



# Alderdice High School Club Catalog

*As of 1/8/2024*

Below is a list of current Allerdice clubs. The name and email address of the club sponsor is included as well as the join code to join the club in Teams, if applicable. If you are viewing this electronically, click “Ctrl” and the name of the club to jump to a description of the club.

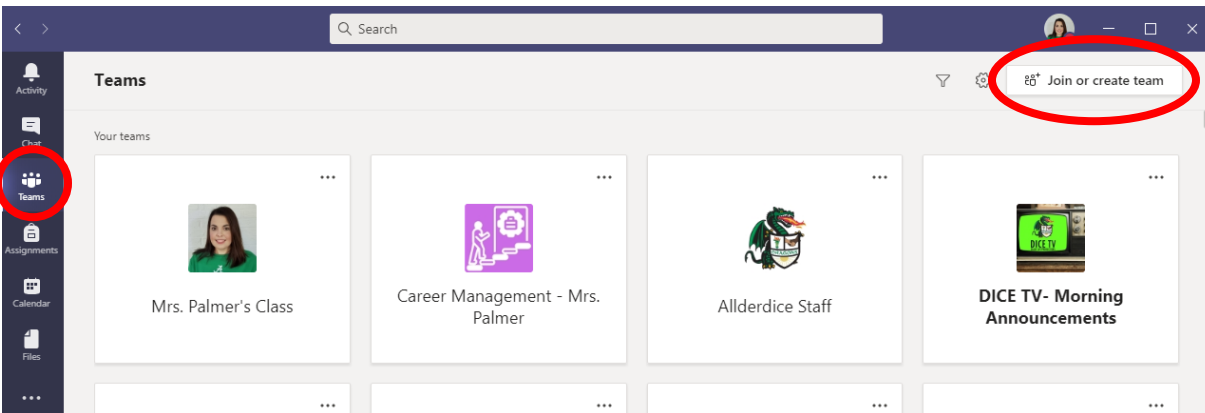
Club/Activity	Teams Join Code	Sponsor(s)	Contact Information
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<a href="#">Allerdice Climbing Club</a>		Dr. McGonagle	<a href="mailto:jmcgonagle1@pghschools.org">jmcgonagle1@pghschools.org</a>
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<a href="#">Amnesty International</a>		Ms. Henze	<a href="mailto:shenze1@pghschools.org">shenze1@pghschools.org</a>
<a href="#">Asian Student Alliance</a>		Ms. Herrmann	<a href="mailto:sherrmann1@pghschools.org">sherrmann1@pghschools.org</a>
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<a href="#">Dragonbreath (Journal of the Creative Arts)</a>		Dr. Slifkin	<a href="mailto:jslifkin2@pghschools.org">jslifkin2@pghschools.org</a>

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<a href="#">East Asian Graphic Novel + Book Club</a>		Mrs. Price	<a href="mailto:jprice1@pghschools.org">jprice1@pghschools.org</a>
<a href="#">Feminist Student Union (FSU)</a>		Ms. Castro	<a href="mailto:tcastro1@pghschools.org">tcastro1@pghschools.org</a>
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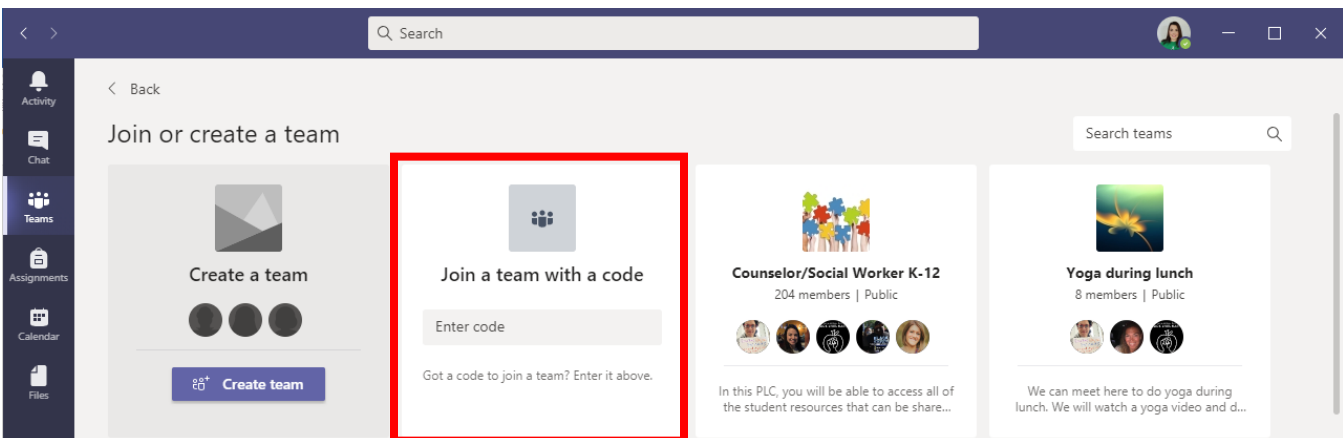
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### How to join a Team with a join code:

