



BHS Expanded Learning

Explore - Connect - Empower

Program Descriptions 2023- 2024

Art Club:**Advisor: Lorien Leyden****Meets: Room 231A Thursdays from 3:30-4:30**

Art club provides a relaxed space where students can work on personal art projects or get assistance with art class assignments. Materials are provided.

BHS Heroes Club**Advisor: Dan Gavin****Meets: Room 254 Thursdays from 3:30-4:30**

BHS Heroes is the school's community service club. On average, BHS Heroes helps to organize five community service opportunities for the student body to participate in each year. Students are not required to earn their service hours just through events offered through BHS Heroes. Some organizations BHS Heroes has worked with are Spectrum Youth & Family Services (Sleep Out), Vermont Children's Trust Foundation (Polar Express), American Red Cross (blood drives), and the Vermont City Marathon, to name a few.

BHS Drama Club

There are three "seasons" of Drama at Burlington High School. Two seasons, the One Act Play Festival and the Musical are open to all students and no cuts are made. Anyone who wishes to participate and be a member of the cast may do so. Anyone wishing to participate in stage construction and stage crew is also welcome to join the production. The rehearsal schedules are posted each Monday for the week. Rehearsals can be from 3:30-5:30. This all depends on the individual directors who must learn to schedule rehearsals for characters or scenes. There is one Sunday rehearsal just before production week.

Chess Club**Advisor: Michelle Sagalchik****Meets: Tuesdays in room 135 at 3:30**

Chess Club meets once a week. All students regardless of their chess abilities are welcome to join! No pre-registration is required. The Chess Club is looking forward to fine tuning their skills this year and hope to possibly engage in some friendly competitions with area chess clubs.

Chill Board Sports

In partnership with Burton and The Chill Foundation, Chill programs consist of experiential learning activities, reflection, and discussion, paired with boardsport lessons. Chill's six core values provide youth with a foundation and framework for learning and growth, supported and enhanced through progression in boardsports skills and adult mentorship. Chill strives to remove all barriers to accessing boardsports by providing youth with everything they need to get after it, at absolutely no cost. New skills gained through boardsport skills progression and core-value exploration are then directly applied to everyday life, challenging youth to step out of their comfort zone – both on and off their board. **Limited Space**

DREAM Mentorship:

Advisor: Reagan Murphy

Meets: Tuesdays in room 262 3:30 - 4:30

Dream is a program that pairs high school mentors with elementary age mentees. Dream students help enrich the school experience of their mentee through support provided afterschool. Dream also brings students to events throughout the year, all transport to and from events is provided.

Philosophy Club (Corrupt The Youth)

Advisor: Tyler Dogget (UVM Professor)

Meets Mondays/Tuesdays at 3:30, Room 239

[Corrupt the Youth](#) is a philosophy outreach program inspired by Socrates, the Greek philosopher notorious for corrupting the Athenian youth. Socrates encouraged the young people of Athens to think critically, to ask questions, and to challenge authority. Corrupt the Youth continues this tradition. Corrupt the Youth believes that the study of philosophy stimulates intellectual curiosity, that it allows students to develop a sense of agency, and that it builds community by cultivating a capacity for perspective-taking.

Debate Club

Advisor: Bowen Stephens until a Coach is hired

Meets: Fridays at 3:30 in Room 252

Debate is a way to grapple with important current events through critical thinking; research; argumentation; teamwork; and structured, civil conversation. It is about understanding and communicating different perspectives, skills that every person can use in their life and job, not to mention our democratic society. Students with any level of experience—including none at all!—are encouraged to join the BHS Debate Club. During practices (which will begin in October), we will learn how to prepare speeches as well as present and respond to arguments. From November to March, you will pair up

with a teammate and compete in tournaments against other high schools across Vermont, culminating in the State Championships held at the Capitol in Montpelier. All you need to bring is an open mind, a positive attitude, and a willingness to put in the work...while having plenty of fun!

Detour

Advisor: Shannon Walters

Meets: Tuesdays at 3:30 in the Computer Lab of the Library

Detour is Burlington High School's Literary and Arts Magazine. All are welcome to participate and submit original pieces of visual art and or poetry, short stories or essays. Detour is published twice a year.

Dungeons and Dragons

Advisor: Josepha Austin

Meets: Tuesdays at 3:30 in room 251

Do you love fantasy, science fiction, video games, comic books, reading, writing, and telling stories or even just letting your imagination run wild? Do you like meeting new people and playing fun, exciting games? Then you need to check out the Dungeons and Dragons club!! Dungeons and Dragons (AKA D&D) is the world's oldest and bestselling roleplaying game, where players create and direct their own characters in a collaborative storytelling experience. You use many-sided dice and your wits to solve diabolical puzzles, overcome vicious monsters, and wield mighty weapons and powerful spells. If you're already playing in a campaign, that's awesome! The D&D club is here to help you find space and resources to take your game to the next level. Never played D&D and not sure where to start? D&D club is a perfect place to learn the game, meet other players, and get involved in one the most popular and fun games of all time. Come check it out!

Hack Club

Advisor: Laura Sercel

Meets: Thursdays at 3:30 in room 144

In Hack Club, students work on coding projects and are part of a global network of other clubs. This is a great opportunity for students to expand their skills in computer programming in a fun and supportive environment.

Make Music Club

Advisor: Jason Raymond

Meets: TBA in Spring

Using BTC's digital media studio classroom instruments, students learn their way around a real recording studio. Students are supported and encouraged while they make and record their own beats, lyrics and songs.

