

BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

A co-curricular activities program can be a vital part of a student's learning experience. We provide many and varied programs designed to contribute to the enjoyment of your life at Bethel Park High School as well as provide a meaningful supplement to your growth and development. Available programs cover a wide spectrum of interests with many having a direct connection to the academic curriculum. We hope you will realize the benefits that can be derived from the various activities and choose to become a part of our co-curricular program.

The following list is intended to give you an idea of just what activities are available to you. Additional information on these activities is often given in the morning announcements, in the daily bulletins and on bulletin boards. In addition, questions can always be answered in the Activities Center in Building Four. Read through the list. Pick something that interests you. Give it a try. You can always change your mind.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*Your time at Bethel Park High School can be the best four years of your life. It is up to **you** to make the decision and take the first step. Each year there is a wide array of co-curricular activities for each Bethel Park student. The Student Government Association has assembled this booklet to introduce these opportunities to you. We strongly encourage you to give at least one of them a try. Co-curricular activities add excitement and adventure, new friends and fun times, grand experiences and life lessons to your high school career. And there are many to choose from, covering almost any interest. We challenge you to learn more about these activities, go to a meeting, talk to a friend, teacher, or advisor, or simply stop by the Activities Center and we would be happy to assist you in choosing the right co-curricular activity. We hope you will read this booklet and strongly consider taking the first step in making your high school years the best they can be. Good Luck!*

BP Student Government

P. S. Colleges like to see a well rounded student who is interested in co-curricular activities.

ART CLUB

The Art Club is primarily a service organization which takes care of the artistic needs of the high school and the surrounding community. There are ample opportunities for advanced projects, art appreciation, and fellowship not always available to regular art classes. Art Club students also help each year with the Fall Play and Spring Musical by designing and painting the backdrops and sets. Students may join at any time.

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MARCHING BAND

The Bethel Park Marching Band is an excellent way for music loving students to show off their talents, meet new people and create lasting friendships, and learn discipline and life's skills necessary for future success. Marching Band begins in mid-August at Band Camp, performing throughout the year at Half Time Shows, Band Festivals, Steelers Games and special performances. In May, the Band travels to compete at the national level. All students entering grades 10, 11, or 12 are invited to learn more about the Marching Band.

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MAJORETTES

The Majorettes are an important component of the Marching Band. They perform challenging and creative dance, drill, and baton routines while cheering on the Band and Bethel Park sports teams. The Majorettes also entertain the community in parades and special presentations at the high school. Try-outs are held in the spring for students in grades 9, 10, and 11.

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MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS

This annual event uses student talent to perform a Broadway musical. Auditions for this theatrical event are held in January and are open to all interested students. Bethel Park musicals provide opportunities for students to become involved in the areas of singing, acting, playing in the orchestra, art club, stage crew, make-up, costumes, set construction, stage lighting, sound, and dance. All students are welcome.

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FALL PLAY --THEATER ARTS PRODUCTIONS

The Fall Play is an opportunity for students interested in the theater and in performing on stage. Each year Bethel Park students work diligently in preparing a first-class play that both the community and fellow classmates enjoy. Auditions are open to all in late fall.

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DRAMA CLUB

Here is an organization for students who are interested in the theater and in performing on stage. This organization specifically caters to those students who have an avid interest in theater. Meetings generally consist of a variety of theater games and improvisation exercises, with special emphasis on student generated projects. This fun filled activity is designed to promote the potential and abilities of our creative talent. Students will participate in the year-end variety show which features the talents of Bethel Park students. All students are invited.

"The theater is irresistible, organize the theater!" Matthew Arnold

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MATH CLUB

This club offers students who enjoy math to take their learning one step further. Students are involved in problem solving in preparation for regional and state competitions. All students are invited. See Mrs. Pfeuffer for information.

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COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club allows students to learn how to use current computer technology. Anyone who is computer literate can still learn of new technology and ideas from the Computer Club. Those who have no idea how to use a computer can learn this skill in an informal manner which can also be fun. All students are invited.

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CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club offers Bethel Park students an enjoyable time, sharing in the excitement of the game of chess. Students learn and develop strategy for competitive chess while meeting other students with similar interests.

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PJAS SCIENCE CLUB

A club for those students who are interested in science beyond the science classroom. Students will be provided the opportunity to enter competition at the regional and state levels. A popular competition for science club members is the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science regional and state tournaments, but there are a variety of arenas for students to contribute their experiments and investigations. All students are welcome.

