

**SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Rockville Centre, NEW YORK**

**CLUB DESCRIPTIONS 2019-2020**

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)**

Advisor: Ms. Andrade, Ms. Ferrara-Muter, Ms. Greenberg

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2325

Description: The ASL Club lets students learn and practice the Alphabet, Numbers 1-20, Emotions, Seasons, Months and Days of the week, in addition to having conversations in sign language.

**ANIMAL ABUSE AWARENESS**

Advisor: Ms. K. Kelly

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Tuesday after school in Room 2334

Description: Informational club about animal abuse with trips to a local shelter, fundraising for the ASPCA and local shelters.

**ART CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Karaktin

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2109

Description: Art Club focuses on independent projects driven by student interest, group based works such as collaborative paintings and murals, experimental works of art, portfolio development and Bio Art based works. Art Club promotes diversity, creativity and collaboration through the art making process.

**ASIAN CULTURE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Petersen

Meeting Days & Location: Last two Mondays of the month after school in Room 1322

Description: Discussions on the history of Japan and smaller nations in Southeast Asia, Chinese family dynamics, other areas of Asian culture and fundraising for the Rohingya Partners Relief & Development.

**BACKPACKS FOUNDATION CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Norton

Meeting Days & Locations: Every Thursday after school in Room 2310

Description: The Backpacks Foundation strives to help underprivileged students obtain a satisfactory education and achieve academic success. The organization delivers backpacks furnished with school supplies to such students, appropriate for their grade levels (K-12), in order to ensure that students are prepared with the tools necessary to succeed.

**BEST BUDDIES**

Advisors: Ms. Cohen, Ms. McElynn

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in the Cafeteria

Description: Best Buddies is a social club that is open to all students. Its goal is to create one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**BETHANY'S BUDDIES**

Advisor: Ms. Figueiredo

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Monday after school in Room 2310

Description: The mission of Bethany's Buddies is to help homeless women and children residing in the Bethany House in Baldwin with monetary, social, and emotional support. The club makes weekly trips to the Bethany House, hosts holiday cookie events, bingo night and breakfast for the families in the home.

### **BIOLOGY CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Weiss

Meeting Days & Location: Every Thursday after school in Room 2404

Description: The biology club was formed by students interested in cultivating their appreciation and interest in scientific advances and current issues. Through the club, students will share service opportunities such as volunteering in different awareness walks and volunteering at hospitals and other venues. In addition, students will have the opportunity to get familiarized with the Z Space Lab and help classes during their off period.

### **BOOK CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. McGuire

Meeting Days & Location: Every Monday after school in the Library

Description: This group believes that reading enriches an individual and broadens intellectual horizons.

We hope to foster a culture of reading at South Side High School, to promote personal growth and contribute to a bright future for our students.

### **CANCER AWARENESS CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. O'Brien

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2323

Description: Our primary goal is to raise funds for The American Cancer Society and other organizations for cancer research.

### **CENTRE STAGE**

Advisors: Ms. Healey, Ms. Monsour

Meeting Days & Location: Tuesdays & Thursdays after school in the Cafeteria Room 1302

Description: We are an inclusive theatre group that is open to grades 9-12 at the high school and strives to promote student' self-awareness, self-esteem and friendships through theatre arts. We work to foster understanding and acceptance while appreciating each other's unique talents and abilities. We put on a fabulous show at the end of our season in late May or June each year. Students come away from the experience understanding teamwork, what it takes to put on a show and what is special about themselves! The program is 11 years old and has grown to include chapters in the middle school and at Covert, who also participate in our production at the end of the year.

### **CHESS CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot

Meeting Days & Location: Every Thursday after school in Room 1329

Description: The intent of the Chess Club is to promote gamesmanship and teamwork through competitive play. All students are welcome regardless of skill. Any strategic game, e.g., chess, strategy, etc., may be explored, outside of gambling activities. A section of the larger club membership will represent Rockville Centre in countywide interscholastic competition.

### **CODING CLUB**

Advisors: Ms. McGuire

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in the Library

Description: The Coding Club will focus on creating code for a variety of applications, while increasing your knowledge of computer science.

