic Habits by James Clear, where we'll learn how small habits done consistently over time will help you achieve your big goals. **Informational meeting 9/13 during tutorial with Mr. Wahlmark room 129 or scan the QR code on the flyer nearest you!**

BOYS GOLF (Gr. 9-12)

Boys Golf Club is for boys at MIHS and McDowell currently on the golf team or interested in participating/playing in the future. **Students will be notified of meetings by announcements with Mr. Markiewicz @ MCD in room 114.**

CARD CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Students will learn, then play card games. Including Cad, Spades, Hearts, Rummy, Spoons, etc. Students will meet during tutorial on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in room 4-112 with Mr. Bucheral.

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Daily, we spend hours upon hours on our smartphones on various apps. Have you ever wondered how these apps are created or the logic behind them? The field of Computer Science is expected to grow drastically in the job market over future years and yields a promising future. Our mission is to raise awareness about this subject while creating an environment where peers can discuss independent projects and assist one another with any difficulties. If interested, please contact Mr. Palmer at palmer@mtsd.org or stop in room 005.

CRAFT CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

A time for students to de-stress and practice some fun craft skills. **Students will meet on Tuesdays during tutorial in room 2-213. Advisor: Ms. Quiggle**

DECA MARKETING CLUB OF AMERICA (Gr. 9-12)

The objective for McDowell's DECA Marketing Club of America is to support the development of marketing and management skills in career areas such as hospitality, finance, sales and service, business administration, and entrepreneurship. Programs and activities are tailored to the specific career interest of students and include technical skills, basic scholastic and communication skills, human relations and employability skills, and a strong emphasis on economics and free enterprise. DECA also has local, state, and national competitions for members. **This club will meet Wednesday during tutorial in room 008 with Mr. Bucholtz.**

DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY (Gr. 9-12)

Dumbledore's Army is for fun, energetic people who love things such as Harry Potter, Star Wars, Marvel, Disney, Lord of the Rings, and many other fandoms. We are open to many possibilities and ideas. **Students will meet every Wednesday during tutorial with Mr. Kern @ MIHS in room 2-201**

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Ever wonder what it would be like to own a business? Want to be your own boss? Come join the Entrepreneurship Club. Team members will collaborate to design products and business plans. We will then use state-of-art machines located in the MIL to build our products and bring our vision to reality. The products will then be marketed and sold to the Millcreek community via an online store. Are your ready to be in charge of your own future? Sign up now! **Students will meet Tuesdays during tutorial and after school on Tuesdays once we start product production. See Mrs. Vergotz room 203.**

EXPOSURE - Promote Tolerance – Spread Awareness – Accept Diversity! (Gr. 10-12)

Exposure is a student group created by McDowell students, whose mission is to promote tolerance and spread awareness of global issues to the McDowell student body, as well as the surrounding Millcreek community. The students of Exposure hope to raise awareness of current international issues, as well as conflicts within the McDowell community. They work to encourage students to take action to raise further awareness and begin to be a part of the solutions to such conflicts. Exposure also hopes to create an accepting environment that fosters an appreciation of diversity. Exposure executes fundraisers and projects in order to fulfil their goal to educate others on world issues and help those in need. For more information, see **Mrs. Sinnott in room 115.**

FANTASTIC FRIENDS (Gr. 9-12)

Activity to pair special needs students with their peers while forming very special friendships. **Meeting times will vary with Mrs. Donikowski @ MIHS in room 4-109.**

FIN, FEATHER AND FUR SPORTSMAN CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

This club is for anyone who has the love of hunting, fishing, or anything related. We will exchange stories, talk about techniques and new technologies, and show videos and photos of our trophies. If interested, see Mr. Knisley in 6-104.

FIRST ROBOTICS (Gr. 9-12)

The acronym “FIRST” stands for “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.” McDowell students are teamed up with professional engineers to build a functional robot in six weeks. They compete with the robot in regional and national competitions. Any student grades 9 through 12 may participate. Team meetings begin in September with orientation meetings and fund raising. Robot building begins in January with competitions in the spring. For more information, see **Mr Bucholtz in room 008.**

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) (Gr. 9-12)

FBLA, officially known as Future Business Leaders of America is dedicated to preparing students for careers in business. Our mission is to “inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.” Students will be engaged in leadership development, academic competitions, and community service. Come join our fun meetings as we compete and prepare for successful careers in business fields. **Students will meet Thursdays during tutorial with Mrs. Vergotz, room 203.**

GAC (Girls Athletic Club) (Gr. 11-12)

