

**Pope John XXIII
Regional High School**

Student Clubs & Activities



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Academic Team

Mr. Dave Wilson

The Pope John Academic Team promotes academic competition within the school, the county and the state. Students with wide and diversified reading backgrounds, knowledge of specific subjects, and the ability to react quickly and accurately compete against teams from Sussex and Morris counties and participate in the worldwide Knowledge Master Open contest in both fall and spring.

American Spirit Singers

Mrs. Jacquelyn Burt

The American Spirit Performers are a patriotic singing group dedicated to conveying love for our nation and capturing its spirit in their deeds and songs. Anyone may recommend a student for membership based on the following criteria: outstanding character, academic achievement, service to America, and vocal ability. Current student members vote to select new members.

Students perform traditional Americana, such as “America the Beautiful”, “Battle Hymn of the Republic”, Big Band and Swing standards, as well as current favorites such as “Humble and Kind”. The 2017-2018 group includes an Eagle Scout, a NJ Girl's State representative, Miss Hardyston, and a JROTC member.

Chess Team

Mr. Joseph Giovannone

The Chess Team meets weekly to practice and compete against local high school teams and to attend/compete in national tournaments, such as the annual National High School Chess Tournament.

Debate Club

Dr. Noah Stanzione

The mission of the Debate Club is to teach speech, proper research techniques, and professional debate strategies.

Faith & Ministry (F.A.M.)

Miss Brigitte Hanley

The Faith & Ministry Club at Pope John High School promotes the Catholic identity of our school. Emphasizing the topics of “Faith, Fellowship and Fun”, the Faith & Ministry Club strives to live the

ideals of Pope St. John XXIII: joy, faithfulness, community, leadership and service. Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, and all students interested in building the Catholic identity of our school are invited to join.

Film Club

Mr. Brendan Berls

The Film Club meets to watch and discuss great movies, legitimate classics, and quirky contemporaries. Meetings are held after school.

Future Business Leaders of America

Mrs. Jacquelyn Burt

FBLA, or Future Business Leaders of America, is a new club focused on building leadership and business/marketing skills. FBLA integrates business into educational life through career and school development programs, fundraising, and community service.

French Club

Mrs. Donna Romanick

The French Club encourages students to promote French language and culture while pursuing academic excellence. The club is open to all students enrolled in French and meets once a month.

FTC Robotics

Mr. Kyle Antonowich

In this competitive robotics league, students design, prototype, build and program a robot to compete against other schools in the FIRST Tech Challenge. Students will learn about the fundamentals of engineering and design and work as a team to develop their robot throughout the year. Pope John's robotics teams frequently compete at the national level, and varsity letters are awarded to top team members. No prior robotics experience is required.

Green Team

Mrs. Christine Dunbar

This club promotes a sustainable home, school and community through activities and projects. The club meets after school.

Habitat for Humanity

*Mrs. Susan Occhicone
and Mrs. Belinda Toma*

Through volunteer labor, donations of money and materials, and the support of local businesses, churches, individual donors and fundraising events, Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses in partnership with families in need. All students are eligible

to volunteer at the local ReStore, making lunches for the volunteers at each build, assisting in collection drives, creating posters for scheduled activities, and participating in fundraising events.

Students must be over 16 years of age to volunteer at the construction build site, and students that are 16 or 17 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (one adult for up to 5 students).

Interact

Mr. Brian St. John

The Interact group is the high school version of Rotary. Inspired by the motto "Service above Self", the club provides meaningful leadership opportunities to all students through various service activities throughout the year.

Italian Club

Mrs. Mary Ann Ross

The goal of the Italian club is to develop an understanding and appreciation for Italian culture, with a special emphasis on the Italian-American experience. Cultural activities may include cooking, corresponding with pen pals, and exploring Italian music and art. Field trips have included Ellis Island, The Statue of Liberty, The Tenement Museum, and lunch in Little Italy.

Key Club

Mrs. Judy Loff

Mrs. Amy Ingolia

This international organization is for students who want to help others, serve their school and improve their communities. "KEY", an acronym for "Kiwani Educates Youth", is sponsored by the local Kiwanis club, a community service organization. The Key Club volunteers for many worthwhile projects, such as building playgrounds, caroling at a retirement village, helping with SCARC recreational activities, and donating funds toward building a children's hospital. Membership is open to all students throughout the year. Meetings and projects are listed in the daily announcements -- just show up!

