

A significant part of having a quality educational experience is exploring interests and becoming involved in activities that supplement the academic offerings of the school. One way Grand Haven High School (GHHS) supports gaining this experience and strives to meet the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Standards for Excellence is by offering extensive opportunities in activities and organizations that build character, teach leadership and develop teamwork skills.

It is an ongoing goal of GHHS to improve the number and quality of the curriculum-related, non-curriculum-related, and student service programs offered in our building. To achieve this goal we encourage each and every student to join some organization or activity that best meets their personal needs. Along with a comprehensive athletic program, GHHS also offers curriculum-related programs and has a number of non-curriculum-related clubs.

Curriculum-related Programs - Those clubs and organizations that supplement a course offered for credit in the high school through performance or competition or that relate directly to the body of courses as a whole by honoring, recognizing or encouraging academic achievement in the context of the school's curriculum. These require a commitment outside the hours of the regular school day. (Examples include: Band, Choir, Science Olympiad, etc.)

Non-curriculum-related Clubs - Those clubs and organizations that exist with a specific purpose or mission outside of the academic curriculum. These programs require a commitment outside the hours of the regular school day. (Examples include: GREEN, First Priority, Catalina Club, and Ambassadors, etc.)

Athletic Clubs - An athletic club sport is a student-initiated group that meets to participate in a sport in which the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) sponsors an officially sanctioned tournament in that sport.

In the event the MHSAA does not sponsor a tournament in a particular sport, the student club will not be deemed to be an athletic club, but rather will be deemed to be a non-curriculum-related club. All athletic clubs in which the MHSAA sponsors a tournament in the particular sport must exist entirely outside of and separate from the School District.

Each curriculum-related program and non-curriculum-related club is overseen by an advisor or school official. Each program has regularly posted meeting times. Please watch the bulletin boards in the hallway for information on meeting times and events.

CURRICULAR RELATED PROGRAMS

Band

**Advisors: Iain Novoselich 850-6145
850-6145**

Year round program which includes Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Cadet Wind & Percussion, Jazz Band and Marching Band.

Choir

Advisors: Juli Dick 850-6131

Year round program which includes Chorus, Chorale, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir & Choral Ensemble

National Honor Society

**Advisors: Lynne Bailey 850-6022, Kim Kowalski 850-6012,
Mark Londot 850-6227**

This year round program is for selected 11th & 12th grade students. Members meet monthly. This organization recognizes scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Orchestra

Advisor: Melissa Meyers 850-6153

This is a year round program which includes Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra.

Science Olympiad

Advisor: Michael Reed 850-6000

This is a year round competitive science program. Students compete against other schools at the regional, state and national levels. *Applications and tryouts are required.*

Student Senate

Advisor: Tom Puleo 850-6220

This group consists of elected officers and representatives from each grade. Members must have a petition signed by a certain number of members from their grade and meet some other eligibility requirements. The senate as a whole is involved with activities such as school dances, Christmas Elderly Fund Drive, and the Red Cross Blood Drive, etc.

NON- CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Ambassador Club

Advisor: Kirsten Montroy 850-6186

As ambassadors at GHHS, students in this club greet visitors at various functions held at the high school, such as open houses, parent-teacher conferences, plays, concerts, sporting events, etc. and conduct tours and answer questions about their school to special community groups. These students are the "extra hands and smiling faces" that help to orient new students transferring into GHHS.

Art Club

Advisor: John Mauro 850-6260

ASL (American Sign Language)

Advisor: Brenda Wunder 850-6201

ASL Club teaches students the ins and outs of American Sign Language. ASL intends to increase understanding of sign language and the use of it through student led lessons, videos, and guest speakers.

Baking Club

Advisor: Lindsey Ruiter

B.A.S.S. Fishing Club

Advisor: Jason Hunter 850-5213

B.A.S.S. is an extension of Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation, a nationally-recognized organization committed to exposing our youth to the sport of fishing. GHHS B.A.S.S. competes in various tournaments throughout the state and surrounding region.

Bingeflix (Movie Watching Club)

Advisor: Sam Arens 850-6164

BOSS (Buccaneer Original Swing Society)

Advisor: Ben Lawrence 850-6695

This club provides students a different type of social activity in a safe and fun environment through music and dance.

Calling All Colors

Advisor: Tom Puleo 850-6220 Calling All Colors seeks to identify and eliminate barriers between Races and creeds at GHHS. A side from various projects, meeting shall serve as a discussion forum for cultural diversity issues.

