

**ROSE TREE MEDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PENNCREST HIGH SCHOOL**

Directory for Clubs and Activities



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This directory is designed to introduce students to the many clubs, and organizations available at Penncrest High School. Unless otherwise indicated, students may sign up by contacting the sponsor. Information is also disseminated through announcements and the PHS Website.

In addition to the activities listed in this directory, other special events and a variety of trips are held periodically. They will be announced during homeroom and at assemblies and posted on the website and other social media.

A comprehensive and well-rounded high school experience transcends the walls of the classroom. We encourage students to get involved in Penncrest through activities, clubs and athletics in order to have the greatest high school experience possible. If a student leaves everyday at 2:23, that student is missing an opportunity to be a bigger part of Penncrest High School.

**Don't just come to Penncrest.
Experience Penncrest
by participating in a club, sport or
other extracurricular activity.**

Penncrest High School Co-Curricular Conflicts

We believe that students should have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. We understand that some activities/teams overlap in a single season. We encourage students to consider the impact that participating in multiple activities has on their personal schedules, and the teams/activities in which they participate. Our goal is to accommodate, as effectively as possible, conflicts that may occur when students participate in multiple activities in the same season. Guidelines have been established for this purpose and are listed below.

- Academics take priority to co-curricular activities. Extra help sessions, if needed, should be scheduled between 2:15 and 3:00 p.m.
- Penncrest High School will make every effort to avoid scheduling conflicts for its students. Teachers, sponsors, and coaches will consult the district calendar before scheduling any events.
- Unfortunately, at times scheduling conflicts are unavoidable. Teachers, sponsors, and coaches should meet with these students in an attempt to reach a viable solution. **It is the responsibility of the students to make their sponsors/ coaches aware of any conflicts at the beginning of each season.**
- **Sponsors/coaches have a responsibility to their teams. Consistent absences and/or latenesses to practices may limit playing/participation time.**
- Practices for fall sports begin in August and may conflict with family vacation plans. Coaches should be apprised of these conflicts well in advance. Absences to practices may affect playing time.

If a solution cannot be reached, the following protocol will be in effect:

1. If the conflict is between a performance and practice session, the student will attend the performance.
2. If the conflict is between a performance and another performance, the student will choose which performance he or she will attend. The student will make this decision without penalty.
3. If the conflict is between a practice session and another practice session, the student again will choose without being penalized. Sponsors/coaches should be sensitive to one-time practices.

If the conflict cannot be resolved, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Olinger and the coach or director of the conflicting activities will meet to determine a solution.

PHS Clubs and Activities

Office Aides

One or two students per class period are selected to help in the above areas. They answer the phone, file, deliver mail, and, in general, assist wherever needed during a study hall period. Students may continue as aides as long as they are responsible and perform their duties satisfactorily.

Career Center/Guidance Aides

- Ms. Stokes

Library Aides

- Mrs. Host

Nurse's Aides

- Mrs. Herman-Liu

Office Aides

- Secretaries

CLASS/GRADE LEVEL ACTIVITIES

Class Councils

The class councils are comprised of officers elected by the class at each grade level. The class councils will meet periodically with class sponsors to organize class activities and initiate events.

9th Grade: Mr. Diaz

10th Grade: Mr. Mescanti

11th Grade: Mr. Brown

12th Grade: Mr. Miller

Student Council: Mrs. Carmeans and Miss Sloyer

Dances/Proms

Dances are sponsored by classes and clubs throughout the school year and serve as fund-raisers for these groups. Check the PHS calendar for dates.

Freshman Semi-Formal

Mr. Diaz

This is a semi-formal dance, and all ninth-grade students are encouraged to attend. Refer to the PHS calendar for the date.

Sophomore Semi-Formal

Mr. Mescanti

This is a semi-formal affair for sophomores and their guests. Refer to the PHS calendar for the date.

Homecoming Dance/Game

Mrs. Carmeans and Miss Sloyer

A Homecoming Queen and King are selected and crowned during half time of the football game. A homecoming dance will also be held the same week. Refer to the PHS calendar for the dates.

Junior Prom

Mr. Brown/Ms. Rizzone

The prom will be at the Springfield Country Club and is a formal affair for juniors and their guests. Refer to the PHS calendar for the date.

