

# WESTHAMPTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

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**ART CLUB:** The Art Club is for the student who wants to explore art further than the school day allows. A student may pursue his or her individual art or become involved in art in the school community. If you are interested in any type of visual art media or making our school community a powerful voice for the arts, join us!

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS:** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island is currently recruiting volunteer mentors for school-based programs in Westhampton Beach School District. The premise of the school-based program is to match high school volunteers, over the age of sixteen, to elementary and middle school children in Westhampton Beach. The "Bigs" meet with their "Littles" once a week after school. The Bigs help the children with their homework and share a variety of activities including reading, sports, arts and crafts, etc. More importantly, the Bigs become special friends, offering additional support, attention, encouragement, and positive alternatives. The Middle School Program meets on Mondays and the Elementary School Program meets on Thursdays. This is a terrific opportunity for students to obtain valuable experience, enhance college applications, and become eligible for scholarships while helping children in their own community. Students interested in volunteering their time must be over the age of 16 by October 2010. If interested, please contact Mr. Herr, Principal (631) 288-3800, ext. 207, or Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island at (631) 287-0086.

**CHAMBER CHOIR:** The Chamber Choir is a highly select vocal ensemble. Auditions, held in September, are open to 9<sup>th</sup> through 12th graders. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m.

**C.U.R.E. (Classmates United in Restoring the Environment):** Classmates United in Restoring the Environment (C.U.R.E.) is the environmental voice on the campus of WHBHS. C.U.R.E. is an active group, raising money for charitable causes, and performing environmental projects all over the campus. Students work hard and play hard in C.U.R.E. activities such as beach cleanups, canoe trips and other outdoor adventures that augment the environmental focus of the group. Any and all students are encouraged to join C.U.R.E. to be a part of the work, a part of the fun and a part of the purpose of Classmates United in Restoring the Environment. Meetings are held on Fridays after school.

**COMPUTER CLUB:** The Computer Club is for any student interested in building and maintaining a personal computer for educational and recreational purposes. The club meets on the second Monday of the month in room 130 right after school. Each quarter the club hosts a 12-hour LAN party where members and guests gather and enjoy a day with friends, computers and consoles, striving to be the best at their chosen pastime.

**FALL PLAY:** Auditions for the Fall Play will take place during the first week of school and are open to all students interested. Rehearsals will take place every day and require total commitment from actors and crew. Actors in the play are eligible for East End Arts Council "Teeny Awards" for outstanding performances.

**FRENCH CLUB:** The French Club is open to students currently enrolled in French. This club offers activities and cultural exposure that go beyond the classroom experience. It meets two to four times per month, subject to member availability. Agenda includes foreign films, food, storytelling and skits.

**FRIENDS FOR FRIENDS CLUB:** The Friends for Friends Club helps to acclimate freshmen/new students to high school life. Each new student is assigned to a senior who will be a mentor for the year, and both will work on community service projects together. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 2:20 p.m. This club is open to Freshmen, Seniors, and New Students.

**GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA):** The GSA is a group of students who agree to unite to promote and foster a safe, unbiased and welcoming community among those students who understand themselves to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or allies. GSA allied members are people, regardless of their sexual orientation, who welcome and accept each other free from fear of harassment or persecution. Meetings are alternate Thursdays.

#### **HONOR SOCIETIES:**

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY;** National Honor Society membership is open to 11th and 12th graders who exhibit excellence in scholarship, character, leadership and school service. Students who are recognized as having these skills, in addition to having a cumulative unweighted average of 89.5%, will be invited to apply for membership into the National Honor Society. Invitations will be extended, in writing, to qualified juniors after the completion of their first semester and to seniors at the start of the first quarter of their senior year. Appointments will be awarded based on each student's successful completion of the nomination process, a faculty review, and a summative decision by a faculty committee. Annual projects include a food drive, blood drives, tutoring, and other community service projects.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY:** Foreign Language Honor Society is an opportunity for language students to gain recognition for high academic achievement in their study of foreign language. Membership is open to students in their third year of high school language study who exhibit excellence in scholarship, character, leadership and school service. Students who are recognized as having these skills in addition to having maintained an average of 89.5% or above in each year of language study will be invited to apply for membership. Appointments will be awarded based on each student's successful completion of the nomination process. Annual projects include service projects, tutoring, and community outreach projects.

**MU ALPHA THETA (Math Honor Society):** Mu Alpha Theta is the National High School and Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society. The Honor Society has over 75,000 student members from 1,500 different chapters. The goals of Mu Alpha Theta are to inspire and promote interest and enjoyment of mathematics while developing a deeper understanding of the subject. This club will provide students with the opportunity to share their knowledge with their peers. Math concepts and topics will be explored through group problem solving, team presentations and projects, as well as other hands-on activities. Students who are recognized as having these skills in addition to having maintained an average of 89.5% or above in each year of math study will be invited to apply for membership. Some students may be selected to compete in local competitions. Students are required to have completed Integrated Geometry and be enrolled in an advanced math course. Appointments will be awarded based on each student's successful completion of the nomination process. Annual projects include service projects, tutoring, and community outreach projects.

**SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY:** The goals of the Science Honor Society are to encourage and recognize scientific and intellectual thought and encourage participation in community service and dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all humankind. Membership is open to 11th and 12th graders that have maintained an average of 89.5% or above in each year of science study. In addition, students must be enrolled in at least one upper level Regents or AP science class during their senior year or a science elective in AP level science course was taken during their junior year. Annual projects include service projects, tutoring, and community outreach projects.

**TRI – M (Music Honor Society):** TRI – M is the international music honor society recognizing secondary music students for their musical ability, academic excellence, school involvement, and community service. Membership is open to 11th and 12th graders that are involved in any of the school's music programs and exhibit excellence in scholarship, character, leadership and school service. Students who are recognized as having these skills in addition to having maintained an average of 89.5% or above in each year of music study will be invited to apply for membership. Members perform within the school as well as in the community. They also assist with many of the concerts throughout the school year.

**INTERACT CLUB:** Interact Club is a community service oriented club that is partnered with the Rotary Club of Greater Westhampton. The club is open to all community minded students, grades 9 through 12 who are interested in getting involved in local events and who are dedicated to serving others who may be less fortunate. The Interact Club meets twice a month. Students must be committed to attending several after-school events such as the Rotary Spaghetti Dinner, Food Pantry, Rotary Holiday Party, Christmastime in Westhampton, Gift of Life Program, Rotary Flea Market, Rotary Exchange student weekend, Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Duck Race, local parade(s), and the Spooky Walk at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. Meeting place to be announced and meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

**IT'S ACADEMIC:** The "Academic Club" is open to all students. The club will meet weekly after school. The team competes in the L.I. Regional Quiz Bowl competition. All competitions are held at Riverhead High School. We are in the Eastern Division of the Suffolk County region. Matches are held once a month on Wednesdays. Matches start in late October and run through March. The Long Island Championship is scheduled for April. The team may also compete in the L.I. Challenge on Channel 12.

**JAZZ BAND:** The Jazz Band is designed to introduce the many different genres of jazz music and basic improvisational techniques. This performing group will meet weekly for rehearsals and will perform at a number of concerts and events throughout the year.

**JAZZ ENSEMBLE:** The Jazz Ensemble is available to student instrumentalists who wish to broaden their performing experience in the jazz and pop idiom. Students will continue to explore various big band styles and further develop their improvisational technique. This performing group will meet weekly for rehearsals and will perform at a number of concerts and events throughout the year.

**KEY CLUB:** Join Key Club and be part of a team where service, friendship and community are all important to success! Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. What makes Key Club so successful is the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others. It is an internationally recognized, service-based club, whose motto is, "caring—our way of life". Members of the Kiwanis International family, Key Club members build themselves as they build their schools and communities. Everyone is welcome to become part of Key Club on Tuesdays in room 211.

**LATIN CLUB:** The Latin Club is a local chapter of the New York State's Classical Association Empire State, and the National Junior Classical League that is sponsored by the American Classical League. Students who join the club are inducted into both leagues and pledge to encourage and promote interest in and an appreciation of the language, literature and culture of ancient Greece and Rome. Students host activities and events and compete in local and national competitions. Meetings are held on Tuesdays.

**LITERARY-ARTS MAGAZINE:** Seascapes is the high school's literary-arts club that annually publishes student literary and artistic pieces. Students who are part of the club will have the opportunity to share their creative pieces in a Writers' Workshop setting, where they can try out their writing on the other members and receive feedback. You do not have to be a member, however, to get published, and we encourage all students to submit their creative works to the magazine for review and possible publication. Members will be responsible for reviewing submissions, creating the layout, and organizing the distribution of the magazine. All students are welcome to join! Meetings are held each Tuesday from 2:20-3:05 p.m. in room 209.

**LONG ISLAND TEEN INSTITUTE (SPONSORED BY H.U.G.S. Inc.):** Long Island Teen Institute (LITI) is designed for youth who have demonstrated leadership potential in their schools and communities. LITI hosts a series of retreat weekends that train and assist teens in developing the skills necessary to recognize and reduce high-risk behaviors amongst themselves and their peers. LITI promotes positive attitudes and strategies designed to improve all areas of life, such as healthy personal and family relationships, academic success, self-esteem, self-awareness, and the prevention of drug and alcohol use. For information, please contact Ms. Kym Laube, Exec. Director, at 288-9505.

**MATHLETES:** Mathletes is for anyone in grades 9 through 12 who would like to challenge their knowledge of math. As a club, we travel to different schools to compete. There are off-campus competitions as well as on-campus competitions. Each event is timed and the measured response is how the team members challenge their math skills. Teams are awarded points based on the number of correct answers. Mathletes is a great way to become involved and challenge your mind.