Microscopy Club

Ms. Patricia Olsen

Consultant: Dr. Edgar Leone

Explore the microscopic world and join the next generation of innovators in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The Microscopy Club uses state-of-the-art software and sophisticated optical microscopy equipment, particularly the school's Hitachi S-

530 Scanning Electron Microscope. Pope John XXIII is one of the few campuses nationwide to own a SEM, so take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Mock Trial

Mrs. Jessica Rosario

The Mock Trial Competition, sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association, has won many national awards for excellence in educational programming. High schools compete statewide as lawyers, witnesses, and jurors, presenting both sides in a jury trial on a present day issue. The goal of the competition is not to win for the sake of winning but to learn and understand the meaning of good citizenship and our democratic system of law and justice.

Music Club/Show Band

Mr. Evan Wasek

The Music Club is a student-run ensemble showcasing a mix of instrumentation. Students interested in arranging, composing, and conducting will work in small groups and explore a variety of instruments, in addition to those they play in standard ensembles.

Pawprints

Mrs. Donna Keller

This organization is devoted to pet related projects and fundraisers for animals.

Pep Band

Mr. Evan Wasek

The Pep Band is an instrumental group that travels with the team to encourage school spirit.

Photography Club

Mrs. Sofia Partida

The Photography Club encourages students to create, appreciate, and critique photography. Guided by group projects, students are encouraged to experiment with graphic technology, think creatively, and share their work with the Pope John community.

Pope John Players

Mrs. Jacquelyn Burt

The Pope John Players annually present both a drama (fall) and a musical (early spring) for the community. A variety of challenging full-length musicals and dramas gives students the opportunity to work with professionals on all aspects of a production. Not only

acting and dance roles, but also technical, design, costuming, and pit band opportunities are available.

Science League

Mrs. Judy Loff

The New Jersey Science League is a statewide academic competition in which students take tests (usually on the second Thursday of the month) to discover their ranking among the area's elite science students. Participants may also compete in State Science Day in May.

Search for Christian Maturity

*Ms. Brigette Hanley,
Mr. Joe Giovannone, Fr. Brian Ditullio*

Founded in March of 1981, the Search for Christian Maturity (Search) helps students recognize God's importance in their lives. The retreat weekend, organized and mentored by a team of prior Search students, is followed by a three day retreat. Activities include student and adult discussions on the following topics: understanding personal identity; relationships with friends and family; the role of God and prayer in their lives; and their responsibility to themselves, their church and their community.

Ski Club

Parent Volunteer

The Pope John Ski Club, sponsored by the Booster Club, provides affordable transportation and lift tickets to students who wish to ski in a non-competitive environment.

Spanish Club

Mrs. Sofia Partida

In the Spanish Club, students are encouraged to use the Spanish language and to explore and share Spanish culture. The members participate in cultural and traditional activities, sports, field trips, and food festivals, and they also support Hispanic organizations that sponsor children in need. All Pope John students are welcome to join.

Stand Tall

*Mr. Michael Schleer
and Mr. Gene Emering*

Pope John XXIII High School initiated this program, which provides peer support and incentives for students who are proud to Stand Tall and drug free. Students in Stand Tall volunteer to be drug tested once

at the beginning of the school year and then randomly throughout the school year. Over 97% of the students have chosen to *Stand Tall*.

Zero Robotics

Mr. Joseph Giovannone

Students in the Zero Robotics Club compete by programming robotic satellites in a zero-G space environment on board the International Space Station. Our team frequently competes at the national level, and a varsity letter in robotics is awarded to top team members.

Honor Societies

Mu Alpha Theta

*Mrs. Diane Stankiewicz
and Mr. Joseph Giovannone*

The Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society encourages students to enjoy and recognize excellence in mathematics. Co-sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges, the Society boasts over 1500 chapters worldwide. Colleges and major universities recognize membership in Mu Alpha Theta as an important part of the student's academic resume.

National Honor Society

*Mrs. Margie Maneri
and Ms. Jessica Rosario*

The National Honor Society aims to promote scholarship, to render service, to model worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character.

Junior and senior students are eligible, and membership is determined by a majority vote of the faculty council on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative scholastic average of 3.75, demonstrate positive leadership qualities, volunteer time to assist others, and uphold morality and ethics.

For more detailed information on the application procedure and selection criteria, please see Ms. Lynch and/or Ms. Maneri.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Mr. Evan Wasek

The Tri-M Music Honor Society, specifically for students enrolled in performing arts classes, recognizes students for their academic and musical achievements and provides leadership and service opportunities to young musicians. Students apply for membership and are approved through the Music Department.

World Language Honor Societies

Mrs. Maryann Ross

The World Language Honor Society is open to third or higher level language students who have earned at least 90 in all three levels and a cumulative average of 3.0. Students must demonstrate an interest in learning the language and culture of the countries where the target language is spoken and must be willing to tutor his/her younger peers and organize club meetings.

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Deutsche Ehrenverbindung
Società Onoraria Italiana
Latina Honoris Societas
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
Japanese Honor Society*