

American Heritage School Clubs and Organizations

American Heritage Dance Company

Advisor: Mrs. Christina Wright-Ballard

The American Heritage Dance Company consists of on-going, sequential, skill-level courses designed to prepare students for careers as professional dancers. The curriculum combines classroom learning with performance opportunities. As in all theatrical dance programs, the basis of the dance curriculum is classical ballet, but students also gain proficiency in modern dance, jazz, tap, choreography, and numerous other forms of dance.

Prerequisites: Prior dance training and auditions

Meetings: 8th Period and after school as announced

Astronomy Club

Advisors: Mr. Barry Press, Mrs. Jennifer Page

Current and historical astronomy events and their impacts are discussed. The club promotes interest and education in astronomy. Monthly viewings of stars, planets, and the moon allow everyone the opportunity to learn to use telescopes, and club allows a forum for discussion of historical and present astronomical and space research.

Prerequisites: Interest in astronomy

Meetings: Bi-weekly after school in room 8203

Black, Gold, and Green

Advisor: Mrs. Jennifer Page

Black, Green, and Gold is a student run and founded organization that encourages and promotes a “green” AHS campus. Some activities include recycling, guest speakers, and selling environmentally safe home products.

Prerequisites: Interest in the environment

Meetings: Alternating Fridays in room 8203

Best Buddies

Advisor: Mrs. MaryAnne Hurtado

Best Buddies is an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. The students act as buddies to appropriate community participants.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Thursday @ 3:40 in room 2203

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CanTeens

Advisor: Mrs. Natalie Cashman

CanTeens is a student run service organization making a difference by creating partnerships with local food banks to end hunger in our community. CanTeens' members volunteer at food banks and soup kitchens, create campaigns to collect food and donations to support our local food banks, and work hard to create awareness among teens about the hunger problem in our community and the resources available to those in need.

Prerequisites: Committed involvement

Meetings: As needed

Chorus

Advisor: Ms. Nina VanDerhoof

Chorus is a performing group, which travels throughout the local community as well as throughout and outside the state of Florida.

Prerequisites: Must be a member of a choral class

Meetings: As needed

Dance Ensemble

Advisors: Ms. Christina Wright-Ballard, Ms. Leake

The American Heritage Dance Ensemble is a performance-based group. During rehearsals the dancers mount pieces that will be performed through out the school year. The styles of dance include classical ballet, ballroom, modern, jazz, tap, and hip-hop. The extreme discipline and focus that students learn to master in dance will translate into success in numerous other areas of study.

Prerequisites: Prior dance training and auditions

Meetings: Fridays 3:30-5:00

Ecology Club

Advisor: Mrs. Jennifer Sherman

The club works in the community to clean up local parks and beaches in an effort to make a better place. The Ecology group also contributes funds from various projects to help homeless animals in the community. Guest speakers and field trips allow the students to be more aware of ecological and animal rights' issues in the community and the world.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every other Tuesday in room 9207

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Engineering/Robotics Club

Advisor: Mrs. Nancy McFadden

The Engineering club promotes and recognizes the interests in all fields of science, especially engineering and technology, with an emphasis on practical applications. The club provides an introduction to the technical sciences. Members compete in nationally recognized robotics competitions.

Prerequisites: A love of engineering

Meetings: Room 9203, 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month

FBLA

Advisor: Ms. Maria Molina

FBLA promotes competent, aggressive business leadership, an understanding of the American business enterprise, helps establish career goals, encourages scholarship, promotes sound financial management, develops character and self-confidence, and helps facilitate a smooth transition from the academic world to work world.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Room 7122, Mondays

FCA

Advisor: Mrs. Kay Walker

The club is made up of coaches and athletes who wish to better the world through fundraisers, collections, canned food drives, and neighborhood clean-ups. A spiritual and giving attitude is stressed at all levels of daily interaction.

Prerequisites: Must be a coach or athlete

Meetings: 6:15 every Tuesday in the Field House

First Priority

Advisors: Ms. Carolyn Gonano, Mrs. Diana Wallach

The club wishes to provide interdenominational fellowship for students who desire to put God first in their lives. In November the club fills shoeboxes with dollar store items for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes are sent overseas for children who never receive holiday gifts.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every Friday in room 7206 @ 3:00

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Florida Junior Academy of Sciences Club

Advisor: Dr. Charles Golden

This science group meets to discuss science research activities and prepare for the annual FJAS symposium in March. Traditional activities are the Broward County Science Fair, the JSEHS, and the Florida State Science Fair.

Prerequisites: Participation in the county and state science competition

Meetings: Thursday at 3:00

French Honor Society (Societe Honoraire de Francais)

Advisors: Mme. Joan Mapes, Mme. Diana Wallach

The club fosters a knowledge of and appreciation for the French language and culture. Friday morning croissant sales support Medecins Sans Frontieres. The club members also act as peer tutors.