Environmental Justice Club (EJC)

Advisor: Andrew Cloutier

Meets: Mondays at 3:30 in room 122

The EJC's mission is to raise awareness of the climate crisis, to fight climate change and to encourage our community to be environmentally aware. Environmental justice issues and examples include inadequate access to healthy food, inadequate transportation, air and water pollution, and unsafe homes.

Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Advisor: Shannon Walters

Meets: Thursdays at 3:30 Library Office

The GSA is an inclusive group that aims to create a safe space for all students to discuss, disclose and explore topics relating to gender and sexuality.

Outing Club

Advisor: Laura Sercel

Meets: Special events throughout the year.

The BHS Outing Club's goal is to involve Burlington students in the nature surrounding them by providing accessible and interesting outdoor learning experiences. Activities include Hiking, Sailing, and Indoor Rock Climbing.

Pep Band:

Advisor: Kate Stein

Meets: Mondays in Band Room

Pep Band is a program for students interested in helping represent our school through music. The Band practices weekly and performs before events like sports games and the annual Macy's Day Parade.

Poetry Club

Advisor: Tammie Ledoux-Moody

Meets: Thursdays at 3:30 in room 125

Poetry Club meets weekly to analyze and discuss poetry, as well as helping students hone their skills in writing their own poetry. The club also helps organize the Poetry Out Loud event.

Pixels and Pigments

Advisor: Ashley Stagner

Meets: Thursdays at 3:30 at BTC 110 Cherry Street

Pixels and Pigments allows students to explore their artistic desires using an array of mediums. The first quarter is focused on acrylic paint and canvas. The Second quarter will focus on Digital Art and Design.

Homework Center

Advisors: Paul Jones

Tutors: Norm Tremblay, Yvonne Sonoda, Nicole Schoen, Andrew Grant

Meets: Monday through Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the Library

The Homework Center, located in the BHS library, provides academic support, homework help and tutoring. The Homework Center is staffed with a school day Math teacher, English Language teacher, Science teacher and a member from the student support team. All students are enrolled and encouraged to attend on a drop in basis as needed.

International Club

Advisor: Susan Blethen

Meets: Wednesdays at 3:30 in room 120

The International Club is a student-run organization whose members explore different cultures and set an annual social mission. Some examples of our social mission projects are reading to end racism with local elementary students, sponsoring dinners with guest speakers to discuss immigration policy, creating the All are Welcome symbol to display in businesses and medical offices. We have also raised money for Nepali earthquake survivors, tuition for girls in Ethiopia and Afghanistan, for Doctors Without Borders, and for Mercy Corp to distribute to Yemeni refugees.

Junior Milers

Advisor: Ryan Nest in partnership with RunVermont

Meets: Seasonal starting in the Spring

For over 15 years RunVermont has offered Junior Milers, a 12-week training program, for youth age 11 – 18 to participate in the relay portion of the [People's United Bank Vermont City Marathon & Relay](#). During the program, participants learn about running and related topics such as nutrition, sports psychology, the musculoskeletal system, pedestrian safety, and internet safety.

Math League

Advisor: Norm Tremblay

Meets: During School Day

Math League is a competitive math event where students practice math problem solving in order to compete at events against other schools.

Model UN

Advisor: Sean Fleming

Meets: Tuesdays at 3:30 in room 142

In Model UN, students are assigned to represent countries and tackle geopolitical questions through in depth simulations of the United Nations. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about the international world and some principles of politics and negotiations.

Mural Club:

Advisor: Ducky Jones

Meets: Room 113, 3:30 - 4:30

The mural club works on painting large-scale murals in the school to beautify our learning environment.

Open Library

Advisor: Shannon Walters

Meets: Fridays from 3:30-5:00

The library stays open on Fridays afterschool so that students can access Library makerspace tools: computers, laser cutter, vinyl cutter for stickers, video tools; or meet with friends; work on school work; play computer games ... or just curl up with a good book!

Photography Club

Advisor: Jason Raymond

Meets: Thursdays at BTC Cherry St

In photography club, students learn how to operate state of the art equipment, courtesy of BTC's digital media lab, as well as editing and composing photos. The club has a particular emphasis on fashion photography and partners with the Drama Club to create profiles for the school plays.

Rowing

Advisor: Benjamin Mayock

Meets: Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 at Perkins Pier

In Partnership with with Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, BHS Rowing meets twice a week in the Fall and Spring. Rowing focuses on team building and healthy physical activity. All students are welcome to participate with the slogan "You Show, You Row". Students participate in local races as well as the Fall season closing race in Boston.

Scholar's Bowl

Advisor: Kevin Commo

Meets: Tuesdays in room 255 from 3:30-5:00

Scholars' Bowl is a question-and-answer academic competition, somewhat similar to Jeopardy!, but contested by teams of students. Questions cover all subjects in the school curriculum and also include some pop culture so there's material for everyone. The BHS team typically participates in around 10 competitions around the state each year and all students are welcome to join.

Student Government

Advisor: Bowen Stephens

Meets: Wednesdays at 8:00 am (before school!) in the Library

Student Planning Club

Advisor: Bowen Stephens

Help us build our Seahorse Nation by joining the Student Planning Club. Student planning coordinates student-organized school events and fundraisers (homecoming week, winter ball, custodial appreciation, superfan/ senior shirts, prom, and much more!!) BHS is your home away from home! Let's work together to make sure it's an inclusive, thoughtful, and fun community! We need your voice! Join today!

Unified Sports (Bowling, Basketball, Fitness, Bocce

Advisor: Michael Leonard, Taylor Stone, Taylor Gagne

Meets: Wednesdays at 3:30

Unified Sports is a partnership with the Special Olympics Vermont providing athletic experiences for students of all physical and intellectual abilities. Student leaders known as "partners" help facilitate the program and develop relationships with other students. Goals are to promote friendship, improve skills, and encourage independence.