

Park School

Student Activity Guide

2017–2018

This guide is a work in progress. If you are interested in starting a club or if your club isn't represented in this guide, please see Traci Wright.

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ADAPT (formerly P.A.C.E.D.- Park's Awareness Club for Education on Disabilities)

Student Leader(s) Maddie Levine, Zane Cullinane Walsh, and Robin White

Faculty Leader(s) Karyn Fisher

Brief description

A club that will bring disabilities and mental illness into the conversation about diversity at Park. We're open to everyone, not just those with disabilities! Because we want to educate the students and faculty, get people to think critically about how Park approaches disabilities both in and out of the classroom, and then take action to actually make changes in how we do things. We provide a safe space to talk and learn within the club, and help make Park into a safer and more comfortable place for students.

Past achievements

The club was founded last year (under the name P.A.C.E.D). Two students spoke at an assembly; one student spoke about her experience with anxiety and the other about her experience with a learning disability.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Spread the Word to End the Word- A campaign to eliminate the use of the word "Retarded"
- Strike out Stigma Month- hold activities as part of a disability awareness month
- Share your story night- A night for students and faculty to share stories about their experiences either having disabilities

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants 25

Admissions

Student Leader(s) Lizzie Kane, Jack Kalvar, Ben Inglesby, and Sireen Badr

Faculty Leader(s) Ruthie Kalvar

Brief description

The purpose of the Student Ambassador Program is to support the Admission Office with many of its functions and operations. Student Ambassadors provide support by participating in programs and activities that promote Park School in the community. Activities include hosting prospective students, giving tours of the school, attending school fairs, and sharing personal experiences of Park's values, philosophy, and community with prospective families. The Student Ambassador Program is looking for anyone who has a positive attitude about our school and would like to share this with people interested in Park.

Past achievements

While most years in the past have been reasonably similar when it comes to Admissions Ambassadors, one of our many special accomplishments, with strong help from our hosts and tour guides, is that this year's freshman class is adding more new students than in any of the past several years.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Continue our strong performance from last year.

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants Unlimited

Amnesty International Aid

Student Leader(s) Charlotte Baird and Lindsey Weiskopf

Faculty Leader(s) Malick Mbengue

Brief description

The purpose of Amnesty is to bring awareness about issues that are affecting different groups of people internationally. We also host fundraisers for various organizations and speakers that share their different experiences with the Park community.

Past achievements

- Supported multiple business entrepreneurs through Kiva
- Worked with the Middle School to finish raising the money for Kenyan student, Sharon Kipenzi
- Had a clothing drive for International Rescue Committee

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Host a dinner with speakers from the IRC
- Clothing drives
- Collaborate with other organizations for internationally outreach

Time commitment If you sign up, you must be there.

Maximum number of participants

Annual Fund Club

Student Leader(s) Megan Stompler and Cassie Doyle-Hines

Faculty Leader(s) Pailin Gaither and Kira Lanier

Brief description

The Annual Fund Club is a great opportunity for students to develop fundraising skills by assisting the development office with the Annual Fund. A win-win situation! What could be better than helping Park and learning useful fundraising techniques for yourself?...Pizza and snacks...(but don't worry, we have that too)

What we do in meetings varies on a weekly basis. We ask for donations over the phone, plan events, work on projects (such as videos and thank you cards), and make care packages for alumni in college. However, we are not limited to these activities. We are always open to new ideas as we hope to make the biggest impact that we can on the Park community.

Past achievements

Last year, we planned Be A Bruin Day, raised \$16,000 for the annual fund, created, signed, and mailed 600+ thank you cards to alumni donors, packed 200 care packages for Park alumni in college, created a video promoting Be a Bruin Day, and were able to achieve 100% senior participation in annual fund donations.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

While continuing what we have done in years past, we hope to expand Be A Bruin Day and make it an all school event, raise more money, give tours to alumni, spread awareness of our club and its goals, and eat more pizza!

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants N/A

Asian Culture Club

Student Leader(s) Yefei He and Nina Feliciano

Faculty Leader(s) Xiaomu Hu

Brief description

This club introduces students to the Eastern side of the world through music, food, fun and games. A major project that we do is to organize a school-wide Lunar New Year Festival.

Past achievements

Watched "The Cat Returns", planned the Lunar New Year Festival and invited students to taste dumplings while answering questions about Asia. Did a presentation in assembly about the stereotypes that Chinese have on Americans, specifically teenagers.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year:

- More assemblies to inform upper school about current events
- More people to participate in Lunar New Year Festival
- More activities, including making food, watching movies, and teach Asian languages (Chinese, Russian, Japanese...)

Time commitment

Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Beekeeping Club

Faculty Leader(s)

Jeff Jennings

Brief description

Beekeeping Club is primarily focused on harvesting and selling honey. We also make candles, lip balm, and other beeswax and honey based products.

Past achievements

- Harvested and sold honey.
- Acquired a new hive.
- Made candles.
- Bought T-shirts.
- Made Lip balm.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Harvest and sell honey.
- Make candles, lip balm, and other products using beeswax and honey.
- Teach new students about beekeeping.