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JUNIOR ENGINEERS

The goal of this organization is to promote better understanding of science and engineering and their relationship to society. To obtain first-hand knowledge of how engineers work, there are field trips to various places. The Junior Engineers sponsor the Pennsylvania Science Olympiad where teams from the high school and middle school compete in events that encompass all branches of science and math at the local level to qualify for state competition.

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FCCLA -- FAMILY, CAREER, & COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

A nonprofit student organization that develops leaders while addressing personal, work, family and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. The club focuses on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader. Members develop skills through leadership; creative and critical thinking; interpersonal communications; practical knowledge; and career preparation.

FCCLA meets once-a-week. Members can participate in workshops at the regional conference and compete in various areas at the state and national level. Any student can participate in grades 9 - 12. The club also focuses on a variety of community service projects.

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D.E.C.A. -- DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA AN ASSOCIATION OF MARKETING STUDENTS

Participation in DECA is a must if you are interested in majoring in marketing or business in college! An international organization, DECA helps students to develop skills for successful business careers, build self-esteem, experience leadership and practice community service. As a DECA member you will create friendships at annual District, State and International Competitions, while also building a resume that will put you at the top of the college and job application list! Competitions allow you to put your marketing, problem solving, writing and presentation skills on display. This program is open to students in grades 9 – 12 who are enrolled in a Marketing Course at BPHS.

Sponsor: Emily Smoller, Building 3 -- Room 3108
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GERMAN CLUB

The German Club provides opportunities for BPHS students of German to increase their understanding of the German language and culture through extra-curricular activities that are intended to promote German as a true means of communication. The club participates in a number of annual German language competitions in and around the Pittsburgh area, attends local German events and sponsors the BPHS chapter of the Delta Epsilon Phi German National Honor Society. The club also strives to create friendship, solidarity and enthusiasm among those Bethel Park students who intend to pursue their study of German beyond the high school level. All German III, German IV and German V students are welcome. Membership for German 1 and German II students is by invitation only.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE CLUB

This is an excellent opportunity for students who wish to study their particular language in another country. This club offers qualified students the opportunity to live overseas, experience the culture firsthand, and polish language skills. All students are invited.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

The Foreign Language Club takes language studies one step further by offering opportunities to practice one's language through games, activities and movies. The culture of countries where our languages are spoken can be explored in numerous ways – sampling their foods, viewing their films, etc... As global citizens students can choose to raise awareness about countries whose languages we study; i.e. Haiti, Costa Rica, etc. With approval, students can choose to give aid to countries in need through various fundraisers.

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FORENSICS

This team is one of Bethel Park's finest and most successful activities. The team holds membership in two national and one state league. As members of the National Forensic League, the speech and debate honor society, CFL and the Pennsylvania High School Speech League students have the opportunity to compete on the district, state and national levels in various speech and debate activities. Successful students have competed throughout the United States where they have polished their speaking skills, visited unbelievable natural and historical sights and formed lasting friendships.

Forensics is a rewarding co-curricular activity to traditional history and English classes. If you like acting or drama you can compete in a number of speech (IE) events. IE events include interpretation of Prose/Poetry, or perform cuttings from Dramatic/Humorous plays. Students involved in following current events and the world scene may compete in Extemporaneous Speaking; others may have "something to say" and perform in Original Oratory.

Debate events are varied. There are team events such as Cross-Examination (Policy), Public Forum or Parliamentary. Individual debate events include Lincoln-Douglas and Legislative (Student Congress).

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NHS -- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Please encourage your son/daughter to become a member and a leader of the National Honor Society. National Honor Society is a community service based organization that prides itself on doing things for others. There are many opportunities to develop a community service project(s) and recruit other NHS members or high school students. This way a student can experience leadership and help those in need as well.

The requirements for the NHS are as follows:

All Inductees beginning with the Sophomore Year--after the first completed semester-- must maintain a 3.85 QPA and must maintain these requirements to enter or stay in NHS. All members (even inductees) must have a minimum of 35 community service hours. The year for these service hours and QPA runs between inductions (for example, the "sophomore year" runs from 4th quarter during freshman year to the end of the 3rd quarter of their sophomore year).

Potential members must also demonstrate character and leadership on the application.

Current members will promote requirements during the school year via history classes.