### **COLONNADE – YEARBOOK**

Advisor: Ms. Voltaggio, Ms. Diez

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2107

Description: Colonnade is South Side High School's yearbook. It is distributed in early June each year. It includes the following sections: Student Life, Academics, Activities, Sports, Seniors, Underclassmen and Faculty and Advertising.

### **CONTEXT**

Advisor: Ms. Ries

Meeting Days & Location: Every Thursday after school in Room 2334

Description: Context is South Side High School's literary magazine that is put out in June of each year.

It includes artwork, poetry, fiction and non-fiction written by students and staff. We also host an open mic night fundraiser.

### **CULTURAL COOKING CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Goro

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Thursday after school in Room 2327

Description: The Cultural Cooking Club allows students to explore other cultures, through PowerPoint Presentations, videos and most importantly, eating. We will explore cultures in countries such as Japan, United States, United Kingdom and others. We will have feasts/gatherings after we complete learning about other cultures. The goal of this club is to understand other nations' culture and way of life. Besides indulging in food, this club will give back to those in need by completing activities such as volunteering at soup kitchens and other places.

### **CYCLONE CHRONICLE/SPORTSMAN NEWSPAPER**

Advisor: Ms. Voltaggio, Mr. Falivene

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2107

Description: The Sportsman is the official South Side High School student newspaper. The staff publishes four issues a year. The paper is totally student-formatted on Adobe PageMaker and goes to the printer camera-ready. Editors and staff members meet once a month for story assignments; editors meet almost daily from 2:30-4:00PM in an ongoing process of publishing the current issues. Each year, Sportsman members attend the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association Conference on the first Monday of November. This is a very exciting and informative day in which students attend seminars hosted by journalists from all over the country.

### **CYCLONE SHOP**

Advisor: Mr. English, Mr. Manolakes

Meeting Days & Location: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays after school in Room 1303

Description: The Cyclone Shop is the school store at South Side High School. We sell school supplies, books and snacks for the students, faculty and staff.

### **DEBATE CLUB**

Advisor: David Shotwell

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Tuesday after school in Room 2329

Description: Debating skills are developed as students engage in the presentation of debates. Functions of the language fallacies are analyzed.

### **DECA**

Advisor: Mr. English

Meeting Days & Location: Every Thursday after school in Room 2338/2340

Description: DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. This club is entirely dedicated to business. DECA hosts several conferences and competitions annually, with their guests, partners and other industry leaders for members.

### **DRAMA GUILD**

Advisor: Ms. Monsour, Ms. Seiderman

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Wednesday after school in the Auditorium

Description: This club's goals are to encourage and promote participation in a diverse range of theatrical activities and to create a sense of community to expose students to current theatre practices and contemporary productions on and off Broadway.

### **ELL CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Tarquinio

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2307

Description: The ELL Club is a club that allows both ELL students and General Education students to come together and learn about each other's culture and community. Students learn to respect others regardless of where they came from. General Ed students assist ELLs with school work when needed. ELL club is a safe haven for students to share their problems or concerns. Students listen to one another with respect and understanding.

### **FRENCH CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot

Meeting Days & Location: Every Monday after school in Room 2207

Description: The French Club exposes students to French culture and language through French films, music and events. Students have a chance to experience French without taking it in school.

### **GAME DESIGN CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Sementelli

Meeting Days & Location: Every Friday after school in Room 2105

Description: The goals of the Game Design club are to discuss, play and design strategy board games.

### **GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)**

Advisor: Ms. Brown, Ms. Knorr

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Thursday after school in Room 2304

Description: The GSA celebrates and promotes the acceptance of all people. We encourage the involvement of the entire student population in making the school a safe and positive environment for everyone. Activities: Guest speakers, sponsoring special events, movies, and field trips.

### **GIRL TALK**

Advisor: Ms. M. Kelly

Meeting Days & Location: Every Thursday after school in Room 2312

Description: Girl Talk is a nationally recognized mentoring program that pairs middle school girls with high school girls who serve as mentors. The mission is to help young teenage girls build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and recognize the value of community service.

