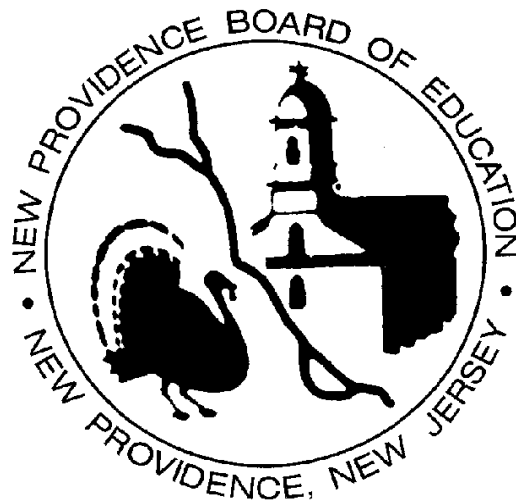


# **NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL**



## **CO – CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2017-2018**

**Amnesty International**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Klein**

Advisor

Amnesty International (AI) is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. AI is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. In our efforts towards preventing and ending grave abuses of human rights, AI meets every other Friday and works on letter writing campaigns, school wide awareness, fundraising and has interaction with other Amnesty High School/College groups

**Color Guard**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Drake**

Advisor (s)

The Color Guard is a function of the Marching Band and consists of members selected by audition only. Color Guard gives students the opportunity to continue to enjoy and benefit from participation in the Sport of the Arts. Students focus on movement of the entire body and develop unique skills in using specialized pieces of equipment such as flag, rifle and saber.

**Culinary Arts Club**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Muraview**

Advisor (s)

Culinary Arts Club is a community and school service club which meets 1 - 2 times a month depending on activities. Social get-togethers are also planned by the membership to prepare and sample recipes after school.

*Community and school service projects* include but are not limited to:

- Pumpkin pie baking for Thanksgiving food baskets
- Preparation and serving of senior citizen dinner
- Preparation of refreshments for school meetings

*Fund raisers*

- Baking and selling Irish soda breads on St. Patrick's Day.

**Environmental Awareness Club**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Klein**

Advisor (s)

The Environmental Awareness Club’s mission is to educate our community concerning local and global environmental issues. The club meets approximately twice a month to discuss and analyze these issues. Readings and videos are used to focus discussions. In addition, student members take action in various community service activities such as recycling projects and maintenance of local natural resources. Club members contact local and national legislators in an attempt to encourage environmentally sound government policies. All high school students are eligible and encouraged to join.

**Fall Play**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Duke**

Advisor (s)

Every year, the fall production is an exciting and challenging opportunity for students who want a first-hand experience of what it takes to make a performance come to life. Alternating between comedies and dramas, the fall show focuses on building individual acting skills, creating a true ensemble of both performers and crew, and exploring a wide range of performance styles. Some memorable past productions include: *Noises Off*, *Triangle Factory Fire*, *Rumors*, *You Can’t Take It With You*, and *Our Town*. Whether onstage or backstage, the fall production is always a highlight of the school year and a fantastic memory for many years to come.

**Fitness Club (Non-Athletic)**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Parlavecchio**

Advisor(s)

This club meets to discuss different facets of physical fitness. Club members will get involved in a variety of activities to promote a healthy lifestyle and remain physically fit.

**Future Civic Leaders**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Hornstein**

Advisor(s)

The Future Civic Leaders Club is an organization that seeks to promote civic awareness and involvement within the high school and throughout the community. This organization meets about once a week to discuss how the club can encourage student facilitated change in our school and local area. The Future Civic Leaders Club sponsored the 2010 Mayoral Debate and will continue to provide a forum for future candidates. Additionally, the club encourages voter registration among eligible students and provides information for the absentee ballot process.

**Graphic Design Club**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Moser**

Advisor(s)

The Graphic Design Club creates commercial artwork, murals, posters, logos, agenda covers, and advertisements for the school and local community, as well as occasional state and national art contests. It provides opportunities for scholarships and recognition, and community service in fundraisers and non-profit organizations.

**Industrial Arts Club**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Russo**

Advisor (s)

The Industrial Arts Club is open to any student who would like to learn some basic woodworking skills while completing a small wood project. The club, also, helps out with community projects and set production for school plays.

The club meets from 1-2 times a month for approximately 1 hour.

**Jazz Band (Stage Band)**

**Mr. Niedziejko**

This musical ensemble is by audition only and involves students playing the following instruments: Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, Keyboards, Guitar and Bass. Students must participate in the band program in one or more of the following to be eligible to participate (or a combination of):

- Concert Band
- Marching Band
- Band Ensemble

Exceptions include instruments not ordinarily contained in the band program such as: Piano, Guitar and Bass.

The Jazz Band performs at all school concerts and some district events, as well as the annual Music Department trip and the annual *In The Mood Dinner Dance* in May.