Time commitment

You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants

15-18

Black Female Forum

Student Leader(s) Bria Dorsey, Lexi Bushrod, Kenya Boston T’Niya Kees

Faculty Leader(s) Traci Wright

Brief description

Black Female Forum is a safe space for Black females at Park (and allies). In this club, we share personal thoughts and issues, and we also discuss current events that affect Black females (and Black people in general). We meet on Wednesdays during X Block.

Past achievements

We worked in conjunction with Black Male Forum to:

- Prepare and present an assembly to promote the Baltimore Student Diversity Leadership Conference
- Organize a conversation-provoking die-in
- Prepare and present an assembly to address diversity and #BlackLivesMatter

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

More assemblies to promote awareness of issues affecting Black people in America, community service, a dance, fundraisers, more bonding with Black females in the lower and middle schools

Time commitment If you sign up, we're expecting you to be there. If you happen to have another obligation on the same day that the club meets, we understand and we will do our best to update you on what you've missed.

Maximum number of participants N/A

Black Male Forum

Student Leader(s) Solomon Stephens, Okezie Okoro, Toni Elewa-Gidado

Faculty Leader(s) Dia Clark, Max Wiggins, Courtney Rollins and Rhys Joseph

Brief description

Black Male Forum is a club in which we talk about being a black male in society today. Discussions range from day to day banter, to intellectual debates about race, class, and even politics. We also plan assemblies, events and even protests. Black Male Forum is not an exclusive club, anybody and everybody is welcome.

Past achievements

With the assistance of Black Female Forum, we coordinated and executed a die-in, along with an upper school assembly, to spark conversation about the deaths of this many black lives that were lost over the course of the school year.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We strive to offer a safe and comfortable environment, not exclusive to the Upper School's black males. This involves discussing matters of social identity, including but not limited to race, gender, socioeconomic class, and various other subjects. Inside and outside of our scheduled meeting time, we hope to build a network of interdependence for the Upper School's black males, and support each other, as it may be hard to feel comfortable as a minority at a predominantly white school such as Park.

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you; you might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Brownie

Student Leader(s) Cassie Doyle-Hines, Catherine Robbins, Jack Kalvar

Faculty Leader(s) Janna Rice

Brief description

Brownie is responsible for the design, material, and publication of the school's yearbook. We photograph the student and faculty body, compile spreads, and write segments, altogether making the school's most important publication of the year.

Past achievements

The 2015-2016 Yearbook, which was on time Photographing everybody and everything
Fundraising for necessary equipment

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- The 2016-2017 Yearbook
- Maintaining our status as the school's most valued and sentimental publication

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants N/A

Bruin Athletic Council

Student Leader(s) Noe Wolf, Bethany Wright, Ben Shasho

Faculty Leader(s) Dia Clark, Dan Lopez, (Robin Lowe)

Brief description

Bruin Athletic Council serves to encourage student athletes on campus to continue their athletic career throughout middle/upper school. BAC hopes to recruit new athletes each year onto all of our sports teams. We strive to make connections between our Middle School and Upper School teams to form a strong athletic community, and start developing stronger skills in our younger athletes. Our club also serves to strengthen school spirit by promoting athletic events and encouraging student turnout at games to support our student athletes.

Past achievements

Turf Field Opening. Program Night. Advertisement for playoffs. Athletic Breakfast/Montage. Rivalry Day.
Increasing game turn outs.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Program Night. Advertisement for Playoffs. Athletic Breakfast/Montage. Larger Turnout at Games.
Growth in number of Student Athletes. Offseason Workouts.

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants N/A

Business Club

Student Leader(s) Liam Bannon, Addison Helm, Noah Bleu, and Max Shockett

Faculty Leader(s) John Kessinger

Brief description

In this club we will learn the basic strategies of investing as it pertains to the stock market. As a club, we will be entering in various investing competitions both amongst ourselves, and in competitions held by various universities around the country. Additionally, we will discuss various current events and what types of effects they may have on Wall Street and other world markets. Also, if we have enough members this year, we will attempt to start our own DECA chapter, which is an organization that helps to prepare young leaders for careers in entrepreneurship and finance.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants N/A

Ceramics Club

Student Leader(s) Jeff Metzel

Faculty Leader(s) Rhys Joseph

Brief description

Ceramics club is a place for anyone interested in pottery to improve their skills and create with others. Knowing the basics of throwing is recommended, but not necessary. to learn and create.

Past achievements

- We create the club last winter
- We made several pots through the full process of throwing, glazing, and firing.
- We recruited some people without much ceramics experience who learned along with the experience potters.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Get more members and make lots of quality ceramics
- Exhibit our work at school.

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants 14?

Circus Club

Student Leader(s) Owen Sahnaw, Matthew Hudes, and Jacob Greenwald

Faculty Leader(s) Peter King

Brief description

Have you ever wanted to learn how to stand on your head? Juggle? Ride a unicycle? Or anything else Circus? If so, this is a perfect club for you! We're making it up as we go along and we'd love to have you be a part of it! The world needs clowns y'all!

Past achievements

1. We actually met and continued to exist for one whole year!
2. We bought some circus props!
3. We had one senior!

Things that you hope to accomplish this year:

We'd like to have a showcase -

Time commitment Come when you want, or even when you don't! We'll be glad to see you.
Maximum number of participants As many as can fit.