1. Go to Teams on the left hand side and then select “Join or create team” at the top.



2. Enter the code in the area that says, “Join a team with a code.” Click “Join.” *NOTE: You must be logged in with your PPS email address to do this. If you are logged in with a different email address, like Gmail or Yahoo, you will not be able to join the Team because you are considered a guest.*



## **DESCRIPTIONS OF ALLDERDICE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

Please contact Michele Kelly at [mkelly4@pghschools.org](mailto:mkelly4@pghschools.org) if you would like your club or activity to be listed here.

### **African American CAS Club (AACAS)**

The African American gifted and talented students' club (AACAS) is sponsored by Tamara Garnett ([tgarnett1@pghschools.org](mailto:tgarnett1@pghschools.org)), Student Services Assistant at Allderdice. The group was re-established in 2014 to support and encourage AACAS students at Allderdice to strive for excellence and create a system of support for an underrepresented population in CAS and Advanced Placement (AP) programming. We are committed to the education and the positive representation of African American gifted and talented students here at Allderdice. AACAS is led by its council members who also lead the charge in student-driven topics, social change initiatives, events, and, most importantly, scholarship.

### **Allderdice Climbing Club**

The Allderdice climbing club is a group of students who meet weekly to go climbing at Ascend's indoor rock-climbing gym in Point Breeze. The club meets every Friday at Ascend Point Breeze after school until 5:30 to boulder and rope climb. No prior experience is necessary, so everyone can climb and have fun! For more information join the club's GroupMe at [https://app.groupme.com/join\\_group/92553193/XOaoOGwD](https://app.groupme.com/join_group/92553193/XOaoOGwD) or contact [stfwoods1@students.pghschools.org](mailto:stfwoods1@students.pghschools.org).

### **Allderdice Engineering Club**

Exploring Engineering concepts through design challenges, independent projects, and collaborative problem solving.

### **Allderdice Friends**

This club gives students with disabilities opportunities to engage in social interactions with students without disabilities. This club has recently teamed up with Friendship Circle (a local inclusive group in the community). This is a peer-run group where students decide the club's activities. Usual meetings consist of having a snack, playing a game, and talking with each other about school or other subjects. Sometimes students will watch a movie or do a craft activity. The club is open to the whole student body, especially students who are interested in developing friendships with students with significant disabilities and students with a disability looking to develop friendships with students without disabilities. The club meets once a month, usually toward the end of each month. Please see Mrs. Graham in room 384 or email her at [jgraham1@pghschools.org](mailto:jgraham1@pghschools.org).

### **Amnesty International**

Amnesty International meets twice per month, on either Monday or Friday. Please see Ms. Sonia Henze in Room 385 or email her at [shenze1@pghschools.org](mailto:shenze1@pghschools.org) for further information.

### **Asian Student Alliance**

The Asian Student Alliance is a largely student-run club, aiming to create a safe space where the Asian community can feel represented and supported. We also hope to achieve this goal by spreading more knowledge and a better understanding of Asian culture at Allderdice! For more information, contact [stmnestor1@students.pghschools.org](mailto:stmnestor1@students.pghschools.org) or [stnweaver2@students.pghschools.org](mailto:stnweaver2@students.pghschools.org).