***NHS** is involved in many activities throughout the school year. Some of the fun activities you could become involved in through NHS are: Winter Formal - Muffin Sales - Community service activities (ex. Habitat for Humanity, Trick or Treat for UNICEF, and Bethlehem Haven) -Courtyard Decoration.*

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NHS -- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Hawks for Habitat is the Bethel Park High School Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is an internationally recognized non-profit organization that helps to improve the quality of life through their numerous community service projects worldwide. We are the first public high school in our area to be granted permission to have a Habitat for Humanity campus chapter. As a campus chapter, we help on current building projects in areas nearby and can supervise our own projects in our community. Our primary focus is to help improve the community through our different projects.

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SGA - STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

One hundred and thirty members strong, SGA is a student run organization representing the view of the student body and promoting good relations between students, faculty, and administration. SGA also makes a special effort to reach out to the community. The Bethel Park SGA is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils and has a nationwide long standing career of excellence. SGA is divided into the House of Representatives and the Senate guided by an Executive Board. All SGA Executive Board Officers are trained at PASC Leadership Workshops over the summer to ensure the best possible Student Government. In addition to elected offices, students may become involved in committees or apply for Rep at Large status. This organization proves to be one of the most rewarding opportunities on campus. There are always many opportunities to get involved in SGA.

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WAYS AND MEANS

Each class has a ways and means organization under the direction of the class principal, class advisor, and class officers. These groups are in charge of planning, organizing, and carrying out the various activities of each class under the direction of the officers. Ways & Means organize activities that help raise money for Prom, interactive class activities. Each class represents some of the hardest working and most dedicated students in the school. All students are invited.

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*Sophomore Class of 2014 – Shelley Dowling #3 – Room 3007
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*Freshman Class of 2011 – Tracy Schuster- Building 2 -- Room 2119
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HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

Homecoming Week at Bethel Park is an annual fall event that provides fun opportunities for hundreds of students as well as entertainment for the alumni and the community. Activities include: special awards, float building, Powder Puff Football, Homecoming King and Queen, the Homecoming Dance, Parade, Tailgate, and many other related events. Homecoming is an excellent way for incoming freshmen to get involved in High School early on. Students may use their talents in an array of areas and sub committees that come together during Homecoming Week. All students are encouraged to take part in some way.

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STAGE CREW

Students involved in this activity are trained in all aspect of the operation of an auditorium and will be an integral part of any activities or performances using the school auditorium. Crew provides for numerous ACTIVITIES throughout the year including Fall Play, the Spring Musical, and Telerama. All students are invited.

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INTERACT CLUB

Interact is a community service organization that is affiliated with the Bethel Park Rotary. It is open to all students (9 – 12) who are interested in serving others. Each year we complete at least two projects: one local and one international in nature. Every year we coordinate a food drive that benefits SHIM before Thanksgiving. Our international projects have included supporting polio eradication and supplying clean water filters in third world countries. We have also worked with retirement communities, food banks, and Special Olympics. Our fundraising efforts are varied and fun; for example, last year, teachers dressed up as leprechauns in our efforts to raise money for water filters.

*Sponsor Matthew Kallis Building 3
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LITERARY MAGAZINE—VERNISSAGE

Vernissage, the Senior High Literary Magazine, offers creative writers and artists opportunities to create, to design, and to publish their writing. Staff members need a strong interest in thinking imaginatively, and in developing the ability to recognize artistic and creative writing. Vernissage is a once-a-year publication that requires year round work to collect, edit, and publish student created submissions. Short stories, poetry, and artwork are all published and printed in the annual edition. Students in the high school contribute submissions to our staff, who then work to evaluate the works and to select the best for publication. Only those who are serious about creativity and imaginative thinking, as well as providing exposure for Bethel Park's Creative students should participate in this activity.

Sponsor Ms. Leigh Ann Totty Building 4 -- Room 4115
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NEWSPAPER

Hawk Eye: *The Online Student News of Bethel Park High School*

For the latest happenings at Bethel Park High School, Hawk Eye, the online student news of Bethel Park High School, is your source! Hawk Eye provides students interested in communications careers practical experience and an audience for their work. Journalism offers all students the chance to develop their skills in reporting, writing, and producing. Students work as a team, filling roles of reporters, columnists, photographers, videographers, and editors, producing online news.

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THE BEACON YEARBOOK

The Beacon Yearbook club is responsible for creating, advertising and selling the Beacon Yearbook. Students' work very hard taking photographs, organizing photographs, and editing photographs. Students' also spend countless hours creating the graphic layout of the cover and page designs. Club members are also responsible for the journalism aspects of all things covered in the yearbook. Finally, the club advertises, sells and distributes the Beacon at the end of the year.