### **GIRLS FOR ENGINEERING MATH SCIENCE (GEMS)**

Advisor: Mrs. Coleman

Meeting Days & Location: Every Friday after school in Room 1329

Description: The G.E.M.S. Club encourages girls to consider careers in Engineering, Math and Science. We will continue to build and experiment and look forward to inviting Scientists, Engineers and Mathematicians to visit and share experiences with us.

### **GLAMOUR GALS**

Advisor: Ms. La Porte, Ms. Falciano

Meeting Days & Location: Wednesdays monthly after school at Maple Point RVC

Description: The Glamour Gals Club encourages intergenerational relationships between teen girls and elderly women. The Club visits elderly woman and gives the ladies complimentary makeovers, hand massages or manicures. The makeover itself is less important than the time spent with the residents.

### **GLOBAL INITIATIVES**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot

Meeting Days and Location: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2207

Description: Students set up PowerPoint presentations on various global issues and conduct conversation/debates with members. There will be fall and spring trips for community service activities. The club also hosts speakers on various topics to raise awareness on a variety of issues.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Advisor: Ms. Diez

Meeting Days & Location: Tuesdays monthly after school in Room 2306

Description: Works in partnership with people everywhere to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses. Members seek to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. To accomplish these goals, members invite people to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Students volunteer to help communities and raise funds for those in need.

### **HELP UGANDA WORLDWIDE**

Advisor: Ms. Harnden

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2337

Description: The goal of this club is to connect students of SSHS with students in a school located in Masese, Uganda. HELP Uganda Worldwide is a non-profit organization which helps to bring education, healthy living and business opportunities to the people of Masese, Uganda. Our club would hold fundraisers and collect supplies needed for the people in Masese. Also, the club sells beads made by the women. The students at SSHS become pen pals with the students at the school.

### **HOMEWORK HELPERS**

Advisor: Mr. Downey

Meeting Location: Daily at the Elementary Schools

Description: Homework Helpers is for high school students who want to be mentors and role models to elementary school students in our district. Volunteers for this club assist at the Project Great after school program at Hewitt, Watson, Wilson, Riverside, and Covert Elementary schools. This is a wonderful club for anyone with a compassionate personality who is looking to give back to the community.

### **INTERNET CULTURE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot

Meeting Days & Location: Every Friday after school in Room 2207

Description: The club aims to explore how the internet has affected our culture, from humor to media news consumption among teens and adults. Contemporary issues and concepts will be discussed.

### **IRISH CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Clarke

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2204

Description: In this club we investigate and learn about all things Irish. We make our members aware of the History of Ireland. We learn about Irish culture which includes the holidays and traditions of Ireland. We will also be donating money to St. Baldrick's.

### **ITALIAN CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Bonanno

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Wednesday after school in Room 2210

Description: This club discusses Italian language, culture and civilization. We watch movies in Italian such as "Life is Beautiful" and also have guest speakers talk about being Italian.

### **LEO CLUB**

Advisor: Dr. Bishop

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Wednesday after school in Room 1326

Description: Leo Club is a service organization organized and sponsored by the Lions Club. The South Side Leo Club participates in activities such as the Aids Walk, fundraising for diabetes and the blind, collecting used eye glasses, and additional fund-raising and service projects.

Activities: Breast Cancer Walk, Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army.

### **MATHLETES**

Advisor: Ms. Whang, Mr. Sussman

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 1326

Description: Mathletes extends students' knowledge of mathematics in a fun and competitive atmosphere. Students compete in six contests as part of the Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League. In addition, students compete in the Nassau Math Tournament, which is an all-day competition held in February.

### **MILITARY HISTORY & CURRENT EVENTS**

Advisors: Mr. Musilli

Meeting Days & Location: Every Thursday after school in Room 2339

Description: In Military History Club students discuss and debate important events in military history. They learn about strategic errors and successes through media, games, guest speakers, and primary sources. Students participate in assisting vets and active servicemen in the community through fundraisers.