To join the GAC, you must be an 11th or 12th grade student and a member of a girl’s athletic team. Events on the GAC schedule include the Homecoming weekend (parade, selection of a queen, and the Homecoming Dance), and the Annual Walk for the Cause. The club meets during regularly scheduled activity periods. It also holds additional meetings before or after school while Homecoming is being planned. The advisor for this club is **Mrs. Pamela Dixon in room 200.**

GEO-EXCURSION CLUB (Gr. 10-12)

This club will plan a trip to a national park. The club will then travel to that park at the end of the school year. **Students will meet in the Little Theatre on Wednesday, Sept 22 during tutorial. See Mr. Caldwell in 4-203. Watch the morning announcements or join his google classroom for upcoming meetings.**

GARDEN CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

The Garden Club will continue to develop and maintain the flower garden outside the Little Theatre, focusing on pollinator plants. We will meet during tutorial in Rm 4-210 to plan and to work in the greenhouse planting seeds and propagating plants during the colder months. There will be opportunities to complete service hours after school and during the summer to maintain the garden. Students may choose to attend tutorial meetings, after school work sessions or both. **Students will meet during tutorial on Mondays and outside after school on Tuesdays (weather permitting). There will be an introductory meeting on Monday 9/20/21 with Mrs. Taylor in room 4-210.**

GERMAN CLUB (Gr. 9-12- who have taken a German class)

Do you like fairy tales, castles, history, or politics? German Club is a place where we explore all of those as it relates to German culture. We have crafts, games, and competitions! Any questions, see an officer or Ms. Tredrea in room 2-215. **Students will meet every Friday during tutorial in room 2-215.**

GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) (Gr. 9-12)

Welcoming ALL students interested in and supportive of LGBTQ+ rights! Whether you are an Ally of the LGBTQ+ community or a member of the LGBTQ+ community, the idea behind the Gay-Straight Alliance is to generate school-wide LGBTQ+ awareness and education. Various activities and awareness campaigns will be planned to promote the acceptance and the celebration of all people. The focus is on promoting an accepting, safe environment for all genders, non-binary, and/or orientations here at McDowell and the community at large. Meetings will be held every Wednesday during Tutorial...one week in Ms. Alesso's room at MIHS and the next week in Mrs. Clear's room at McDowell Senior High. Join the Google Classroom page for more info! Get the Google Classroom code & more information from **Mrs. Alesso in room 6-203 at MIHS or Mrs. Clear in room 215 at McDowell.**

HONORS COLLEGE (Gr. 9-12 by Application Only)

The mission of the McDowell Honors College of Leadership and Service is to provide our most dedicated high achieving students with a small learning community that provides structure for superior academic performance, leadership experiences, and community service opportunities. Students must submit a completed application by the designated due date to have their application considered by the application screening team. For more information, please visit <https://www.mtsd.org/district/activities-programs/honors-college> or contact the main office.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS PROM COMMITTEE (Juniors only)

To become a junior class officer, a junior must win an election that is held in the early part of his/her junior year. The primary job of the junior class is to organize the prom. Juniors who don't want to be an officer and still want to help with the prom can become members of the prom committee. The junior officers from the previous year will return to help the new juniors with the prom committee; their experience produces a better prom. For more information, see **Mrs. Graham in the Girl's PE Office.**

KEY CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Key Club, a service organization for McDowell High School students, grade 9 through 12, operates under school regulations and draws its membership from the student body. Key Club differs from other service organizations in many ways. Key Club is unique because it is sponsored by the Millcreek Kiwanis Club, composed of the leading business and professional people in the community. Key Club's objective is the development of initiative, leadership ability, and good citizenship practices. Key Club functions not only on the local level, but on a district and international level. This highly developed structure provides programs, literature, and the opportunity to relate to teenagers from countries around the world. Key Club is the largest service organization of its kind, with over 140,000 members in approximately 4,000 clubs.

The purpose of the McDowell Key Club is to conduct an active program of service for the school and community. Through this program, the members fulfil the following objectives of the Key Club:

- To develop initiative and leadership.
- To provide experience in living and working together.
- To serve the school and community.
- To cooperate with the school principal.
- To prepare for useful citizenship.

Meetings will be held in **the MIHS Library**. The advisors of the McDowell Key Club are **Mr. Wahlmark at McDowell and Ms. Lober at MIHS**

LEAD AND SEED Club (Gr. 9-12)

We are a Community Service Club. If you want community service hours doing fun activities with friends, this is the Club to join! After School Programs, Zoo Boo, Red Ribbon Week, Homecoming events and Pre-Prom Programs. We also have a summer program combining community service and a team activity event. Putt-Putt Golf, lunch at Sara's, Beach picnic, Creamland, day at the Erie Zoo, Waldameer ride-a-rama. We have snacks at bi-weekly meetings at MIHS or McDowell. We focus on anti – drugs, and anti – bullying. We alternate meetings between the two buildings. ***The first meeting is Thursday, September 23rd in the Little Theatre during tutorial.*** To contact us our email: diana.jay1341@gmail.com or text us at 814-923-2326 Advisors are Mr. & Mrs. Musarra.