Comedy Club, for Cool People

Student Leader(s) Cooper Glass and Quintin Forrer

Faculty Leader(s) ?

Brief description

Comedy Club® is a for-profit organization dedicated to bringing the joys of Comedy™ to the masses! To measure your Comedy™ levels a free joke session is provided to any interested parties, however to become a official Comedian™ member, a small \$10 fee is required. Club activities include fundraising, scamming and waiting for our founding member Ben Doyle to return.

Past achievements

1. Was in yearbook.
2. Made someone laugh.
3. Killed comedy.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Be stupid.

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.
Maximum number of 100

Computers for Kids (CFK)

Student Leader(s) Quintin Forrer

Faculty Leader(s) Mike Dennis

Brief description

Computer for Kids helps Baltimore by refurbishing computers and providing them to Baltimore schools, non-profits, and families. You can help Computers for Kids if you love working with other passionate people to help give computers to families and organizations who can use them or if you just enjoys working with technology. No technology experience is required, and there are plenty of non-technical roles.

Past achievements

1. Repaired and refurbished many computers
2. Delivered to Montgomery County Public Schools, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, Youth Empowered Society, and many families.
3. Coordinated donations

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Broaden our outreach in both acquiring computers and delivering them.

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of 15

Debate Team

Student Leader(s) Ilana Miller, Ian Greenberg, and Addison Helm

Faculty Leader(s) Daniel Jacoby

Brief description

On the Debate Team, students will learn several important techniques that are useful for debate and public speaking, practice debating important issues and compete with several other schools statewide, in the "Catholic Forensics League".

Past achievements

1. Competed against several other school debate teams around the state.
2. Debates regarding current events and other various topics.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Our main hope is to improve people's public speaking and argumentative skills, as well as to succeed in regional competitions.

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of As many as possible!

The D.R.E.A.M. Foundation (Dreams Restored Every Amazing Moment)

Student Leader(s) Ta’Niya Kees

Faculty Leader(s) Victor Brown

Brief description

We want to make sure that kids who are dealing with disabilities/illnesses and have been abused/mistreated for their disabilities/illnesses, have a safe space to be themselves and have someone they can call their friend. Our activity will also cater to children who have had life-threatening injuries, and are in need of different people to talk to or to help them cope their injuries. The foundation will bring these kids together and help them to feel as though that are protected and that someone has their back at all times.

Past achievements

This is a new club.

Time commitment If you sign up, you must be there..

Maximum number of participants 25

Film Club

Student Leader(s) Kendall Laughton, Harry Levine, Eli Asdourian, and Josie Renkwitz

Faculty Leader(s) Peter Warren

Brief description [never received?]

Past achievements

- We Started.
- We watched 3 good movies.
- Everybody enjoyed at least one of them.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Watch at least 4 good movies. Enjoy at least 2 of them.
- Start going to see movies with the club outside of school.

Time commitment Come when you want; we’ll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants 25

Filmmaking/Media Club

Student Leader(s) Ben Polyakov

Faculty Leader(s) Peter Warren

Brief description

The filmmaking/Media Club works together to create films and shorts of different genres.

Past achievements

Created *All Toasters toast toast* (a short film)

Took on two clients

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Watch at least 4 good movies. Enjoy at least 2 of them.
- Start going to see movies with the club outside of school.

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants 25

Gallery Committee

Student Leader(s) Felice Falk and Emily Drachman

Faculty Leader(s) Christine Tillman

Brief description

Gallery Committee is involved with the art exhibitions at park—setting up the space, installing work, painting walls, and making decisions about themes and artists involved in the shows. We help to select the resident artist each year and the theme for the all school show. We take at least one trip to galleries or studio spaces around D.C. and Baltimore every year. Art experience is not necessary.

Past achievements

1. Working with Make Studio for one of the art shows at park
2. Giving an assembly to expose more people to art in the world
3. Helping setup and take down the gallery shows over the year

Things that you hope to accomplish this year

Trip to DC museums and galleries

Giving an assembly

Bringing more art into the upper school

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants 25

Hiking Club

Faculty Leader(s) Greg Brandt

Brief description

The Hiking Club takes at least two multi-night trips on the Appalachian Trail each year: the first in October to enjoy the glories of fall and the second in February to take delight in the beauty of winter. The club also does some day hikes during the year. Students choose routes, trek, build fires, cook meals, and generally have a wonderful time outdoors.

Humans of Baltimore

Student Leader(s) Ilana Miller

Faculty Leader(s) Amy Weintraub

Brief description

Have you heard of Humans of New York? If you haven't, it's a blog where different New Yorkers are interviewed and blogged about. Humans of Baltimore is taking this idea but stretching it even further. In this club, you'll interview different people around Baltimore as well as write blog posts and social media posts about what you've uncovered.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We hope to start a blog and perfect our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Soundcloud)! We also want to publish a magazine at every quarter so the school can see what we do.

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants Unlimited!