### **MODEL U.N. CLUB**

Advisors: Ms. K. Kelly, Ms. Williams

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2334

Description: The Model U.N. Club will be engaging in an authentic simulation of the United Nations system by learning the skills of debate, compromise, conflict resolution, negotiation, and public speaking. Model U.N. team members have fun learning about the workings of world diplomacy through the lens of current events. We will also be attending a conference in New York City.

### **MUSIC TECH CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Voltaggio

Meeting Days & Location: Every Friday after school in Room 1105

Description: The Music Tech Club guides students with an interest in music production. In this club, students can develop their skills and express their musical ideas through music technology.

### **PEER MEDIATION – (Conflict Resolution)**

Advisor: Dr. Wood

Meeting Days & Location: As needed in Room 1407 (Commons Room)

Description: The purpose of the Peer Mediation Club is to serve as a proactive vehicle for the non-violent and positive resolution of verbal/physical confrontations. We strive to teach students alternatives to verbal or physical confrontations by providing them with a structured forum to work out their differences. Club members are trained in mediation strategies and work with disputants to develop positive non-violent resolutions to problematic situations.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Lamoureux

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Wednesday after school in Room 1101

Description: The Photography Club offers students a chance to apply their creativity and design skills through the graphic arts, primarily in Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator and Photo Shop), as well as through the digital camera. Students will experiment with page layout, editing and other basic graphic design principles and techniques. They will create individual graphics of their own as well as participate in creating designs for various school events/ programs.

### **POLITICAL AWARENESS CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Clarke

Meeting Days & Location: Every Thursday after school in Room 2204

Description: The goals of the Political Awareness Club are to give those interested in politics an outlet to express their views as well as to increase the awareness of political events.

### **PROJECT PRINCESS**

Advisor: Ms. Diez

Meeting Days & Location: Tuesdays once a month after school in Room 2306

Description: The club sponsors a one day "Shopping" event for underprivileged students in the Bronx, where they will be able to get a Prom dress and accessories needed: shoes, bags, jewelry, etc.

### **QUIZ BOWL CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Coopersmith

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in Room 1323

Description: This is an academic team which competes during the months of November, January and March. The team competes against teams from other schools in the county which are part of the, "It's Academic" League. The top four schools are involved in a final competition in May.

### **RED CROSS CLUB/LIFE SAVERS**

Advisor: Ms. Marshall, Ms. Figueiredo

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in the Cafeteria

Description: The Life Savers Club is co-sponsored by the Nassau County Chapter of the Red Cross. The club meets with other Nassau County High Schools on the third Thursday of each month. Students may take courses at no charge for CPR and disaster training. In addition, the club participates in disaster drills, first aid classes, blood drives, volunteer services and fundraising.

### **ROBOTICS/ENGINEERING**

Advisors: Mr. Beinlich, Mr. Segelke

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday & Thursday after school in Room 2320

(Alternate Meeting Days: Monday & Wednesday)

Description: To immerse kids in the STEM program and also enter Robotics Competitions.

### **ROLE PLAYING GAMES CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Sementelli

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2105

Description: This club is a way for students to come together and through imagination and organization turn their ideas into a story. The students will develop their teamwork and quick thinking skills through activities. In Role Playing, every member will be placed into ever changing groups, each one with a leader that controls and creates the scenario for their peers to involve themselves in. This club, through different activities, will help students gain the respect of their peers and form or strengthen bonds of friendship.

### **S.A.D.D./YOUTH DECIDE**

Advisor: Ms. Yamond

Annual Dues: \$5.00

Meeting Days & Location: Thursdays monthly at 5:30 in Room 2306

Description: The club's mission is to provide an education to its members on a variety of teen topics and awareness raising activities. Although the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol is a primary focus, other topics covered include but are not limited to: dating violence, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, body image, stress, homophobia, and suicide prevention. Participation in activities like the annual Substance Use Awareness Walk, SADD key chain mailing, and a drug/alcohol free social/recreational event are also part of the program.