Name of Activity

Advisor (s)

**Jazz Choir**

Name of Activity

**Ms. Kirkland**

Advisor (s)

Jazz Choir membership is approximately 10 young men and 10 young women (grades 9-12), plus accompanists. Membership is by audition, which is held in June. Members must participate in Women's or Men's choir and must be taking chorus and/or voice class. Singers are expected to attend weekly rehearsals, held every Tuesday evening. Singers in this group have the opportunity to learn and perform challenging vocal jazz and a cappella repertoire, covering a variety of contemporary styles and eras. Students are expected to practice performance repertoire regularly, outside of the weekly rehearsal. The Jazz Choir performs in school concerts, at choral festivals, in the community, and may also perform on Music Department trips.

**Literary Magazine**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. McGraw**

Advisor (s)

The club produces the annual Literary Magazine, *Miscellanea*. Activities include providing writing activities for members who wish to write. Meetings focus on editing and in desk top publishing instruction. During the first half of the year, meetings are usually twice a month. During the second half of the year, meetings are more frequent and mostly on an ad hoc basis as the printing deadline approaches.

**Marching Band**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Niedziejko**

Advisor (s)

This musical/visual ensemble makes up the largest co-curricular group in the school. The marching band includes all students enrolled in band class, as well as students participating in a volunteer capacity. Whether enrolled in band class or not, instrumental students are required to attend lessons during school in the first marking period. The band rehearses Monday and Wednesday evenings and participates in all varsity football games, in addition to the annual New Providence Holiday Walk and the annual New Providence Memorial Day Parade. The band participates in the United States Scholastic Band Association and attends 4 to 5 competitions each season.

**Math Team**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Schaefer**

Advisor (s)

The NPHS Math Team gives students a chance to challenge themselves in mathematics through a variety of local competitions. Some of these include the monthly New Jersey Math League Contest, the AMTNJ Annual Contest and the AMC 10/12 Competition. Students are also given more exposure to the fun side of math by attending such events as Math Day at Montclair State University, Math/Physics Day at Great Adventure and Engineering Career Day at NJIT.

The team meets predominantly on Tuesdays, as needed with extra meetings scheduled as required for the different contests and events.

**Men's Choir**

Name of Activity

**Ms. Kirkland**

Advisor (s)

Men's Choir membership is approximately 20 young men (grades 9-12), plus an accompanist. Membership is by audition, which is held in June. Members of the Men's Choir also participate in the mixed select choir, Chorale. Members must be taking chorus and/or voice class and must attend weekly rehearsals, held every Tuesday evening. Singers in this ensemble have the opportunity to learn and perform challenging men's and mixed choral repertoire that exposes them to a multitude of musical styles, cultures, and time periods. Students are expected to practice performance repertoire regularly, outside of the weekly rehearsal. The Men's Choir and Chorale perform in school concerts, at choral festivals, in the community, and may also perform on Music Department trips.

**Model United Nations Club**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Barnes**

Advisor (s)

The Model United Nations Club is a program designed to introduce students to the operation and structure of the UN. Students will actively participate in conflict resolution, public speaking and coalition building. As part of a mock delegation, each student is given a country to represent and is asked to become an expert on a given topic. Two weekends are scheduled for activities in late November and early January. The club meets once a week until the final competition in early January. The program promotes leadership through character development, while introducing students to a vast array of ideas.

**Music Club**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Briceno**

Advisor

Music Club is open to any interested student in grades 9-12. All musical skill levels are welcome. The purpose of the club is to: 1) encourage expression through music; 2) help expand skill levels in performance and musicianship; 3) encourage student-to-student musical collaboration; 4) serve the community through mentoring and musical performances. The club meets every one to two weeks in the music wing.

**National Art Honor Society**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Celler**

Advisor (s)

- Requirement: must have had an art class, must be doing art currently. Must be a junior or senior, must apply to be considered.
- Fund raisers include running a holiday shop, making crafts (clay, holiday cards, bird cages, etc.) for scholarship.
- Paint murals for the school (cafeteria), create stain glass and ceramic tile mosaics, plus other beautification projects over the years.

**National Honor Society**

Name of Activity

**Ms. Gnudi/ Mrs. Nagle**

Advisor (s)

The National Honor Society is an organization that promotes appropriate recognition of students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of academics, character, leadership and service. Admission is based on criteria established by the National organization and the local chapter. Students are eligible after the first semester of the junior year. Members participate in peer tutoring and other service projects.

**Peer Leadership**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Egnozzi**

Advisor (s)

Peer Leadership is open to Juniors and Seniors. The opening event of the year is the Freshmen Breakfast during which upperclassmen work with the Freshmen to help them feel welcome at New Providence High School. Other activities throughout the year are geared towards making the high school experience a positive one for everyone, and equipping students with the tools necessary for success after high school. Meetings frequency depends upon upcoming events.