### **Band: Marching Band**

Marching Band consists of four sections: Band (all woodwind and brass instruments), Color Guard (flags, rifles, and/or silks), Dance Team (dancers) and Drumline (snare drum, bass drum, tenors, cymbals). Together, these four sections work together to provide the visuals and sound of the Allderdice High School Dragon Marching Band. The marching band performs at parades, football games, marching band festivals, and other events in the community and county. The marching band strives to provide quality entertainment in all of its performances while representing Allderdice with class and pride. The marching band has won countless awards as the best marching band in the city and aims to continue that



standard of excellence. Anyone is welcome to try out for the marching band. As a performance group, students are held to a high standard and must display the musical and physical ability to perform at the standard expected. Anyone interested in joining the marching band should see Mr. Lee for more information.

The bulk of the performance season occurs in September, October, and November, though there are other parades and events scattered throughout the school year. All members are expected to attend all events. Drumline, Color Guard, and dance team members must commit to rehearsing at least twice a week during the performance season. Band members do most of their rehearsing during class, though there are occasional after-school rehearsals. Band camp typically takes place from mid-July to early August, where the entire marching band learns most of the routine.

### **Band: Concert Orchestra and Concert Band**

Concert Orchestra and Concert Band are classes at Allderdice. These advanced musicians rehearse during class to perform at the winter and spring concerts. Students perform a wide array of music, from classical to soundtrack to Broadway to pop to jazz. These students become better musicians individually as well as an ensemble through daily rehearsals.

Anyone is welcome to take these classes. If a student does not know how to play an instrument, they are welcome to join Band 1 to learn their instrument. Typically, if a student works hard in class, they are ready for the advanced group after one year.

The winter concert is usually held in mid-December, while the spring concert is held in late May or early June. Select students may also be asked to perform in other events in the community or school throughout the year. All rehearsals take place during class unless a smaller ensemble is requested to rehearse after school.

### **Band: Jazz Band**

Jazz Band is an ensemble for advanced students interested in performing jazz. Musicians in Jazz Band will learn how to improvise and play in a “Big Band” setting. Jazz Band then performs at school concerts and various events in the community. Anyone is welcome to join Jazz Band, provided they are proficient in their instrument. Anyone interested in joining should see Mr. Lee for more information.

Rehearsals take place once or twice a week after school, starting in October. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals to build a cohesive ensemble sound. A rehearsal schedule will be built amongst the interested members to ensure an optimal rehearsal schedule.

### **Beyblade Club**

The Beyblade Club is a place for students interested in competitive Beyblade battles. These will take place in a standard Beyblade stadium once a week after school. While it is recommended each student bring their own Beyblade, spares will be available for any who are eager to compete. Beyblades are similar to spinning tops with interchangeable pieces influencing their spin time or ability to sustain impact. The goal is to have the strongest Beyblade that can stay up/in the ring the longest. There is also a point system for various “moves” each Beyblade can make during the battles. Throughout the term there will be an ongoing tournament to decide who has the best Beyblade.

### **Black Student Union**

Black Student Union is a group of students who meet to discuss and address issues they feel are relevant to the African American student population. They have opportunities to discuss current happenings, either in the community or society at large, in order to try and find solutions to the identified problems. They also hold fundraisers to further the interests of African American students in the building to participate in activities such as field trips. Students also provide professional development for teachers and plan activities for Black History Month. Any student can join with the understanding that the focus is on empowering the African American students in the Allderdice community. The sponsors for this group are Mr. Mielke, Ms. Donnelly, and Dr. McGonagle, and meetings will be held in Room 388 on Thursdays after school.

### **Chain Reaction Contraption Club**

Calling all creative types...science types...fun (some might say goofy) types... If one of those adjectives fits you, come participate in the Chain Reaction Contraption Team. Allderdice competes against hundreds of other schools in the region

to have the best Rube Goldberg device. Allderdice's 2016 team won a special award. Let's see if we can take first place this year! Students from any grade are welcome. Meetings are held after school every Tuesday in room 481 through the second week of December.