Prerequisites: Three semesters of French with a 90% or better average

Meetings: 3:15 in room 7212 every other Wednesday

Heritage Ambassadors

Advisors: Ms. Kari Topel, Ms. Melissa Becerra

Heritage Ambassadors is a student organization, which helps new members of the Heritage community adjust to the campus. Ambassadors extend a welcome phone call to new students and take them to their new classes during the first few days of attendance. The Ambassadors then make themselves available to the new students as needed.

Prerequisites: "B" student and a current member of an AHS club

Meetings: As needed

Heritage Singers

Advisor: Mr. Moccia

These performers are the musical ambassadors for the junior high. Each year, they compete in FVA Choral, Ensemble, and Solo Festivals. They also sing in the Winter Concert, Spring Concert, AHS Fine Arts Festival, and the AHS Elementary Recruitment.

Prerequisites: Approval by advisor

Meetings: As called in the chorus room

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Heritage Speech and Debate

Advisors: Mrs. Yvonne Palmer, Mr. David Childree

The Speech and Debate Team offers students the opportunity to compete in a variety of speech and debate activities that focus on argument, public speaking, politics, current events, creative writing, improvisational speaking, acting, and congressional debate. Team members compete in interscholastic tournaments at the local, state, and national levels. Students are welcome to try different types of debate and compete in more than one type during the year.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Practices are held Mondays and Tuesdays after school in room 9111.

Junior High Chorus

Advisor: Mr. JohnPaul Moccia

The Junior High Chorus is a performing group. The ultimate goal is the FVA District competition.

Prerequisites: Audition needed

Meetings: 9th Hour class every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Junior High Student Government

Advisors: Mrs. Idania Robles, Ms. Veronica Silvera

The JHSGA helps organize the annual homecoming activities each year. They also hold raffles and collect for the needy. The club also schedules several social outings for grades 7-8 each year.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every Thursday in room 8211

Junior Thespians

Advisors: Mr. Brian Lovejoy, Mr. JohnPaul Moccia

Junior Thespians is a society that honors and encourages excellence in drama. Students earn points toward membership in the International Thespian Society by participating in theatrical events. Students participate in District and State Festivals by performing and viewing other students' performances.

Prerequisites: Must be in grades 6-8

Meeting-Every first Wednesday of the month in room 3203 from 3:30-4:30

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Key Club

Advisor: Mrs. Natalie Cashman

Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students all around the world. The club's incentive is to teach leadership through serving others in the community. Key Club tries to offer a range of service opportunities to members throughout the year by helping the environment, servicing the elderly, raising money for different organizations, participating in races, donating books and supplies to underprivileged schools, and much more.

Prerequisites: Love for the community

Meetings: Every other Tuesday at 3:15 in room 3218

Make a Wish

Advisor: Ms. Carol Krauss

The AHS Make a Wish Chapter is a division of the South Florida Make a Wish. The club raises money to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. The students raise money through raffles and bake sales.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: As needed in room 8210

Marine Biology Club

Advisor: Mrs. Connie Versteeg

The club's goal is to promote interest and provide an educational atmosphere for students interested in marine life with a goal of allowing and encouraging students to expand their knowledge of the ocean and its valuable resources while supporting conservation efforts.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: In room 8201 every other Monday

Model UN Club

Advisor: Mrs. Sharon Cooper

The Model UN Club allows students to learn about international relations and gain a better sense of the world they live in on a global level. Members travel yearly to the UN in New York City for competitions.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: In room 8205 every Thursday at 3:05

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Modern Language Club

Advisor: Ms. Carolyn Gonano

The purpose of the club is for students to share multicultural experiences in ethnic restaurants. The club has monthly outings to area restaurants. Also, they sponsor a Colombian orphan through fundraising activities such as bake sales and candy sales.

Prerequisites: Must be taking a foreign language class at AHS

Meetings: One Wednesday per a month in room 7206 @ 3:00

Mu Alpha Theta

Advisor: Mr. Rick Rovere

This math club trains to compete in state and national competitions. Tests and labs are given at meetings to prepare the students.

Prerequisites: Recommendation from current Honor's Math teacher

Meetings: Second Thursday of each month in room 2201 at 3: 15

Multicultural Club

Advisor: Ms. Leya Mathew

This community service club focuses on raising money for Doctors Without Borders. The club also acts as a forum for students to discuss issues from around the world with an emphasis on studying different cultures. The club participates in the annual Spring Fling and Multicultural Fair.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: In room 9210 every Thursday at 3:00

National Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Mary Louise Papa

This Honor Society for 10-12th grade is driven by the community's needs. Each year the students participate in blood drives, Trunk or Treat, Relay for Life, Angel Tree, Peer tutoring, and mentoring at the local Boys and Girls Club. The club prides itself as one of the most active and giving organizations on the AHS campus.