### **SCALE (Students Climbing Another Level of Excellence)**

Advisor: Ms. Williams

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2336

Description: The mission of the club is to create a welcoming environment for students of diverse backgrounds, particularly African American and Latino students, and to provide an outlet for personal development. Members seek to promote educational excellence and community service. The club also strives to increase tolerance, as well as social and cultural awareness within the South Side community.

## **SGA (STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOC. & STUDENT ASSEMBLY)**

Advisor: Mrs. Pedone

Membership: By Election

Meeting Days & Location: Zero Period every Tuesday in the Counseling Center (Officers Only) SGA Members - Monthly

Description: South Side High School has an active Student Government (SGA) composed of the five school officers, the 16 grade level officers, all club presidents and the members of the Student Assembly. Officer elections take place in May and Student Assembly in late September. Aside from the elected officers, the SGA often sets up committees for specific activities and events, which are open to all students. In addition, students can bring any concerns or issues to the Student Assembly for discussion. For information on how to get involved, please contact Ms. Pedone or any of the grade level advisors.

In addition to the above activities, each class has its own advisor(s) and special events throughout the year. The class advisor(s) are as follows:

Freshman Class:	Mr. English/Ms. Heller	Every Wednesday after school in Room 2304
Sophomore Class:	Ms. Flores/Ms. Goro	once a month on Thursday as needed in Room 2326
Junior Class:	Ms. Frazer/Ms. Norton	Every Friday after school in Room 1311
Senior Class:	Ms. Ferrara-Muter/Ms. Foukalas	Every other Wednesday after school in Room 2337

## **SHRED CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Saccone

Meeting Days & Location: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2414

Description: The goal of the South Side High School SHRED club (Snowboard & Ski) is to provide students with the opportunity to travel to some of the best snowboarding/skiing areas that the Northeast has to offer. The club meets weekly to plan and organize weekend day trips and is open to students of all skill levels from grades 9-12.

## **SMILE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Downey, Ms. Takach

Meeting Days & Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month during Zero Period & meetings as needed (Various Room Locations)

Description: The SMILE Club is for Juniors and Seniors who are looking to mentor 9<sup>th</sup> grade students during their first year of high school. Mentors will be paired up with another upperclassmen, and will be responsible for a small group of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## **SPANISH CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Giron, Mr. Miller

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2206

Description: Students participate in activities revolving around Spanish and Latin American culture. Last year, the Spanish Club planned a trip to the Repertoire Española, as well as a dining experience at a Spanish restaurant.

## **SPORTS HISTORY CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. M. Kelly

Meeting Days & Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month after school in Room 2312

Description: Students meet to debate different sports topics.

## **ST. BALDRICK'S CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Petersen

Meeting Days & Location: Every other Tuesday after school in Room 1322

Description: The St. Baldrick's Club goal is to raise awareness for the need for more childhood cancer research and ways students can help in the fight against all childhood cancers. Club members participate in meetings, fundraisers, and community events to support this worthy cause. The club raises money for the St. Baldrick's Day Event.



### **VIDEO CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Lichter

Meeting Days & Location: Every Monday after school in Room 2321, as well as roughly 25 4-hour productions during the school year

Description: This club is the school's premiere TV Production Crew and produces much of the programming aired on THE SCHOOL CHANNEL. Students produce original television programs ranging from music and dramatic productions and concerts to talk shows, sporting events and documentaries. Students work with state-of-the-art professional TV equipment and rotate crew positions: Camera, sound, lighting, stage-managing and engineering. Club members are also offered opportunities to direct and edit television shows, and even produce shows of their own.

### **WELL BEING CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Marshall

Meeting Days & Location: Every Wednesday after school in the Cafeteria

Description: This club will offer students methods to strengthen their bodies, relieve stress, and direct students to live a healthier life.

### **WOMENS CLUB/SHE'S THE FIRST**

Advisor: Ms. Clarke

Meeting Days & Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month after school in Room 2204

Description: This club focuses on a variety of issues pertaining to women and girls around the world. Club members run drives for basic supplies for Bethany House Woman's Shelter on Long Island and raise funds that may be used to pay for girls' education in Third World countries.