Senior Prom

Mr. Miller/Mrs. Clarke

The senior prom is held at Drexelbrook and is a formal affair for seniors and their guests. Refer to the PHS calendar for the date.

Fundraisers

Classes, organizations and teams hold fund-raisers during the school year.

Mr. Stango must approve fund-raisers.

Graduation

Mr. Fuhr

Graduation ceremonies are held at Neumann University. Refer to the PHS calendar for the date.

Junior Variety Show

Mrs. Heckman

Junior class members meet several nights each week in the auditorium to prepare musical numbers and skits for the show. All members of the class with interest, persistence and talent are invited to participate. Refer to the PHS calendar for the date.

Senior Awards Program

Mr. Harple and the Guidance Department

A senior assembly and garden party, at which special awards are presented to outstanding members of the class, are held in June.

Student Council

Mrs. Carmeans and Miss Sloyer

This council is composed of students elected by their peers. The Student Council encourages cooperation between the classes, promotes school-wide activities and coordinates class functions. Meetings will be held at least once each month.

Student Pictures

Mr. Fuhr

Life Touch Studios provides pictures for all freshmen, sophomores and juniors who wish to purchase them. All students will have their pictures taken for the school record.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Ceramics Club

Mrs. Kelley

Ceramics Club meets once a week to learn new clay techniques, skills, and explore new ceramic projects. Members will also have additional studio time to work on projects of their choice. Members are required to have taken at least the Ceramics A course to join.

Chess Club

Ms. Carmeans

The chess club is open to all students interested in learning and playing chess. The group meets weekly after school.

Chinese Lion Dance Club

Mrs. Lin

During the Chinese New Year season, students in Mandarin Chinese program carry the special tradition and responsibility of bringing in Good Luck for the New Year to the Rose Tree Media School District community via designing, rehearsing, and performing live music and traditional Lion, Dragon, and various Chinese martial art dances. These are solely student driven, organized, and led performances.

Dance Team

Mrs. Consadene

The team performs at various school functions. Dancers are selected at competitive try-outs in the fall and must be able to perform a variety of styles. Previous dance experience is helpful.

Eco Club

Mr. Miller

This organization provides students with the opportunity to participate in environmental issues through cleanup campaigns, recycling projects, and the sponsoring of an “earth week.”

Envirothon

Mr. Samilenko/Mrs. Kuntz

Envirothon is an academic competition encompassing various fields of environmental science. Students work together as a team to answer various questions in these areas. Envirothon is conducted at the county, state and national levels.

FBLA

Miss Clofine

This business club develops competent and informed business by attending state conferences and competitions.

FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design/Merchandising Club)

Mrs. Naismith

The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising Club (FIDM) meets twice a month, after school, in the Career Center. All members have an interest in fashion design, merchandising, textile design or production, costume design, or footwear design.

Fitness Club

Mr. Dashkiwsky

This club affords students an opportunity to use the weight training equipment in the weight room with direct faculty supervision.

Medical Scholars

Mr. Dougherty

Students interested in medical careers can meet regularly to learn more about various fields in the Allied Health Sciences. Students participate in field trips and academic competitions focusing on areas of medicine.

Graphic Arts Club

Mr. Mescanti

The Graphic Arts Club is an organization for students wishing to advance their study of graphic arts. Practical methods are used to provide advanced graphic arts experiences for club members. The club also performs many community service printing projects for the RTM community.

Hi-Q

Mrs. Kelly

Hi-Q is an academic quiz competition for schools in Delaware County. Auditions are held each year with eight students selected. Several evening meetings will help prepare members for three contests; however, students must also be willing to work on their own.

History Day

Mr. Hobdell

This “contest” seeks to stimulate a student’s interest in the broader range of historical subjects. The competition meets the students at their interest levels by encouraging competition in a wide range of mediums.

Human Relations Club

Mrs. Jackson

Open to all students, this organization’s focus is to inspire, and unify the PHS minority community. Through academic, cultural, social and community outreach programs, the club aims to familiarize the entire student body with multi-cultural experiences.

Ice Hockey

Mr. Mescanti

The PHS Ice Hockey Team is a club team that practices regularly and competes against club teams across the county and area.