### **Chamber Choir**

The Allderdice Chamber Choir is an auditioned ensemble of advanced singers who will perform traditional choral repertoire (“mostly classical” is a fair description). The group will perform at the Allderdice Winter and Spring concerts as well as run-outs, adjudicated performances and a chance to travel on the Band/Choir Spring Trip. New singers are welcome at various points throughout the year. Practices are held every Thursday from 2:20-3:20. For questions or to schedule an audition, please contact Mr. Schreiber at [jschreiber1@pghschools.org](mailto:jschreiber1@pghschools.org)

### **Comic Book and Manga Club**

A safe space where students can read/talk about comic books/manga, and discuss other related media (movies/TV shows). The club will meet on Tuesdays after school from 2:45-3:45 in **either** Room 250 **or** the library. Sachem Clark will serve as the Club’s coach, and he can be reached at [sclark1@pghschools.org](mailto:sclark1@pghschools.org).

### **Crew Team**

The Allderdice Crew team is a club sport open to anyone who wishes to join, regardless of experience or athletic ability. We train on the water in the fall and spring and indoors in the winter. We race against other high schools in Pittsburgh and throughout the Midwest. Rowing is a fantastic sport that teaches endurance, builds teamwork, and promotes cardiovascular fitness, flexibility, and a total body workout. Plus, it’s really fun. Because we are a club sport, we charge dues to cover the costs of boats, travel, and coaching. Some scholarship funds are available. The team is also looking for a coxswain or two. This **NON-ATHLETIC ROLE** on the team is typically filled by girls or boys that are small in stature and like the idea of being on a team without all the sweat involved. The coxswain keeps the boat going straight and the rowers in sync and lets the crew know how the race is going. No experience or athletic ability necessary. Our Coach is Emma Schauf and you can contact her at [AllderdiceCrewCoach@gmail.com](mailto:AllderdiceCrewCoach@gmail.com).

### **Data Jam**

In association with the Pittsburgh Data Jam, students attend a conference where they learn about big data and the tools for analyzing it. From there, students form teams of 5-9 students, choose a set of data, pose a question, and submit a proposal for a research project. The teams work independently throughout the year (with several checkpoints) to analyze their data, draw conclusions, make recommendations, and display their data for final presentations in early spring.

### **Debate Team**

The Debate Team is a club for students interested in learning argument skills and participating in debates on current events issues with students at Allderdice and other schools in the region. The team primarily competes in a Public Forum debate, an event in which pairs of students debate on a topic of national or global interest (some of last year’s topics include genetically modified food, free universal college education and for-profit prisons). There are several other debate formats offered as well. Participation in debate builds research and argumentative writing, critical thinking, and public speaking skills.

Students of all grade levels are invited to join and no previous debate experience is necessary. Tournament competition begins in November. Students can participate flexibly; there are tournaments offered every week until April and students can write and practice cases outside of scheduled practice times if necessary.

### **DECA**

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. The four components of the organization’s Comprehensive Learning Program are that DECA integrates into classroom instruction, applies learning, connects to business, and promotes competition. DECA prepares the next generation to be academically prepared, community-oriented, professionally responsible, experienced

leaders. DECA meets in Room 346. Please contact Mr. Ricketts for more information, or email at [cricketts1@pghschools.org](mailto:cricketts1@pghschools.org).

### **Dice Book Club**

Dice Book Club will meet on Fridays after school in the Library (Room 284), from 3:00-4:00pm.

### **Dragonbreath**

*Dragonbreath* is Allderdice's long-standing journal of the creative arts. It is published annually (late spring), in both electronic and print editions. Although primarily focused on the literary arts, *Dragonbreath* usually contains a variety of student work, including poetry, short prose—both fiction and nonfiction, black and white photography, and camera-ready artwork. Students serve as editors and are in charge of its output and distribution. The journal is a showcase for students' literary and artistic endeavors. *Dragonbreath* takes student work from the various Creative Writing courses and independently submitted manuscripts and images.