Legacy McD (Gr. 11-12)

This student-led group is for anyone interested in the Christian faith. You'll meet others, discuss how "faith" fits in with school/life and you'll have the opportunity to step into a leadership role if you decide to do so. Students can use their experiences and knowledge to help each other. Each meeting will have a different message because students are the leaders! It's an exciting opportunity that we encourage you to check out!

Legacy McDowell (11-12th) will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday in Mrs. Gibson's room 111 during tutorial.
Remind app code @legacymih

LIBRARY LITERACY CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

This club is for students who enjoy reading, literacy-based activities (games, comics, books, etc) Students will have the opportunity to participate in book talks with other members, as well as participate in the annual Battle of the Books Contest, held at Gannon University. **Thursdays after school at est. 3:00 pm with Mr. Schilajew @ MIHS in room 2-205.**

MCDOWELL MATH CLUB (Gr 11-12)

Do you like math? Do you like higher level math? This club is for students that enjoy doing math and want to look at the history of mathematicians, higher level math problems and how they relate to what we do in math class, math activities for all levels (k-12), competitions, etc. For more information see **Ms. Testa in room 206.**

MCDOWELL MEDIA CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Student in McDowell Media club produce news and features for the Trojan Voice Magazine (Print) and the Trojan News Network (Video) or explore making media for their own creative projects. During meetings, students can explore various forms of equipment, software, and media formats. Advisor: Ms. Weiss

Those interested in writing, designing magazine layouts, learning about publishing an online newspaper, and photography should attend on Tuesdays, starting 9/7/21 from 2:45-4:00 pm to join the Print Media Team.

Those interested in producing video content using video production software, the MIHS TV Studio, and video cameras should attend on Wednesdays, starting 9/8/21 from 2:45-4:00 pm to work with the Video Media Team.

All meetings will be held in room 2-009. Students must be responsible for their own transportation home.

MODEL UN (Gr. 9-12)

The Model UN is an organization in which student's role play delegates from countries which belong to the United Nations General Assembly in New York. It runs from September to November. Gathering in weekly block meetings with area schools, students discuss global issues and prepare resolutions supporting solutions for these problems. In November they present their proposals to the Gannon University Model UN General Assembly, which consists of over fifty other delegations representing schools from three states. Students from grades 9 to 12 with an interest in international affairs are welcome to participate. For more information, see **Ms. Lehman in Room 123.**

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (Grades 11 and 12 by invitation only)

The National Honor Society is an honor/service organization for high achieving students. Membership is limited to juniors and seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character. In order to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society, students must first have achieved a weighted GPA of no lower than 3.85. Students then complete a Student Activity Information form indicating the extent of their service in school and in the community. The Faculty Council reviews the candidates and recommends those whom they feel are qualified for membership, according to standards prescribed by the National Honor Society. These names are presented to the faculty for their final recommendations. To retain their NHS status, students must perform at least 20 hours of community service each year, following the date of their induction. They also must pay dues of \$3.00, used for some induction ceremony expenses, for two monetary awards given to the seniors who are recommended for the NHS scholarship, and for membership dues in the National Honor Society organization. For additional information, see **Mrs. Schrier in Room 210.**

ORCHESTRA CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Open to all orchestra string players for additional practice time and organizing special performances and events. **If interested, see Mr. Anderson on Tuesdays during tutorial. Room 6-106**

PJAS (Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science) (Gr. 9-12)

The PJAS sponsors a regional science competition each year. Students from grades 9 through 12 who enter must prepare an independent research project in science, mathematics, computer science, or behavioural science. The results are then presented at the regional competition. Students may be awarded a first, second, or third award on the basis of a point system of rating the projects. All students having enough points to earn a first award are also eligible for cash awards and for the state competition. Students interested in preparing a project should contact Mr. Fetzner as soon as possible to begin planning the project. For more information, see **Mr. Burruss in room 124, Mr. Fetzner in room 122 and Ms. Allaman@ MIHS in room 4-205.**

SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

All seniors should be interested in this activity, because it's all about them. The only requirement is to be a member of the senior class. The Executive Board meets Tuesday and Thursdays during Tutorial. The senior class plans graduation activities and the Senior Celebration. The officer elections are in May. For more information, see **Mr. Bucholtz Room 008, Mrs. Myers Room 212, or Mrs. Maciulewicz Room 128.**

SCHOOL STORE (Gr. 9-10)

Students will gain experience through running the operations of a campus store. If interested, see Mr. Blair in room 6-205.

SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB (Gr. 9-12)

Celebrate winter with us! **Join the McDowell Ski & Snowboard Club!** Winter is just better when you can ski or snowboard! Snow sports are a great all around workout and being out on a mountain is invigorating and beautiful. You might meet some new friends or create more fun memories with your current group. We travel to Peek n Peak for eight (8) Thursdays in January and February. Ride the bus with your friends! Package deals make these fun winter sports affordable. We'll have an informational meeting during the first week in October – watch announcements for the date/time. Bring a friend! See you there. **Mrs. Gibson (Rm 111), Mrs. Black (Rm 003), Ms. Smith (Rm 6-201) and Mr. Marshall (Rm.4-102)** are the advisors for the Ski Club.

SPEECH AND DEBATE (Gr. 9-12)

Members of the Speech & Debate Team and those interested in joining will meet to prepare for competition and to discuss issues of the day. Students will meet in **Mr Caugherty's room 2-208**.

STUDENT COUNCIL (Gr. 9-10)

Help promote student involvement and give students an active role in improving our school environment. Meetings will be Wednesdays during tutorial in **room 2-102 with Mr. Reesman**.

STUDENT COUNCIL (Gr. 11-12)

Looking for a way to become more involved in developing your leadership skills while also serving McDowell and our community? If so the Student Council may be the right activity for you! There are three levels of involvement in this student government organization: officers, executive board and general council. The four officers are elected by the student body the previous spring. Along with the advisor, the officers select an "executive board" to serve as part of the student council homeroom. The "general council" is selected in the fall. An application and petition with student and faculty signatures is required for candidates to the executive board and general council. Listen to morning announcements for details on joining these groups or see the advisor, **Mrs. Liccardi, in room 228**.

T.E.A.M.S. (Tests of Engineering, Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) (Gr. 11-12)

JETS is a national program in which students take a day long written examination in the areas of applied mathematics, sciences, and computer applications. These tests are completed in a group setting to emphasize cooperative problem solving. Student selection for both the Varsity and Junior Varsity JETS teams is based on teacher recommendation. **Students practice after school from December through February**. For more information, please see **Mr Bucholtz in Room 007**.

TECHIES-(Technical Theatre Club) (Gr. 9-12)

We will explore all things technical theatre (lights, sound, sets, and costumes). Come join in the fun. Students will meet on Tuesdays during tutorial in room 6-105. For more information, please see **Mr. Johnson @ MIHS room 6-105**.

TROJAN TAILORS (Gr. 10-12)

This club is open to students who have taken Fashion & Fabrics I, II and are currently enrolled in or who have taken Fabric Entrepreneurship. Your passion for sewing will include working on hemming, mending, and completing one-of-a-kind projects for customers. **Students will meet twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. If interested, see Ms. Patsy @ MIHS in room 6-209.**

UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON (Gr. 9-12)

The Academic Decathlon is a ten-event competition between schools from all across Pennsylvania and the nation! This club is for anyone that is interested in being part of this year's team. We will meet and discuss Academic Decathlon new and events, as well as prepare for upcoming competitions. **If interested, see Mr. Andrzejczak in room 2-207.**

VOX (McDowell's Literary and Art Magazine) (Gr. 9-12)

VOX, McDowell's Literary Magazine, is digitally published monthly by a staff of students who solicit, read, select, and edit prose, poetry and art contributions from McDowell students. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday during tutorial in room 2-106. Students from grades 9 – 12 are invited and encouraged to either contribute or join the staff, or both. **MIHS Ms. Rapp's room 2-106. Next meeting is 9/28/21.**

YEARBOOK KALDRON (Gr. 9-12)

The aim of the yearbook staff is to capture the memories from the school year in words and pictures. Students will get the opportunity to take part in documenting their year at McDowell in a meaningful way, from creative page design to taking and deciding on the perfect photos to be placed in the yearbook. Students in this club will work in tutorial with Mrs. Marshall and at school events or TBD after school meetings. Join us to place your creative, inspirational mark on this memorable year. **Email Ms. Marshall marshall@mtsd.org**

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM (Gr. 9-12)

This is a club for students who share the ideals of individual freedom, a strong national defense, free enterprise, traditional values, and America-first principles. We seek to inspire other students and positively affect the community with these ideals. **We meet in ROTC, 2-011, every Friday during tutorial.**