ISAMR

Student Leader(s): Leah Genth, Anna Connors, Matthew Hudes, Lexi Mantilla, Mahey Gheis, and Yifei He

Faculty Leader(s): Julie Rogers (and Mark Dhruv)

Brief description

The International Student-led Arctic Monitoring and Research (ISAMR) club is a group that conducts original research in the sub-arctic. There are two main research trips each year: one in August focusing on the permafrost, and one in October focusing on Polar Bear whisker prints. During the year members of the club process the data from the research in Churchill to present through scientific papers, at conferences, and to the school community. Time is also spent learning about the culture of the indigenous people in our study area, the Sayisi Dene. ISAMR as a program includes a wide variety of students, from other students in Baltimore to Junior Canadian Rangers who live in the sub-arctic year round to other Canadian high schoolers. ISAMR is great for you if you're interested in science, want to learn about other cultures, or just like cool adventures.

Past achievements

- In year 11 of a 30-year study.
- Presented posters annually at international scientific conference for arctic researchers.
- Three scientific papers in progress.
- Presented at AIMS to give teachers at other Maryland independent schools to share what is happening in ISAMR and the power of international student groups.
- Secured funding from the Canadian government that covers ½ the total costs of the program.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Publish three scientific papers
- Present at two conferences
- Continue our Dendroclimatology work
- Get the NSERC Canadian grant renewed for another three years
- Figure out the DNA of microbes (bacteria) methodology so it can all happen at Park
- Continue to bring as many Park students to the North as possible

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Israeli Culture Club

Student Leader(s) Amit Jakob and Zach Zaiman

Faculty Leader(s) ??

Brief description

In Israel club, we will be exploring different aspects of Israeli culture by cooking, discussions, activities and more! We also hope to invite guest speakers to provide more of an in depth outlook of Israeli culture. Everyone is welcome so just stop by whenever.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Fundraisers to support Israeli causes, large participation from the student body

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants No Max

KIPP Tutoring

Student Leader(s)

Faculty Leader(s) Liz Hirsch

Brief description

On Tuesday afternoons, from about 3:15-5:15, the club goes to the KIPP Charter School and tutors 5th grade students in a variety of different subjects. Park students are grouped with one or more KIPP students, and it is encouraged that the same students meet together each week in order to build lasting connections. In terms of academics, the main goal of our club is to help the KIPP students complete as much of their homework as possible, and help them in subjects they may be having difficulty with. Looking ahead, we have also talked with KIPP faculty about adding reading instruction as well, but we have yet to see how this will be incorporated into the current curriculum.

Past achievements

We solidified a small base of committed tutors, many of whom are now leaders; provided tutoring to KIPP partners every possible Tuesday; and offered an opportunity to help KIPP teachers and administrative staff during Park's day of service.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

In the coming year, we hope to attract more Park students to the program, get a significant number of these students to commit to being tutors for each trimester, and organize more recreational and extracurricular activities for KIPP students.

Time commitment If you have signed up for the trimester, you must be there every Tuesday afternoon, otherwise there is no commitment, but you are welcome to help with the club any time and tutor if there is an absence.

Maximum number of participants 15 designated tutors per trimester.

Medical Science Club

Student Leader(s) Simona Clampin, Becca Overton, Isabel Berner, and Jonathan Kaplan

Faculty Leader(s) Jeff Jennings

Brief description

We invite a range of doctors to come share their experiences in the Medical Field and hopefully intrigue students. We will also watch various medical programs and surgeries. Food will always be present ;) Very excited for everyone to come join discussions. Everyone is welcome and the door is always open. Hope to see you there!

Past achievements

Recruiting doctors for discussion and substantial growth in club size

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

More club members and doctors/ speakers, partner with a hospital and raise money for a specific unit, share knowledge with lower schoolers, take in club members suggestions.

Time commitment Meetings are only twice a month, we would love your dedication.

Maximum number of participants 45-50

Park Launch: an Entrepreneurship Club powered by MIT Launch

Student Leader(s) Quintin Forrer, Duncan Lowther, and Bella Palumbi

Faculty Leader(s) Julie Medalie

Brief description

During the school year, students will found companies of three to six people, and students will then develop a company based on a theme that MIT Launch provides. The MIT Launch Clubs program will connect participating high-school companies to a network of mentors to help with all aspects of the business. Towards the end of the year, students will create and submit company pitches to allow them to be chosen as a MIT Launch clubs program finalist. Finalists will be invited to MIT for a mentorship and pitch event.

Students in the program must

- Attend monthly check-ins with virtual mentors
- Produce monthly deliverables
- Submit a final company pitch
- Commit to your company and club for the full year
- Collaborate and solve problems with an open mind

Things that you hope to accomplish this year

This year we'd like to publish two issues and create a safe and fun community for committed writers to share their work.

Time Commitment If you sign up, you must be there. You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it. you something, we are counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants Launch companies are a maximum of 6 people and a 100\$ fee is required for every company registered. (School will not cover Launch fee).

Latino Hispanic Coalition

Student Leader(s) Bethany Wright and Dennis Villacorta

Faculty Leader(s) Ileana Imhoff and Paul Villamore

Brief description

The Latino Hispanic Coalition is open to all students who identify as Hispanic or Latino and we work towards offering a community and space for students to talk about shared identities and advocate for greater Latino presence in our community.