*Dragonbreath* is open to the entire Allderdice student community, grades 9-12. Students who wish to assist in the editing process can take a leadership role in the journal's production (including reviewing, editing, and layout). The journal is currently looking for a student to serve as the editor. Please see Dr. Slifkin if you are interested in this role.

Additionally, all students are welcome to submit original poetry, prose, photography, and camera-ready art, even if they don't wish to become an editor.

*Dragonbreath* meets as an afterschool club beginning in mid- to late-October in room 251, usually on Mondays. Meetings last anywhere from 15-30 minutes, depending on the schedule and workload. Many editing tasks are completed outside of formal club time and communication is usually done via email between editors and faculty sponsor. The aim is to have a published journal available for the school community by late-April or early-May.

*Dragonbreath* can be found online at <https://www.facebook.com/DragonbreathTAHS/>.

### **Dungeons & Dragons Club**

Dungeons & Dragons Club is a club dedicated to playing D&D every Monday. It gives the opportunity to role-play as different characters through quests controlled by a Dungeon Master.

### **East Asian Graphic Novel + Book Club**

The East Asian Graphic Novel+ Book Club (EAGN+) will read a variety of award-winning graphic novels from Japan, China, Korea, Vietnam, and Cambodia. The novels will range from works that capture historic events through a personal narrative (fiction and non-fiction) to solely those that entertain through adventure, mystery, etc. The club will meet monthly in Room 376. Discussion will involve the story and illustrations. Each meeting will conclude with the title of the next work and meeting day announced. Works will be chosen that students can borrow from either Allderdice's school library or Carnegie Library as well as at least one copy will be available through the club that students can check out on a one-week basis. Oh, the + indicates that occasionally the club might deviate to a YA novel if the members agree.

Contact information: Mrs. Price, Room 376

### **Feminist Student Union**

The goal of the Feminist Student Union is to spread awareness of the issues related to feminism and to empower people to speak up. Meetings are every Wednesday after school until 4:00, in Room 386. Anyone is welcome to join or come to any meeting. Different topics will be discussed at each meeting and videos and presentations will also be shown. Though sensitive topics may be discussed, it is a great learning experience and a way to bond with fellow feminist peers. In the past, FSU held a drive for clothing and other necessities for a woman's shelter and we hope to do even more projects in the future.

### **Fencing Club**



The fencing team begins practice after school in the later part of October. No experience required. Equipment will be provided. They have competitions beginning in January and running through early spring. Practices are held multiple days per week. Students should see Mrs. Neely in room 186 for more information.

### **The Foreword**

*The Foreword* is Allderdice's award-winning student newspaper. Students supervise every facet of the school newspaper's online and print production, from ad sales to article writing to layout and printing. Students should possess strong writing skills and the ability to work productively with classmates. *The Foreword* is offered as an English elective—Journalism 2. Students who are interested in being on *The Foreword* staff should register for Journalism 1 in their freshman, sophomore, or junior year and for Journalism 2 in their junior and/or senior year. Journalism 2 is offered TS 4 each day. *The Foreword* is always interested in students' perspectives, so any student can submit a letter or an article to the editorial staff. This year's co-editors-in-chief are Anisha Willis (anishawillis@gmail.com) and Naomi Segel (naomisege1@gmail.com). Other inquiries can be directed to the sponsor—Jon Parker—at [jparker1@pghschools.org](mailto:jparker1@pghschools.org).

### **French Club**

Bonjour et bienvenue au cercle français! Welcome to our French circle! Meetings take place in Room 371 every Monday after school until 3:30pm. Some planned activities for this school year include homework/project help, fun cultural activities, movies, games, and fundraisers. Bring your friends along! We will explore different francophone cultures while using French and making new friends! Some activities we will do include watching short films, trying different French foods, and playing games in French. All levels are welcome! For more information, email Mrs. Fischer at [cfischer2@pghschools.org](mailto:cfischer2@pghschools.org).