**MODEL BRIDGE BUILDING CLUB:** The construction and testing of model bridges promotes the study and application of fundamental principles of physics and also helps students develop hands-on skills. By participating in the Brookhaven National Laboratory Bridge Contest, students get a flavor of what it is to be an engineer. Students are also provided with an academically oriented extracurricular activity which is recognized school-wide.

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB (“OAK”):** OAK is an adventurous group of outdoor enthusiasts who are not afraid of challenges and are ready to have fun as well. We climb mountains, ride bikes, paddle rivers and hike beautiful places all over Long Island and beyond. In the past several years, OAK has visited the Grand Canyon, Delaware Gap, Schwangunk Mountains in addition to working rivers and climbing gyms and trails all over Long Island. Come hike with us and help us plan our next adventure. Meetings will take place biweekly in room 122—Wetlab.

**PEER MEDIATION:** Peer Mediation was established to help resolve student conflicts nonviolently within the school. Students must attend a training course before they can become mediators. Anyone interested in becoming a mediator, or continuing their efforts as a mediator, is welcome to attend.

**PEP BAND:** The PEP Band is open to all students enrolled in the High School Band program. Members rehearse during the fall football season, performing at home football games. In addition, the group performs in the annual Westhampton Beach Homecoming and St. Patrick’s Day parades. Benefits of membership include: post-rehearsal/performance parties and trips exclusive to the PEP Band.

**ROBOTICS:** The WHB Robotics Club provides students the opportunity to work alongside professional engineers to design, build, and test robots. Students will work with corporate and community sponsors to compete in regional and championship competitions. Club members gain valuable “hands-on” experience in the areas of science, engineering and technology. The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition includes more than 800 teams from nearly every state in the U.S. as well as Brazil, Canada and the U.K. For more information, please visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org).

**SPANISH CLUB:** The WHBHS Spanish Club is for students who are interested in increasing their awareness of the diverse and vibrant culture in the Hispanic American world. Themes that will be examined are: music, food, film, traditional celebrations, visual arts, and the indigenous influences on Hispanic culture. Students will also participate in community service activities throughout the year. Meetings will take place twice monthly.

**SPRING MUSICAL:** This year’s spring musical auditions will be held during the first week in January and performances will be held in the spring in the District Auditorium. Everyone is invited to audition.

**STUDENT ATHLETE LEADERSHIP TEAM (S.A.L.T):** Westhampton Beach High School has implemented a peer support program known as S.A.L.T., the Student Athlete Leadership Team. This is a program in which high school student/athletes visit middle school physical education classes and speak to the youngsters about issues such as: peer pressure, sportsmanship, violence prevention and drug abuse prevention. To become a member of S.A.L.T., a student/athlete is nominated by a varsity coach. After the nomination, the student/athlete must submit a required essay of what impact they would have in the program and in their participation in training sessions. The high school students then visit the middle school three times. Each visit is designed with a specific purpose and topic. The final visit culminates with a discussion regarding drug abuse prevention and positive self-esteem activities. This program has proven to produce positive results with middle school students, who look up to high school visitors as role models. It is hoped that this program will aid in the positive development of our future high school students and citizens.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** Student Government is both the students' outlet for their concerns and their voice for change. It can and should involve all students. There is a place for everyone! The executive board is selected from students who have one or more year's involvement in the organization. Student government organizes the events that involve the entire school. These events include: Homecoming, Spirit Week, the Pep Rally and the parade. Student government members are involved in Special Olympics fundraising, spirit nights and other activities. They also engage in activities that encourage school pride and community service. Meetings are scheduled once per week in the high school library.

**Class Advisors for 2010-2011:**

9th: Ms. Melissa Tunstead  
10th: Ms. Casey O'Hara and  
Ms. Melissa Petroski  
11th: Ms. Jane Flinter and  
Ms. Dariah Juma  
12th: Mr. Fred Walling

**STUDENT NEWSPAPER:** The *Hurricane Eye* is published online five times a year by the journalism class. However, any student at WHBHS can participate in the production of the paper by attending monthly meetings to choose articles and headlines, create page layout and edit written work. Students can also submit articles for the paper. All deadlines and meeting dates are posted on the door of Room 207.

**VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLES:** The Vocal Jazz Ensembles are open to all students, grades 9 through 12, who are enrolled in either the Concert Choir or the Symphonic Choir. Auditions for the ensembles are held in late September. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. These performing groups will meet weekly for rehearsals and will perform at a number of concerts and events throughout the year.

**YEARBOOK:** The Yearbook is a challenging, rewarding yearlong process. We need students to take pictures, create layout using special yearbook software and motivate others to contribute their talents. All grades are welcome - freshmen and sophomores especially! If you have the time, we have a project for you!

**YOUTH TO YOUTH:** Youth to Youth is a drug and alcohol peer prevention group that meets once a week after school. **All students in grades 9 through 12** are welcome to join us as we spread the drug free message through personal growth, community change, education and awareness and drug-free fun. Monthly projects address community service, elementary school mentoring, middle school outreach, Red Ribbon Week, trips, etc.

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