Catalina Club

Advisor: Betsy Ainsworth 842-2223

Catalina is the synchronized swimming club. The members begin meeting in their groups during January to prepare for the show in March. The groups perform land and water routines to music while dressed in colorful costumes. This show is in the middle of March and is a lot of fun.

Chess Club

Advisor: Ed Thomas 850-6236

Chess club provides both education and social activities. Players will learn strategies and sportsmanship while having fun playing chess. Members can be beginner or experienced with the opportunity to play in weekend tournaments.

College Bound Bucs

Advisor: Thomas Foley 850-6218

Dance Club

Advisor: Ben Lawrence 850-6695

Debate Club

Advisor: Mark Robertson 850-6175

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America)

Advisor: Chad Jettner – 850-6175

DECA is an organization available for marketing students. They compete in areas of marketing and they start out with Regionals. If they do well, they go on to State and then to Nationals.

DORAK (Doing Random Acts of Kindness)

Advisor: Brian Williams 850-6176

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Advisors: Joe Nelson 850-6235 and Scott Stanley 850-6262

FCA is a non-denominational Christian club whose purpose is to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of living a fulfilled Christian life. FCA is geared toward those students who have an athletic background, but students do not have to be on a high school athletic team to join.

First Priority

Advisors: Dennis Striegle 850-6265 and Randy White 842-9042

First Priority is a non-denominational Christian Club. They participate in group activities such as a scavenger hunt, a weekend retreat, short devotions, and mission work. This student-initiated, student-led group provides a time and place for students to stand up for their beliefs.

First Robotics

Advisor: Rory Callendar 850-6240

Our mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership by building a robot for competition.

G.R.E.E.N (Global Responsibility for the Earth's Environment Now)

Advisor: Aaron Portenga 850-6172

G.R.E.E.N. is the environmental awareness and preservation club. They develop and implement efforts to “reduce, reuse, & recycle” within the high school. Members participate in beach and river cleanups, wetland planting and restoration in conjunction with Adopt-a-Stream, Lake Michigan Federation, etc.

InterAct Club

Advisor: Sam Arens 850-6164/John Mauro 850-6260

InterAct is a service club. The club meets twice a month and completes at least one service project each month. There is also one international service trip each year. InterAct is open to all students interested in serving our community and is a tremendous experience.

LGBTQ – Straight Alliance Advisor: Katy Walters 850-6203

This club provides an open and accepting place for all students. It's goal is to provide a support system and to break down stereotypes and prejudices.

Literary Club

Advisor: Dana Rider 850-6162

The literary club will create awareness and knowledge through reading. The goal is to read books for a higher understanding from diverse genres.

Minecraft Club

Advisor: Sam Arens 850-6164

Mock Trial Club**Advisor: Jason Duram 850-6239****Model United Nations****Advisor: Jason Klinger 850-6208**

The purpose of the Model UN is to further expose students to global issues that the world is attempting to deal with.

Political Views Club**Advisor: Tammy Bowser 850-6230****Power of Peers (POPS)****Advisor: Kristin Adams 850-6210**

POPS is a club designed to create opportunities for social interaction for all students at GHHS so they feel like they belong to some group at their school.

Shaolin Club**Advisor: Jason Hunter 850-6160****Thespians****Advisor: Rita McLary 850-6160**

The International Thespian Society (Thespians) is an honor society for theatre and performance minded students. Like any honor society, students must earn points to become an official, inducted member, but students are always welcome to come to the meetings while earning their membership. Thespians promote the performance arts in a number of ways and are self-supporting.

Young Republicans**Advisor: Ed Thomas 850-6236****NON-CURRICULAR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS****Sailing Club****Advisor: Tim Graham 616-402-1928**

This club is open in the spring to anyone with a dry suit and experience and in the fall to anyone with an interest in sailing. Students will compete against other schools on Spring Lake,

Macatawa Bay, Reeds Lake and Lake Michigan. Dues are \$30.00.

Ultimate Frisbee**Advisor: Ben Lawrence 850-6232**

This is an exciting athletic club providing a physical outlet and participation in a school activity for those students not in a seasonal sport. The club will compete against other local clubs.

Boys Rugby**Advisor: Thomas Foley 850-6218****Girls Rugby Club****Advisor: Jessi Brewer 850-5500****Powerlifting****Advisor: Lindsey Ruitter 850-6237**

The following office is designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Assistant Superintendent of Human Services
Grand Haven Area Public Schools
1415 Beech Tree St., Grand Haven, MI 49417 (616) 850.5085

Grand Haven High School



2016-2017 Curriculum and Non-Curriculum-Related Programs

Club descriptions are also posted on the GHHS website at www.ghaps.org

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