Achievements from the 2016-2017 school-year

Formation of the club. Family gathering events. Assembly on immigration issues. Communicating with outside school Latino Clubs.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Creating a strong Latino Community with other independent schools. Community Service. Continued Family events

Time commitment Wednesdays at X in Ileana's room. Come when you can, we always have food.

Maximum number of participants Infinity

Literary Magazine

Student Leader(s) Rachel Miller, Ben Cohn, and Lindsey Weiskopf

Faculty Leader(s) Angela Balcita and Kirk Wulf

Brief description

In the Literary Magazine, students not only have the opportunity to have written pieces published for the entire school to enjoy, but also to engage in a community of fellow writers. Within meetings, we participate in writing exercises, games, and free writing activities. Each semester, a collection of selected pieces is assembled and published in the form of a literary magazine. Pieces featured in the magazine are peer-edited during meetings by other members. Works of poetry, short fiction, cultural criticism, and personal essays will be included in the magazine, as during meetings we experiment with all different styles as we try to move out of our writing "comfort zone".

Past achievements

We have published two issues of McGuffin with writers spanning all four grades, and we have hosted a winter Reading Night, where authors shared pieces in front of an audience from the Park Community

Things that you hope to accomplish this year

We want to publish two more issues of the magazine, as well as be a safe, fun, and productive environment for the community for committed writers at Park to share their work.

Time Commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you! To submit, you do not need to be a member of the club - but if we are doing in-club editing of your piece, we expect you to be there.

Maximum number of participants No maximum

LJF Outdoor Club

Student Leader(s) Owen Sahnaw, Dylan Sarubin, and possibly Cooper Glass

Faculty Leader(s) n/a

Brief description

Do you need a place to discuss outdoorsy things? Do you want to geek out about the military, radios, large trucks, small trucks, toy trucks, the fire department, hiking shoes, camo, knives, fire, lumberjacks, electronics, dovetailing, flannels, fine leather upholstery, high-power flashlights, sound, plants, acronyms? Are you rough & tumble? Did you read everything in my long list? Great, join the club!

People in Parksingers won't be able to come to meetings but we can certainly keep you in the loop and you can join us on a weekend excursion!

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Camping trip, hiking trip, canoeing, hiking in the woods

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you

Maximum number of participants No Maximum

Mentors

Student Leader(s) Lisa Eshleman, Lindsey Weiskopf, Ilana Miller, and Shelby Snyder

Faculty Leader(s) Dave Tracey

Brief description

The O'Neil Peer Education Program (AKA Mentors) is a program that allows Upper School students to teach topics pertinent to middle school lives and foster relationships seventh grade students. We cover a wide range of topics, peer pressure and bullying as just two examples, in the hopes of providing the seventh graders with important life skills and to preparation for the Upper School. Classes are team-taught and each lesson touches on a theme that we feel is necessary for a Middle School student to understand

Past achievements

- We put on a very successful "Fun Night" for the 7th graders, where we talked openly about broad issues they might be facing, and had gender separate time for questions.
- We had some really great speakers come and speak to the upper school in assemblies, and the feedback we got was very positive.
- Overall, we think we reached the students in one way or another, and hopefully provided them an ally for life.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Bring in more speakers to not only the middle school, but the upper school as well.
- Broaden the group we are trying to reach-- parents, sixth and eighth graders, and the upper school.
- Try to stay focused on making this about the learning for the

Time commitment If you sign up, you must be there.

Maximum number of participants 15ish

Mock Trial

Student Leader(s) Montana Love and Spencer Levitt

Faculty Leader(s) Tony Asdourian

Brief description

Mock trial is an intellectual and extremely rewarding activity. We closely study a legal case every year and defend both sides in real courtrooms in front of judges and lawyers. We collaborate with team members to create strong arguments under the expert guidance of Tony Asdourian and local attorneys.

Past achievements

The Park School Mock Trial team has won the Maryland state championship three times, twice in succession. Many team members have won All-Star awards from the Citizen Law Related Education Program.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We hope to build a strong, close-knit team of dedicated people.

Time commitment If you make the active team, attendance is mandatory. If you are on the inactive team, attendance is optional.

Maximum number of participants There is no limit of inactive members, however there will be a small team of active members (between 12 and 9)

Model United Nations

Student Leader(s) Dennis Villacorta, Ilana Miller, and Griffin Saltzman

Faculty Leader(s) Peter Warren and Liz Proctor

Brief description

Model United Nations is an exciting opportunity to learn about world events and attend MUN conferences-simulations of the U.N. At conferences, our school represents a country and by forming alliances, blocs, and writing resolutions, progress can be made. If you enjoy debates and simulations in history class, then you'll love competing with students around the world for the interests of your country.

Past achievements

In the past we have attended conferences at Rutgers, UPenn, Johns Hopkins and William and Mary, and the Park delegation did an amazing job. Most students were able to be a part of a resolution (a document that outlines a plan of action that will be taken by the countries represented in the committee). We all learned a lot and had a great time at the conferences and in discussions that we held about the U.N. and world events.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We plan to attend 1-2 conferences each year, and we hope that all club members will be able to attend at least one conference because they are great opportunities.

