



## Brien McMahon High School Student Organizations

This pamphlet provides an overview of the after-school activities, clubs, and organizations sponsored by Brien McMahon High School. Meeting days and times are posted on bulletin boards and fliers at school. Students should listen closely during the daily school announcements for news relating to after-school programs or club activities. Contact the advisor listed for information.

**African-American Culture Club.** Activities involve research and field study that will result in an appreciation of one's heritage. Advisor: Ms. Pinn – Room 1064

**ANNALES (Yearbook Club)** Design, write and produce the BMHS annual yearbook. Advisor: Mrs. Wolfe-Rm.1121

**Art Club.** Supported by the Art Parents League, students prepare works for shows and community artwork displays. Advisor: Mr. Tate – Room 1125

**Best Buddies.** A mentor program for special needs students. Spend time with learning or physically challenged students to help them feel better included in the school. Advisor: Mrs. Arnold-Rm.1308

**Book Club** A club for girls to meet weekly to discuss books the group is reading. Sponsored by the School-Based Health Center. Advisors: Ms. E. Fahey - Rm.1210

**Building with Books.** An international organization that raises funds to help countries in poverty areas build schools. Advisor: Ms. T.Sullivan-Rm.1275

**Chess Club.** Tournaments and chess matches during December – March. Meets twice per week 2:30-4:00 p.m. Advisor: Mr. Cosmas-Library.

**Cooking Club** – Share international and Asian style cooking skills. Meet monthly in Center for Global Studies.

**Dungeons & Dragons** – Based on the popular video game, this club shares strategies and competitive enjoyment of video games. Ms. Sigmund–CGS Rm 1020.

**Drama Club.** A revitalized parent/student run “All Down Drama” club with the goal of two theatrical plays or musicals. Recent productions include: “The Girl in the Mirror”, “Scapino”, and “Grease”. Advisor: Mr. John Tate – Room 1125

### **FBLA-Future Business Leaders of America**

A national program of entrepreneurship and business training designed to learn skills to run your own company. Advisor: TBD

### **SaGa (Straight Alliance-Gay Alliance)**

A student-run club that promotes tolerance and diversity in school, helping to foster a safe community of mutual respect and understanding for all students. Advisor: Dr. DiPisa

**Health Awareness Club (MHAC)** A student-run organization to raise awareness of health issues with activities that include Red Cross blood drives, food and clothing drives. Advisor: Ms. Peckham

**Literary Magazine** Students have the opportunity to share their writing and artwork with the student body. Advisor: Dr. Flax - Room 1113

**Math Team** Students compete in the national Math League by answering challenging math questions. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays Oct. - April. Advisor: Mrs. Jacques - Room 2078

**Model United Nations.** Learn the procedures of the United Nations and participate in conferences including trip to Washington, D.C. Advisor: Mr. Sommer - Room 2108

**National Honor Society.** Students are inducted (in May of junior year) based upon distinguished records in scholarship, character, service and leadership. Charitable endeavors include volunteer hours at Norwalk soup kitchen. Advisor: Mr. Hofheimer-Rm.2055.

**Operation Smile.** A student-run national organization that raises funds for operations for children with cleft lip and palettes. Ms. Amaker

**Peer Mediation.** Students learn to improve peer relations and communication skills to resolve conflict between students with a training program and on-going follow-up instruction. Advisors: Mr. Castelluzzo, and Mrs. Arnold

**Robotics** – Based on robotic concepts students build devices using computer and electronic concepts. Advisor: Mr. Grillo – Science Computer Lab.

**Science Olympiad** is open to all grades and offers students an opportunity to develop special “science fair-type projects. Ms. Reed/Ms. K.C.

### **Senators’ Marching Band & Color Guard.**

Mr. Ron Secchi, Director. For information: [www.bmhsband.org](http://www.bmhsband.org)

**Student Advisory Council** is comprised of class officers, elected students and teachers, who share the goal of making positive changes at BMHS and in the community. Elections are held for each grade. Class Advisor: Ms. J.Bunce

### **World Language Clubs**

World Language clubs meet after-school every-other week to develop fundraisers and participate in international foster child sponsorships through Christian Children’s Fund, Save the Children, and other community organizations.