Interact Club

Mr. Hobdell

Penncrest Interact, thru the support of Media Rotary and Middletown Rotary, serves our community in a variety of ways. Our interact students feed the hungry, assist those less fortunate, build houses and Revitalize neighborhood, and participate in many other worthwhile activities.

International Club

Mr. Hobdell

This club promotes tolerance, enjoyment and respect for other cultures through monthly cultural activities and events.

Junior Optimist Club

Mrs. Dacanay

Open to all Penncrest students, the main focus of the club is community service. Members are provided the opportunity to participate or begin their own service projects.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Mrs. Nemeč-Osborne

This club is open to all students and staff to come to learn, work on their own projects, or participate in our group's charity knitting goals.

Lunch and Lit

Mrs. Host

Lunch & Lit is a casual gathering for book lovers. You can bring your lunch to the library and spend the period talking about your favorite books. Sign up with Mrs. Host if you are interested.

Mock Trial Team

Ms. Rizzone

Model U.N.

Mr. Williams

This organization is made up of students who enjoy learning about other nations in the world. Students choose a nation to represent in meetings patterned after the UN. Each team learns to assume the viewpoint of their adopted nation and participates in discussion, debates, conflict resolution and political compromise to "win" adoption of resolutions, laws or treaties that will benefit their "country." Several trips a year are planned to engage in UN activities.

Mother/Daughter Book Club

Mrs. Kuntz

Mrs. Kuntz facilitates book club meetings with mothers/daughters three times a year.

Mu Alpha Theta

Ms. Martinsen

This is an honorary mathematics organization formed to engender keener interest in mathematics, to develop sound scholarship in the subject and promote enjoyment of mathematics. Eligible students meet the requirements of the national Mu Alpha Theta organization.

National Art Honor Society

Ms. Mattioni/Mrs. Kania

Qualified students in 10th, 11th and 12th grade have the opportunity to be recognized for showing outstanding ability and/or achievement in art. Participants will be involved in a variety of art activities beyond the classroom including art-related community service events.

National English Honor Society (Pi Lambda Sigma)

Ms. Heaton

Pi Lambda Sigma is Penncrest's chapter of the National English Honor Society. To be eligible for Pi Lambda Sigma, students must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher, receive nothing less than a 90% in any marking period or on any midterm or final, and be agreed upon by Penncrest's English department. Pi Lambda Sigma members offer free tutoring to Penncrest students, and host literacy drives such as Blind Date with a Book and Pastry, Poetry, and Prose.

National Honor Society

Mrs. Scherer/Mrs. Rice-Spring

Approximately eighty students are selected by academic standing. They meet when necessary and act as hosts at evening programs, handle the bloodmobile, sell items as fund-raisers, take trips, and help to orient new students.

Physics Olympics

Mr. Ciccarelli

Sponsored by the S.E. Pennsylvania Physics Olympics Society. It is an academic competition held four Saturday mornings at sponsoring area schools. Open to students who have an interest in science and are willing to prepare after school.

Pi Alpha Epsilon

Mr. Danson

Pi Alpha Epsilon is the foundation chapter of the national history and social studies honor society. Students are chosen on the basis of their class rank, grades in social studies courses, and active involvement in Debate, National History Day, Model UN, or other PAE activities.

Roar Store

The Tops Shop

Science Olympiad

Mr. Ciccarelli/Mr. Somers/Mr. Shea

The Science Olympiad competition is a rigorous national science tournament that incorporates physics, chemistry, biology, earth science, computers, and technology in its competitions. Teams of students prepare over the course of the summer and school year to participate in local, regional and national competitions.

Ski and Snowboard Club

Mr. Danson/Mr. Miller

Students are chaperoned to skiing and snowboarding trips to Vermont and the Pocono Mountains.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

Mrs. Clarke

The S.A.D.D. chapter at Penncrest was started in 1984 and is open to all Penncrest students. The program is designed to educate students and the community as to the dangers of drunk driving. The chapter has sponsored many activities including an annual conference and a variety of educational programs.