Time commitment If you are hoping to come to a conference, attendance is mandatory. Otherwise, everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

Maximum number of participants Unlimited!

Neighborhood Revitalization Club (formerly Habitat for Humanity)

Student Leader(s) Montana Love, Lizzie Kane, Leah Genth, Rebecca Pickering, Isaac Margulies, and Anton Shtarkton

Faculty Leader(s) Rommel Loria

Brief description

The Neighborhood Revitalization Club at Park is a large club with anywhere from 10 - 30 student members who are all working to combat the problems plaguing Baltimore City neighborhoods. One of our goals is to fundraise for Habitat for Humanity through our annual gala and silent auction at Wegmans. We have also recently partnered with Civic Works, and we have committed to donating funds and volunteering hours to turn a blighted and vacant lot into a safe community space.

Past Achievements

- Attended Habitat house builds and organization meeting for the community lot
- Raised over \$50,000
- Successfully planned and executed a 250-person dinner and silent auction at Wegmans that raised over \$20,000
- Raised \$8,000 for the community lot
- Successfully helped write and apply for a \$15,000 grant for the community lot

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Plan and execute the gala and silent auction at Wegmans
- Hold 10 Community engagement events and get 120 unique upper school students involved
- Help build, organize and fundraise for our community lot in the Barclay neighborhood

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants No limit

Ojala - Spanish Literary Magazine

Student Leader(s) Montana Love and Leah Genth

Faculty Leader(s) Ileana Imhoff

Brief description

Ojala works during 2nd semester to put together Park's Spanish literary magazine. We get to review, select and edit a variety of Spanish students' written pieces and artwork, and we publish a collection of our favorites.

Past achievements

We published the Spring 2015 edition of *Ojala* completely in Spanish, and we held a celebration for the 20 artists and writers whose work was featured.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We'd like to publish another edition of *Ojala*, in which we hope to include more pieces from students from all levels in Park Spanish.

Time commitment We only meet 2nd semester, and we will assign stuff for you to do.

Maximum number of participants 15

Park and the League for People with Disabilities (PAL)

Student Leader(s) Justin Ingerman and Sarah Renbaum
Faculty Leader(s) Dia Clark

Brief description

The purpose of the PaL Partnership is to raise money for The League for People with Disabilities and to visit The League and spend time with participants. PaL has raised over \$15,000 in scholarship money for League participants to attend Camp Greentop, a summer camp for people with mental and/or physical disabilities. Each of the last three years, PaL has hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament fundraiser and run a fantasy football league for Park students. PaL members have also volunteered at events at The League and held fantasy football drafts at Park with League participants.

Past achievements

- Raised over \$15,000
- Held annual 3-on-3 basketball tournaments
- Ran three fantasy football leagues with League participants

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Raise more money for The League than we did last year
- Have opportunities for Park students and club members to go to The League, and have opportunities for League participants to come to Park
- Educate the Park community about the great things that The League does

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants No maximum

Park Arts

Faculty Leader(s) Adele Dinerstein

Brief description

Park Arts is a group of students with serious interest and participation in at least one performing art. Park Arts is responsible for all aspects of putting on Cabaret and Goldsoundz. These shows are each held four or five times per year in the Macks-Fidler theater. We are also obligated to crowd up the US Music Room and to generally have the swag.

Past achievements

Responsible for putting on Goldsoundz in October, December, February, April, and June in the 2014-2015 school year.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Putting on Goldsoundz in the same months as 2014-2015 for the upcoming school year. We also hope to increase membership for this coming year!

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Park Service Club

Student Leader(s) Rebecca Pickering,

Faculty Leader(s) Jenny Sorel

Brief description

Park Service Club is devoted to helping out the communities that we are a part of as Park students--be that the Park community or the greater Baltimore City community. As a group, we also try to involve the rest of the Park student body in the work with other local organizations, both in fundraising and volunteering. PSC is a great way to get involved outside of school by participating in meaningful projects or volunteering in new places. Generally, the club plans a new project or fundraiser each month, and also provides opportunities for students to volunteer locally.

Past achievements

- Raised money to provide clowns for patients in the children's hospital
- Organized fundraising activities to encourage high schoolers to bring in Viva House, also raised money and bought food for Viva House
- Halloween goody bags for children in hospital
- Volunteered at Our Daily Bread
- Baked treats for faculty members on Valentine's day

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Continue to volunteer serving lunch at local soup kitchens
- Decide where to establish a permanent and frequent volunteering connection with a help center such as Paul's Place, My Sister's Place, or the Franciscan Center
- Research new volunteering opportunities

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants no limit

Park's Organization of Women (POW)

Student Leader(s) Lindsey Weiskopf and Lisa Eshleman

Faculty Leader(s) Nancy Dickson

Brief description

Park's Organization of Women is a group that provides a safe space for women to discuss, plan and take action in the Park community. During our weekly meetings, we are either having a conversation about issues that we are passionate about, listening to speakers, or planning projects that benefit the school.