### **Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)**

GSA is Allderdice's *Gender and Sexuality Alliance*; anyone who identifies as part of the LGBTQ+ community, and anyone who considers themselves an ally of those who do—is welcome to join the GSA. Students often use meeting time to discuss contemporary relevant issues, plan events, and just hang out with their friends. Meetings are in Mr. Taylor's room (375) after school from 2:45-3:15pm every Wednesday. Julia Hart is president this year if you would like more information.

### **Global Minds Initiative**

A for-youth by-youth organization inspiring students to form social bonds, intercultural friendships, and consider global issues. If you are interested, please see Dr. McGonagle in Room 301, Mrs. Kelly in Room 442, or Ms. Porter in Room 445.

### **Humane Action Allderdice**

The goal of this club is to learn about, promote, and advance animal rights. Members will learn about different issues about animal welfare as well as how to make a difference on a legislative level, under the guidance of the organization Humane Action Pittsburgh. Meetings are every other week. Contact Beatrice Kuhn or Ms. Mastroianni for more information.

### **Investment Club**

The Investment Club is a group of students looking to discuss the fundamentals of market research, stock trading, and other financial matters. The club acts as a way for students to pool their knowledge on global economic events in order for all members to build a promising portfolio and maximize their investment gains. The club meets after school in Sr. Taylor's room (377). Contact any member for more information.

### **Jewish Student Union**

The Jewish Student Union at Allderdice is a group that connects Jews and non-Jews alike in our school. Through food, discussions, informational sessions, and guest speakers, the Allderdice JSU is a club to find your place as a Jew in our

school as well as learn about Judaism from an outside perspective. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to have you join us!

### **Math League**

The Math League is a traveling math team. We compete in a section with Pittsburgh Obama, Pittsburgh Sci-Tech, and Winchester Thurston. At each competition, students compete in two individual rounds and then a team round. At the end of the year, winning schools take their top scorers to the finals for Western Pennsylvania. Students must be enrolled in Algebra 2 or beyond to join. Any student interested in joining should see Ms. Britton in room 278 to be placed on the email list. There are no meetings except for the competitions, which are held monthly from October through March.

### **Mock Trial**

Mock Trial is a club for students with an interest in law and the legal system as well as students who want to sharpen their public speaking skills. The competition gives eight-member student teams the opportunity to argue both sides of a case in an actual courtroom before a judge. Case materials are distributed in early November and students prepare to play the roles of lawyers, witnesses, prosecutors/plaintiffs, and defendants. Students work together with a teacher coach and lawyer advisor in preparing for the competition. Volunteer lawyers and community leaders serve as jurors in the trials. The juries determine the winners in each trial based on the teams' abilities to prepare their cases, present arguments, and follow court rules. All students are welcome to attend the initial mock trial meetings. If necessary, try-outs will be held to determine the actual mock trial team. Students need to be committed to the rigorous work schedule, willing to work independently preparing and memorizing their roles, and dedicated to working together to produce a quality mock trial team. Mock Trial meetings will begin in early November. Students should listen to the announcements and watch for signs advertising the initial meeting. Once the official case is released, students will practice as needed to prepare for the University of Pittsburgh competition. Based on performance at the Pitt competition, the team will be determined and begin preparing for the statewide competition in February. During January and February, the team generally meets after school at least once a week and one day over the weekend while preparing for the competition. Smaller groups (i.e. prosecution, defense, witnesses, etc.) may also hold additional meetings as needed. Mock Trial will continue into March when the team does exceptionally well and makes it to the finals.

### **Model United Nations**

MUN allows students the opportunity to act as a delegate of a country. Students role play and try to solve problems like world hunger, climate change, and the need for clean water. Students must know both their country and the issues being discussed at each competition. This club meets in Room 385, promptly at 2:45pm as meetings usually last 30 minutes so students can complete research together. The club meets on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some Fridays. Students \*MUST\* attend club meetings in order to participate in competitions.

### **National Economics Challenge**

The National Economics Challenge (NEC) is a competitive event that tests teams of four high schoolers on their knowledge of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international and current events. No prior experience necessary. If you are interested in joining, please watch for signs posted in the hall or contact Mr. Baumann at [mbaumann1@pghschools.org](mailto:mbaumann1@pghschools.org).