Team Assist

Amazing Students Servicing, Instructing and Supporting Technology

Mr. Clark

A club designed to have students involved as a vital part of the technology initiatives at Penncrest—to enable them to become agents for change, enhance their learning, and support others in the process. Involved students receive appropriate training based on their area of interests, abilities and talents; learn 21st century “real-world” skills; and are able to earn school service credit. Several areas of technology are involved including technical assistance, video production, Internet researching, and classroom assistance. Teacher recommendation and brief interview are required for participation. After school and in-school time commitment.

Women Empowerment Club

The purpose of the Women Empowerment Club is to educate our members and the community about women's issues, human rights, and feminism. Members of the club participate in service projects to support women locally and globally.

World Language Honors Society

Ms. Baker

Students who have completed three semesters of the same language on the high school level with an A- average in the language and who have an overall B average for all other subjects can become a full member of the Foreign Language Honors Club. Associate members are accepted if they meet the same grade requirement but have only two semesters of language at Penncrest. Having fulfilled all of the academic requirements, acceptance is contingent on the student's disciplinary record. All members are expected to complete a service project and attend monthly meetings each year.

DRAMATICS

All School Musical

Devon Fields

Any grade-level student may meet after school, and on evenings and weekends to prepare a Broadway musical. Auditions are held for parts. More than one hundred students participate both on stage and behind the scenes. Check the PHS calendar for dates.

Children's Theatre

Mr. Grouzes

A production designed to appeal to children is presented to elementary students each spring.

Emanon Players

Mr. Nolen

The first members could not agree on a name for the club so they selected Emanon, which is "no name", spelled backwards. Emanon players perform three times during the school year as follows:

International Thespian Society

Mr. Nolen

This is an honorary international theatrical organization. Students are eligible when they acquire the necessary quality points and meet the other requirements of the I.T.S. Emanon pays dues. Induction of new members will be held in November.

Readers' Theatre

Mr. Grouzes

Students meet on afternoons in October in the auditorium. They prepare scenes (oral and mime interpretations of literature) in "readers' theatre" style to present for the public in the evening and during the days for students. Check the PHS calendar for dates.

Winter Play

Mr. Nolen

Auditions are held for a play to be presented in January. Students perform, but also handle sets, props, business, publicity, and costumes.

Improv Club

Mr. Grouzes

Improv Club is a club that meets approximately twice a month in which students laugh, learn about comedy, and build their public speaking, improvisation, and interpersonal skills.

MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Ambassador Choir

Ms. Rozinski

Students are auditioned the previous year for this select group. Those chosen meet five periods a week to prepare music for concerts, assemblies, etc.

Band

Mr. Snyder

Band members meet five times a week in the band room as an elective class. After auditioning with the band director, students will schedule "Band" on their rosters. Students engaged in sports will participate in the band by attending those practices and events not conflicting with the sports program. In addition to playing at football games, the band also participates in parades, concerts and other events. Fundraising sales will be held during the year.

Color Guard

Ms. Fields

The band front participates with the band during fall football games, parades, and community activities. Tryouts are held in May and practices begin in August.

Concert Choir

Ms. Rozinski

Students are selected by audition to meet during school five times a week and take part in several musical presentations, including two concerts. Fundraising events will be held during the year.

Jazz Band

Mr. Snyder

Auditions for the Jazz Band are held in the fall from the Band membership. The Jazz Band meets once per week after school to practice for assemblies, concerts and community events.

Major Treble

Ms. Rozinski

Major Treble is a self-directed a cappella community for male singers who wish to sing in a relaxed, fun environment. The group teaches members the fundamentals of a cappella singing in the traditional modes of barbershop and doo wop, as well as pop and contemporary styles.

String Ensemble

Mr. Weaver

The ensemble meets five times a week in the auditorium to practice for assemblies, concerts, and other presentations.

Upscale Singers

Ms. Rozinski

All students who sign up meet five periods a week during second period to prepare for participation in several concerts. This organization provides excellent preparation for the Concert Choir.

PUBLICATIONS

Literary Magazine-The Gryphon

Mr. Zervanos

Students meet once a week (more often as the deadline approaches) at 2:30 p.m. to read, edit, select, and layout student short stories, essays, and poems. The aim is to publish a magazine representative of the best writing of Penncrest students.

Yearbook

Mr. Mescanti

Students selected for the yearbook staff meet throughout the year. They plan, write, edit, submit layouts and proofs and schedule photos for the Penncrest yearbook, Crest.