Past achievements

1. Worked with the school to secure funding for pads and tampons in all of the bathrooms throughout the school.
2. Ran a letter drive for students to express their feeling and what they care about to MD representatives.
3. Had frequent conversations about the different experiences of being a Park School student.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

This year, we hope to build on the momentum that we built up last year and continue the great work that we started. In addition, we hope to begin a relationship with the middle school through a mentorship program and volunteer with Sharebaby, an organization in Baltimore that provides diapers to women who may not be able to afford them otherwise.

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants No limit

Partners at Park

Student Leader(s) Mahey Gheis and Solomon Stephens

Faculty Leader(s) Courtney Rollins

Brief description

Partners at Park is an all-school club that pairs younger students of diverse backgrounds with upper school mentors. We work to broaden the discussion of diversity at Park.

Past achievements

- Partners Thanksgiving -- always a success!! End of School Year Party
- Many successful partner pairings

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Create even more successful partner pairings
- Make partners well known through the Park community
- Broaden discussion of diversity at Park

Time commitment If you sign up, you must be there.

Maximum number of participants 976

Politics Club

Student Leader(s) Montana Love and Eli Asdourian

Faculty Leader(s) John Kessinger

Brief description

In Politics Club we learn about, discuss and debate current news stories and political issues.

Past achievements

We fostered constructive debate in a variety of different subjects, welcoming and encouraging diversity of opinion.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Our goal is to continue to have interesting and passionate conversations about a broad range of relevant political and social issues in a welcoming environment.

Time commitment Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants 25

Postscript

Student Leader(s) Lizzie Kane, Spencer Levitt, and Montana Love

Faculty Leader(s) Susan Weintraub and Jon Acheson

Brief description

Our mission is to create a newspaper to inform the Park community by writing news, sports, arts, culture, commentary, and features, arts, and sports articles. We provide an opportunity for students to develop writing and editing skills.

Past achievements

We have received gold and silver medals from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We hope to continue to inform the Park community and to train new writers and editors.

Time commitment We have weekly meetings. Additionally, students will be assigned articles. It is expected that articles are well-written, well-researched, and turned in on time.

Maximum number of participants No maximum!

Pride Club

Student Leader(s) Luke Pound

Faculty Leader(s) Nancy Fink

Each year, the Robotics Team designs and builds a robot to compete against other teams in large-scale tournaments. We get six weeks starting at the beginning of January to build, and during that timeframe, we meet after school and on weekends. We are looking for members to fill both technical roles, such as programming and mechanical design, and non-technical roles, such as fundraising and graphic design. Previous experience is not at all necessary; all you need is a desire to learn.

Past achievements

- Built two fully-functioning competition robots
- Most productive season and largest team size in team history
- Explored new technologies (e.g. 3D printing, Carbon Fiber) to build a more efficient robot

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Create a positive environment for learning and development
- Do well and win at competitions
- Increase and diversify team membership
- Prepare team to succeed in following years
- Make a positive impact in the community by expanding awareness of science and tech

Time commitment

There is no commitment attached to going to our first meetings and we encourage anyone who's at all interested to come. If you decide after trying it out that you want to commit to joining the team, we expect you to come as often as you can.

Maximum number of participants

40ish? Whatever it is, don't worry about it.

Stage Combat

Student Leader(s)

Faculty Leader(s)

Peter King

Brief description

Our groups mission is to teach the proper, and safe ways to look awesome combating on stage, and to incorporate it into your existing knowledge of theatre, and acting. This club is not about violence, and any actual fighting will not be acceptable. We may also break off on occasion and play some fun theatre games.

Past achievements

Last year the participants learned many stage combat moves like a stage slap, punch, pulling of hair, sword fight, plus a lot more, and incorporated them into many different scenes.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Hopefully to continue to improve our participants knowledge of stage combat in theatre, and hopefully give a demonstration at an assembly.

Time commitment

Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

Maximum number of participants

No Maximum

Stock Trading and Investment Club (STIC)

Student Leader(s) Ilana Miller

Faculty Leader(s) Bruce Hamilton

Brief description

- Learn how to invest and trade stocks
- Get the hang of the stock market
- Have an opportunity to compete in stock trading competitions against other schools around the country
- Analyze stocks and create a virtual portfolio in preparation for these competitions

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

This year, we hope to join stock trading competitions aimed at high school students so we can have a chance to test out how our investing skills fare amongst other high school clubs. We also hope to teach others about investment strategies and the stock market in general.

Time commitment You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants

Student Government

Student Leader(s) Mahey Gheis, President
Tyrese Duncan-Moore, Vice President
Nicole Makarevich, Treasurer
Mollie Post, Secretary

Faculty Leader(s) Traci Wright

Brief description

"The purpose of the Upper School Student Government is to facilitate and organize communication between students, faculty, and the administration and to express and support student ideas and initiatives."

Past achievements

Awarded lots of money to student activities, held successful events, represented the interest of the student body in many facets including the principal search.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We hope to continue granting money to clubs, to host many more events, to have better communication within our community and between Baltimore area peer schools, to expand beyond the Park bubble, to look at ways to reduce stress, and to support student in

Time commitment If you sign up, you must be there.

Maximum number of participants Four elected senators from each grade.