**Greek Club:** Ms. A. Stavreau - Room 1042

**Italian Club:** Mrs. R. Leonardi - Room 1057

**Latin Club:** Mrs. Goetz – Room 1041

**World Cultures Club\*:** Ms. Belcher/Vidoli-Rm. 1049  
\*Combines French, Spanish, and German.

The Norwalk Public Schools Guide to Subject Offerings provides information on ROTC and other elective offerings. Refer to the BMHS website for calendar of events and school activities. [www.norwalk.k12.ct.us/bmhs](http://www.norwalk.k12.ct.us/bmhs)

## Center for Youth Leadership

Now in its seventh year at BMHS, the mission is to promote and support youth-led social change in three areas: youth philanthropy, peace education, and youth media. Advisor: Mr. B. Kocienda (203) 296-2188

Programs include:

**Senators' Community Foundation** (SCF) The mission is to prevent child abuse. Executive Committee meetings are held Monday from 5:30-7:00 pm. All member meetings are every other Monday from 7:00-7:30 pm. Activities include grant-making public awareness & advocacy, and volunteer programs with children. Members must apply.

**Peace Project** –The mission is focused on promoting safe schools and communities. Executive Committee meetings are on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm. All member meetings are on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:00 p.m. Activities include action research, public awareness & advocacy, and volunteer programs with children. Membership is capped at 45.

**A Voice in the Crowd.** This cable-access television show is broadcast on Saturdays at 3:00 pm on channel 77. Activities include public awareness and education of social issues and student concerns. Advisor: Mr. Bob Kocienda, Center for Youth Leadership (203) 296-2188

## **The Highlander (School Newspaper)**

A bi-monthly newspaper issued to and edited by students who create their own topics, have their own interviews, write articles and include photography, computers and imagination. Advisor Mr. Kane, room 2049.

**Yearbook Club** – Meets after-school as needed to work on yearbook deadlines, photography, special events, etc. Mrs. Wolfe, room 1121.

Refer to Norwalk Public Schools Athletics Guide for information on athletics.

**Athletic Director: J. Madaffari.** Ext. 11246.

## 2008-09 Special Event Dates:

Homecoming Dance: October 17, 2008

Red-White-Blue Night: November 18, 2008

Junior Prom: May 8, 2009

Senior Prom: May 29, 2009

## Brien McMahon High School Clubs /Activities

### BMHS Clubs/Activities      Faculty Advisor

**Access/Emerging Scholars:** Ms. D. Leeds  
**African-American Culture Club:** Ms. P. Pinn  
**ANNALES** (Yearbook): Mrs. S. Wolfe  
**Best Buddies:** Mrs. A. Arnold  
**Book Club:** Ms. E. Fahey **Chess Club:** Mr. Cosmas  
**Building w/Books:** Mrs. T. Sullivan  
**Center for Youth Leadership-SCF:** Mr. Kocienda  
**CGS Cooking Club:** K Sigmund  
**Dungeons & Dragons:** Ms. K. Sigmund  
**Drama Club:** Mr. Tate **GSA:** Dr. Dipisa/P. Catalano  
**Future Business Leaders of America:** Ms. Pinn  
**Health Awareness:** Ms. Peckham  
**Italian Club:** Mrs. R. Leonard  
**Literary Magazine:** Dr. Louise Flax  
**Marching Band:** Mr. R. Secchi, Director  
**Math Team Club:** Mrs. Jacques  
**Model United Nations (UN):** Mr. P. Sommer  
**National Honor Society:** Mr. S. Hofheimer  
**Operation Smile:** Ms. Amaker  
**Peer Mediation:** Mr. J. Castelluzzo  
**Robotics:** Mr. Grillo  
**Science Olympiad:** Ms. K.C./Ms. Quatrella  
**SENATOR SCENE** (Newspaper): Mr. R. Kane  
**Student Advisory Council: SAC- Class Advisors\***  
**\*BMHS Class Advisors:**  
Grade 12: Mr. R. Ayala/Ms. E. Ahern  
Grade 11: Ms. R. Vingo/Mr. A. Pavia  
Grade 10: Ms. K. Gebler /Mr. P. Bradley  
Grade 9: Ms. S. Peckham/Mr. M. Epstein  
School Store/SAC: Mrs. J. Bunce  
**World Cultures Club:** Ms. Belcher/Vidoli

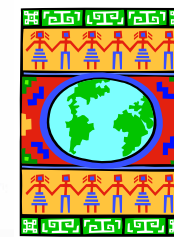
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## **Student Activities Information Guide**

An overview of the after-school activities, clubs, and organizations sponsored by Brien McMahon High School.

For the listing of club advisors, special event dates and school activities, see last page and refer to the website:

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