### **National Honor Society**

National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization established by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are eligible for membership in the second semester of their sophomore year. The first criterion for eligibility is scholarship. Students with a cumulative weighted or unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above will be invited to submit an application for membership. A five-member Faculty Council examines the applications along with two required recommendations to determine candidates' eligibility based on service, leadership, and character. Acceptance notification occurs a few weeks after applications are due, and an Induction Ceremony for new members is held in April or May.

Since NHS becomes involved in a variety of activities each year, meetings occur on an as-needed basis. One of the events that NHS participates in is the Blood Drive program with Vitalent. We help to organize three blood drives each year, typically in the months of November, February, and April. Peer tutoring is another way in which our members serve the school community. Additional opportunities for service and leadership arise throughout the year as well. Typically, the first meeting occurs in mid-September and includes information regarding the election of new officers. Offices include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Public Relations. Any current member of NHS is eligible to run for office. Meeting dates will be shared on the morning announcements and via the Microsoft Team for current members.

Questions about NHS may be directed to Mrs. Monroe at [hmonroe1@pghschools.org](mailto:hmonroe1@pghschools.org) or Mrs. Mazzocco at [jmazzocco1@pghschools.org](mailto:jmazzocco1@pghschools.org).

### **Quiz Bowl**

Quiz Bowl is an academic game where teams of four students compete to answer questions in a wide variety of topics, ranging from Roman history, to quantum mechanics, to postmodernist literature. The Allderdice History and Quiz Bowl teams have competed in both regional and national tournaments and found considerable success, winning the past two regional championships with an undefeated record. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Mr. Mielke at [tmielke1@pghschools.org](mailto:tmielke1@pghschools.org).

### **Science Club**

The Science Club is the place where students meet to prepare for science competitions: Biology Olympiad, Chemistry Olympiad, Physics Olympiad, PJAS and the Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair. We will take virtual trips to places as far as CERN and bring guest speakers to meet with us remotely. This club will also plan STEM-inism events that promote female interest in science and engineering. All students are welcome! Please see Mr. Carey in Room 461, or email him at [mcarey1@pghschools.org](mailto:mcarey1@pghschools.org) for further information.

### **Socialism Club**

The Allderdice Socialists Club is a space for students to learn about and discuss socialists and progressive ideas within school. We also aim to act on those ideals by pursuing intersectional activism within our school through participating in community activism, collaborating with other clubs, and providing further education about socialism within our school.

### **Spanish Club**

The Spanish Club is an opportunity for students of all levels of Spanish proficiency to gather monthly for cultural activities and celebrations. Students will learn about many special events and traditions in the Spanish-speaking world through music, dance, and games!

### **Spirit Club**

Our club is about coming together and creating a fun experience at school and in the community. Our mission is to bring more school spirit to Allderdice! Students will assist Mrs. Scheuering with Spirit Week, Pep Rallies, and other school events! The Club will meet in Room 254 on Wednesdays after school.

### **Spring Musical – Set Building**

Students work with various tools to design, build and decorate a set for the spring musical. The group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays during January, February, and March. See Mr. Schaltenbrand or email [pschaltenbrand1@pghschools.org](mailto:pschaltenbrand1@pghschools.org) for more information.

### **Steel Dragons**

The Steel Dragons participate in the FIRST Robotics Competition, the ultimate sport for the mind. Through STEM workshops and team-oriented engineering, design, and computer science, we offer an incredible technological education.

Under limited resources and an intense time limit (starting in January), teams of students are challenged to build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors, as well as raising funds, designing a team brand, and honing teamwork skills. It's a real-world engineering experience, equipped with new tools, computer-animated design, and professional engineers and coders who mentor the team. Each season ends with exciting three-day long competitions hosted throughout the northeast.

Go to [www.steeldragons.org](http://www.steeldragons.org) for more information. See Mr. Baumgart for more information.

### **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)**

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is a club for students who want to be advocates for healthy and responsible teenage behavior. SADD meets once a month on Wednesdays after school in Room 473. See Ms. McClelland if you have any questions or are interested in joining. On the Remind app, Text @dicesad to 81010.