**Photography Club**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Jacqueney**

Advisor

The photography journalism club focuses on documenting as many district-wide events throughout the school year. Photography opportunities include but are not limited to athletic games, school plays and musicals, STEM competitions, and character education events. We strive on documenting as much as we can so you, our students, faculty, and community can see all New Providence has to offer.

**Providential**

Name of Activity

**Dr. Hennessey**

Advisor (s)

The Providential is the school newspaper. Students in all grades are welcome to contribute articles and assist in various aspects of production. The Providential is now entirely online and will provide students with experience in producing, editing, and publishing digital content.

**Science Competition Club**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Butterfield / Mr. Pizzo**

Advisor (s)

The Biology Club is involved in 2 annual competitions, the Science Olympiad and the Envirothon. Students from grades 9-12 can participate in a variety of categories for the Olympiad in groups of two. The Envirothon is a group effort, 5 on a team over all of the following areas, forestry, wildlife, aquatics, current events and soils. In addition we go to Princeton twice a year to listen to speakers on a variety of topics. Last year students heard about brain function from an expert and then everyone was allowed to dissect a sheep brain. Our mission this year is to expand our activities to include improving our community and volunteerism. We also plan to add some events based on student interest.

**Spring Musical**  
Name of Activity

**Mr. Duke/Ms. Ditta/Ms. Crockett**  
Advisors

Each spring, special memories are made at NPHS with the production of the spring musical. Students experience the process of putting on a major Broadway show, participating as performers, crew members, and/or orchestra members. Recent musicals have included *Bye Birdie!*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Anything Goes*, and *Into the Woods*. Auditions are held in the fall and are open to all interested students. Prior experience is not necessary. Rehearsals begin in early January and are generally after school on weekdays through the mid-March production. Information is posted on the music wing bulletin boards and on the drama/music teacher websites.

**Stem Club**  
Name of Activity

**Mrs. Moser, Mr. Russo, Mr. Hodroski, Ms. Egnozzi**  
Advisors

The STEM Club is composed of many different competitions that give students opportunities to participate in STEM related challenges. Students compete against other schools and have the chance for achievements on regional, state and national levels.

**Student Council**  
Name of Activity

**Ms. Axt**  
Advisor (s)

The Student Council is a “governing” organization that is run by elected student representatives. We are responsible for planning all-inclusive, school-wide activities (i.e.-fundraisers, dances, etc.). We meet as a whole about twice a month. The executive officers meet three times a month.

**Swingin’ Strings**  
Name of Activity

**Mrs. Briceno**  
Advisor (s)

Swingin’ Strings is an extra-curricular ensemble that meets on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:15 PM every week.

The focus of this ensemble is to perform music that is outside of the standard orchestral literature covered in class. Types of music performed are: Jazz, Fiddle, Broadway, Pop, Movie Music and Swing styles.

There are several performances throughout the year and participation in all of them is mandatory as a member of this ensemble. The performances are: Winter Concert, Jazz Groups to Elementary Schools, Sweets ‘n Strings, In The Mood and Spring Concert. There is usually one trip to the Senior Center - during the school day – at some point in the year.



**Winter Guard**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Iktor**

Advisor (s)

The Winter Guard, or indoor color guard, gives students the opportunity to continue to enjoy and benefit from participation in the Sport of the Arts. This group is by audition only and competes on a regular basis from December through May. Students focus on movement of the entire body and develop unique skills in using specialized pieces of equipment.

**Women’s Choir**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. Kirkland**

Advisor (s)

Women’s Choir membership is approximately 30 young women (grades 9-12), plus an accompanist. Membership is by audition, which is held in June. Members of the Women’s Choir also participate in the mixed select choir, Chorale. Members must be taking chorus and/or voice class and must attend weekly rehearsals, held every Tuesday evening. Singers in this ensemble have the opportunity to learn and perform challenging women’s and mixed choral repertoire that exposes them to a multitude of musical styles, cultures, and time periods. Students are expected to practice performance repertoire regularly, outside of the weekly rehearsal. The Women’s Choir and Chorale perform in school concerts, at choral festivals, in the community, and may also perform on Music Department trips.

**World Language Club**

Name of Activity

**Mrs. DiGirolamo**

Advisor

The World Language Club is open to any student that has a passion for language and culture. It will serve as a focal point for the language honor societies and events such as our cultural exchanges.

**Yearbook**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Klein**

Advisor (s)

All students are welcome to join the Yearbook staff. We meet once a week, but assignments can be completed at home or school. Activities include designing the layout, entering photos and text, proofreading and editing, and photography.

**Youth and Government**

Name of Activity

**Mr. Barnes/ TBA**

Advisor (s)

Students write and sponsor bills/laws to be debated at a conference in Trenton, NJ every April. Youth and Government is an excellent opportunity for students to learn how government works and practice public speaking skills. This club begins in January and ends the first week of April. No meetings until January.