Prerequisites: 4.3 GPA, 60 community service hours, and faculty approval

Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7 a.m. in the library

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National Junior Honor Society

Advisors: Ms. Diana Adams, Mrs. Carol Cabrera

NJHS strives to promote scholarship, render service to the school and community, promote leadership, and develop character within its members. Some events the club sponsors are birthday balloon sales, canned food drives, flower sales, Friday pizza sales, and a leukemia fundraiser.

Prerequisites: 4.3 GPA, 50 community service hours, and faculty approval

Meetings: In room 9114 every other Tuesday at 7:00 a.m.

One Planet United

Advisor: Mrs. Natalie Cashman

OPU is dedicated to embracing diversity, promoting unity, and creating community on the school campus and beyond. With events such as the International Day of Peace Assembly- where students attend a celebration of global cease-fire made-up of dance, drama, and music performances- the club seeks to educate everyone on campus, not just its members. In addition, OPU chooses to help the homeless of Broward County through its annual shoe drives and hygiene drives. The club hopes to make a difference in the world, one high school at a time.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every Monday in room 3218

Photography and Film Club

Advisors: Mr. Matthew, Ms. Deborah Brock

The club wishes to promote and recognize film and photography. Fundraisers such as note card sales help to provide workshops, demonstrations, and film viewings.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: As announced in room 3130 after school

Potter's Guild

Advisor: Ms. Shannon Calhoun

The guild enhances the understanding of ceramics to provide an environment of exploration in the area of ceramics. After school class in glass fusing and jewelry making are offered.

Prerequisites: None

Meeting: Wednesday after school in room 3129, workshops announced

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Pre-Law Society

Advisor: Dr. Nikki Laurie

The Pre-Law society allows students to gain an understanding of the American legal system and the workings of our courts. Members experience guest lectures from judges and practicing attorneys. In addition, members raise awareness and donations for former prisoners exonerated by DNA evidence.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every other Wednesday in room 8205 at 3:15

Pre-Med Society

Advisors: Dr. Doug Laurie, Dr. Carlos Pulido

The Pre-Med Society is for students with a true interest in the medical professions and public service. Activities include lectures by professionals of different specialties from the medical field, holiday parties for patients of the pediatric hematology/oncology unit at Broward General Hospital, and fundraising through a school sponsored 5K.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every other Tuesday in the library at 3:10

Quill and Scroll

Advisor: Ms. Diana Adams

This honor society encourages individual initiative in high school journalism, creative writing, and allied fields. It also wishes to recognize and reward the individual achievements of students engaged in journalistic activity.

Prerequisites: Nomination by journalism faculty, junior or senior class member, upper third of the class in general scholarship

Meetings: Mondays at 7:15 in room 9114

Relay for Life

Advisor: Ms. Kari Topel

Relay for Life wants students who like to walk for a good cause! The club participates in area foundation walks such as the 5K-cancer walk. The group also holds bake sales and car washes to raise money for the sick.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: First Monday of each month in room 7123

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Senior Thespians

Advisors: Mr. Jim Usher, Mr. Michael Tavernia, and Ms. Christina Wright-Ballard

Senior Thespians gives students an opportunity to explore their creative outlets in various ways through competitions. An actor, singer, dancer, designer, playwright, or theater business person all have the opportunity to explore their craft and measure their success at a local, district, and state levels.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: As called

Spanish Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Carolyn Gonano

The purpose of this society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish by students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies. The club sponsors the National Spanish Exam contest and tutors Lower School students.

Prerequisite: At least a sophomore with an A average for three consecutive semesters who have a minimum of six conduct points

Meetings: Three times per year or on a as needed basis

Student Government Association

Advisor: Mrs. Sam Levine

SGA members promote school spirit while developing leadership skills. The group organizes the annual week of Homecoming activities in the fall . In the spring, the club produces the school talent show.

Prerequisite: 9th-12th graders

Meetings: Wednesday at 3:10 in room 8216

Symphony Orchestra

Advisor: Mrs. Ellen Ways

The orchestra puts on several performances during the school year. They also compete at various local, district, and state competitions.

Prerequisite: Requires for Upper School Strings, teacher recommendation for Upper School winds, brass, and percussion

Meetings: Three consecutive Wednesdays prior to each concert

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Teenage Republicans

Advisor: Mrs. Natalie Cashman

The Teenage Republicans is a national, youth-led organization challenging teens to become involved in their local, state, and national political process. TARS across the nation sway elections, gain first-hand knowledge of the political process, develop leadership skills, and perform community service acts in their community.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every other Thursday in room 3218 at 3: 15

Tri-M

Advisor: Ms. Kim Imerbsin

Tri-M is the international honor society recognizing secondary music students for their musical ability, academic excellence, school involvement, and community service.

Prerequisites: Faculty approval

Meetings: As announced

Young Democrats Club

Advisor: Mr. Mark Gruskin

The club discusses and debates political issues that involve the Democratic party, analyzes the Democratic platform and all political issues, discusses current events in politics, and mobilizes in support of the Democratic party.

Prerequisites: None

Meetings: Every other Wednesday from 3:10 in room 8204