Students Taking Action for Immigrant Youth

Student Leader(s) Montana Love, Leah Genth, Sam Brooks, Spencer Levitt

Faculty Leader(s) Rommel Loria

Brief description

STAIY works to help young, undocumented immigrants in Baltimore achieve legal status. Rommel Loria represents clients pro bono with student assistance. Club members conduct client interviews, write affidavits and other legal papers, and attend client court cases.

Past achievements

- Took on two clients
- Conducted client interviews and used those interviews to write and file legal papers in both their cases

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Attend court to watch both clients' cases
- Recruit more lawyers to expand the club
- Take on at least two more cases, and possibly take our current cases to federal immigration court

Time commitment If you sign up, you must be there.

Maximum number of participants: 5-10

Club members must be 16 and older to work on client cases due to Esperanza Center policy - younger students can see club leaders if they're interested in participating.

Tech Crew

Student Leader(s) Matthew Hudes

Faculty Leader(s) John Trout

Brief description

We build the sets, design the lighting, and run the sound for all the plays. It's a lot of work, a lot of fun, and a great way to make some friends and try out some power tools.

Past achievements

All the plays

Time commitment

Come when you want; we'll be glad to see you.

TED-Ed

Student Leader(s) Mahey Gheis, Harry Levine, and Lydia Eastman

Faculty Leader(s) Peter Warren

Brief description

Ted-Ed will be a great space for anyone with any idea they want help growing and presenting. Whether you enjoy public speaking or simply enjoy becoming inspired by hearing people speak about something that excites them, Ted-Ed is right for you. With Connect Week we'll have the awesome opportunity to talk to similar clubs across the country and globe. See you there!

Past achievements

- Travelled to the first Ted-ed Conference in New York.
- Attended Connect Week.
- Presented talks at assembly.

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Grow club.
- Watch more talks live.

Time commitment

You might be assigned stuff to do, and we'll be counting on you to do it.

Maximum number of participants 20

World Soccer Project

Student Leader(s) Xandi Egginton, Mahey Gheis

Faculty Leader(s) Jon Acheson

Brief description

World Soccer Project's mission is to use soccer as the international language to break down barriers between various cultures.

Past achievements

Annual tournament

Gear drive

Fundraising

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Sponsor our annual tournament with Soccer Without Borders
- Gear drive Service trip Expand the club
- Make it more communal

Time commitment

Maximum number of participants No maximum

CLUBS THAT HAVE RUN IN THE PAST - SEEKING LEADERSHIP?

Alianza Latina en Acción (ALA)

Student Leader(s) ~~Bridget Curly~~

Faculty Leader(s) Ileana Imhoff

Brief description

The goal of ALA is to better understand the Hispanic community of Baltimore. We learn about its culture and the challenges it faces. We also raise money to benefit the community and volunteer at organizations that focus on the Hispanic community.

Past achievements

Volunteered weekly at Wolfe Street Academy Discussed immigration issues with lawyers Made and donated blankets

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- Find more volunteer opportunities
- Raise more money through burrito sales
- Interact more frequently with the community

Celtic Culture Club

Student Leader(s) ~~Steven Villacorta~~

Faculty Leader(s) Jon Acheson

Brief description

We explore Celtic culture through listening to songs, watching documentaries, talking about religion. reading related term papers, etc. We also have eaten some delicious, authentic food and enjoyed tea.

Past achievements

- Explored druid religion

- Presented about the highland sports at assembly
- Raise money through bake sales

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Learn some basics of the native languages Learn some traditional music and dances Present about a new topic at assembly

History Club

Student Leader(s) ~~Isaiah Hug, Rebecca Margolis~~

Faculty Leader(s) Daniel Jacoby

Past achievements
N/A (new club)

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

We will research racially motivated political lynchings in Maryland.

Park School Podcast

Student Leader(s) ~~Ben Doyle and Max Kwass-Mason~~

Faculty Leader(s) Kirk Wulf

Brief description

The podcast is a resource for Park students to share their stories on a variety of topics. It provides a platform for voices within the community, serves as an introduction to managing and producing a recurring show, and is a lot of fun. The podcast is a bi-monthly production of a 20-30 minute show centered around a theme. We invite anyone to volunteer stories, help with editing and tech, or just come up with ideas for shows. No experience needed; we'd love to have you.

PAWS

Student Leader(s)

Faculty Leader(s)

Brief description

The Park Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) raises money and awareness for animal issues and rights with close relations to the Baltimore Humane Society.

Past achievements

- Raised over \$700
- Sold snowballs at the Park Carnival
- Encouraged adoption vs. purchase and saved a dog from euthanasia
- Planned and executed multiple fundraisers

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

- More underclassmen members
- Reach our fundraising goal of \$1500

Youth Empowerment Society

Student Leader(s)

Faculty Leader(s)

Brief description

The Youth Empowerment Society is a group in Baltimore that helps young homeless people. This club already exists in the Middle School, and they've done some pretty great stuff, so we thought it was about time YES existed in the Upper School as well. This is a service club, so come prepared to learn about a great cause and help YES improve the lives of homeless youth throughout Baltimore.

Achievements from the 2014-2015 school-year

N/A

Things the group hopes to accomplish this year

Since we're a brand new club this really depends on the members, but hopefully finding ways to get the Upper School involved in YES fundraisers will be one of our big accomplishments.