### **Theater**

Allderdice produces three different theatricals in a school year: the Broadway Cabaret, the Fall Play, and the Spring Musical. Students who wish to participate in any theatrical production at Allderdice must abide by a participation contract. Students who break the contract or fail to meet the following expectations will be dismissed from the production.

- Attend all rehearsals.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Attend all of their classes.
- Participate in fundraising for the production(s).
- Respect and listen to the director, choreographer, musical director, and stage managers.

The **Fall Play** is a non-musical comedy or drama. Auditions will be early in the school year for a late fall performance. For auditions, students do not need prior experience, but must be prepared to perform a 1-2 minute monologue of their choice. It is wise for students to read, or at least be familiar with, the Fall Play script, so that they choose an appropriate monologue for auditions. Auditioning does not guarantee a place in the show. Rehearsals will be immediately after school and on the weekend prior to opening night. Rehearsals are generally 2-3 hours, immediately after school. As the performance dates approach, rehearsals are longer than 3 hours.

The **Spring Musical** is a full-length production of a Broadway musical, performed during the second semester. This is a student-driven production, with professional advisors. Students act, sing, dance, build sets, market the performance to the public, create and assemble costumes, and manage the theater's lighting and sound systems. A fall performance-fundraiser, the **Broadway Cabaret**, is an opportunity for students to gain experience on stage with a smaller production. No experience is necessary to take part in the production of the Spring Musical or the Fall Cabaret. Anyone can audition.

Auditions for the **Fall Broadway Cabaret** take place during the first quarter. Students who audition must sing a solo of their choice. Auditioning does not guarantee a place in the Cabaret. Rehearsals take place after school. Auditions for the **Spring Musical** take place in the late fall and students are required to sing a solo, participate in a group dance try-out, and perform a monologue of their choice. Auditioning does not guarantee a part in the show. Once the cast list is posted, students will participate in a series of acting workshops prior to actual rehearsals. Official rehearsals for the play will begin in January. Rehearsals are generally 2-3 hours, immediately after school. As the performance dates approach, rehearsals are longer than 3 hours.

The Allderdice Spring Musical is part of the Gene Kelly Awards through the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera (CLO).

### **Travel Club**

The Travel Club is dedicated to expanding the opportunities for global travel to all students. We will meet several times a year to discuss where future trips will be planned, potential lessons around trips, how to publicize, fundraising, and how to connect with community organizations to obtain funds to maximize travelers. We would also like to create cultural activities that tie into the trips that involve food, customs, and other experiences that may be relevant. The goal is to make Allderdice the leader in the city for global travel and to push a more globalized mindset within the building that can be shared around the district.

The club is open to everyone and students can see Mrs. Halloran [mhalloran1@pghschools.org](mailto:mhalloran1@pghschools.org) (Room 387), Ms. Donnelly [mdonnelly1@pghschools.org](mailto:mdonnelly1@pghschools.org) (Room 303), or Mrs. Felton [jfelton1@pghschools.org](mailto:jfelton1@pghschools.org) (Room 308), if they are interested in participating.

### **Vegetable Club**

The club of clubs welcoming vegetables and anyone and everyone. This club meets after school—meetings held as needed for organization in Room 376. See Ms. Price for more information or email [jprice1@pghschools.org](mailto:jprice1@pghschools.org).

### **Young Democrats Club**

The Young Democrats Club is centered around volunteering and informing teens about politics and elections. Club members will learn about current candidates, officials, and events in government. Various guest speakers like campaign managers, elected officials, and candidates will attend meetings, and students will connect to volunteer and intern with local Democratic campaigns. The club meets every other Thursday in room 347, after school until 3:15pm.

### **Youth Law United (YLU)**

This club hopes to bridge the gap between law and youth so that way the youth can learn how the law works. With everything going on in the world, we want to bring the youth closer to law in a good way before they fall in the school-to-prison pipeline. We want the youth to be able to learn about law and all their rights in a healthy and safe space while also having guest speakers, fun activities, and trips to the courthouse to watch it in action. We meet every other Tuesday from 2:45-3:15 in Ms. Grogan's room.