Sponsor Jim Melnik Building 5 – Room 5109

Beacon Yearbook Advisor

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TALENT SHOW—TELERAMA

The Telerama show is an opportunity for all students to demonstrate their talents whether it be musical, singing, dancing, instrumental, or comedic. It is also a chance for more than a few students to take on leadership roles as an Emcee or a Student Director. All students are invited.

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USHERS CLUB

The members of the ushers club assist for various school sponsored events. They include, but are not limited to the Play, Musical and Telerama. All students are invited.

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L.E.A.P.--BETHEL PARK LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program is a ten-week course offered yearly, running from mid-January to mid-March. L.E.A.P. is a cooperative effort by the Bethel Park Police Department and the Bethel Park School District. L.E.A.P. is open to Bethel Park juniors and seniors that have an interest in learning more about a law enforcement career. The program exposes the students to the operations of the police department and the criminal justice system. Courses of instruction presented by Bethel Park Officers and by guest speakers from other criminal justice agencies include but are not limited to:

*Crimes Code
Investigations
K-9
Vehicle Code
Drug Investigations*

*Patrol Procedures
Local Ordinances
First Aid
Accident Investigation
Alcohol Offenses*

Field trips to locations such as: U.S. Marshals Office, Allegheny County Police Academy, Allegheny County Morgue, Allegheny County Jail, Allegheny County Courthouse, and the Pittsburgh FBI Offices are part of the program. L.E.A.P. students are also offered the opportunity to experience a ride-along with an officer of the Bethel Park Police Department. Students interested in enrolling in the program can obtain an application in the Guidance Office.

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ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE SPORTS CONTACT THE ATHLETIC OFFICE IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

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The interscholastic sports program consists of twenty eight (28) varsity teams, nineteen (19) junior varsity teams, nine (9) junior high teams and eight (8) middle school programs. All of these groups compete in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). The local district of the PIAA that our school competes in is District 7, commonly known as the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League or (WPIAL).

Baseball: This spring sport is offered for boys and is comprised of Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.

Basketball: This winter sport is offered to 7th/8th grade girls and boys, Freshman girls and boys, Junior Varsity boys and girls, and Varsity boys and girls.

Cheerleading: This sport has teams at the 8th grade level, 9th grade level as well as the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

Cross Country: This fall sport is offered to both boys and girls at the 7th/8th grade level and at the Varsity level.

Diving: This winter sport is offered to boys and girls at the Varsity level.

Football: This fall sport, which begins approximately two weeks prior to the start of the school year, is offered at the 7th/8th/9th grade levels, as well as Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

Golf: This fall season sport is offered to boys and girls at the Junior Varsity and Varsity level.

Lacrosse: This spring sport is offered through the school for boys and girls in grades 9-12 and consists of Junior Varsity and Varsity teams for both boys and girls.

Rifle: In the winter, rifle is offered at the Junior Varsity and Varsity level for both boys and girls.

Softball: This spring sport is available for girls and is offered to 7th/8th graders as well as the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

Soccer: In the fall, soccer is offered to girls at the 7th/8th, Junior Varsity and Varsity levels. Soccer is offered to boys at the Jr. High Level (7-9), Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

Swimming: For students at the middle school level, swimming is offered in the fall to both 7th/8th grade boys and girls. Swimming is offered in the winter to both boys and girls at the Varsity level.

Tennis: Tennis is a fall sport for the girls at the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

This sport is a spring sport for the boys at the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

Track: In the winter, an indoor track program is offered to both boys and girls at the Varsity level. In the spring, both boys and girls are offered outdoor track at the Middle School and Varsity levels.

Volleyball: The fall is the girls' season for competition at the Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity levels. The Freshman girls' volleyball team is hosted during the winter/spring season.

The spring season is when boys' volleyball is offered to students at the Middle School, Junior Varsity and Varsity levels.

Wrestling: Wrestling is offered as a winter sport and includes teams at the Jr. High level as well as at the Varsity level.

Club Sports: Ice Hockey (late fall to early spring)

In-Line Roller Hockey (winter)

Boys' Fencing (all year)

Girls' Fencing (all year)

Crew (fall & spring)

Girls' Slow Pitch Softball (fall)

Intramurals: Intramural tournaments are sponsored by various school organizations (i.e. Student Government, National Honors Society, etc.) throughout the school year. Information regarding these special events will be communicated through the home room period. Various activities could include, but are not limited to, Badminton, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and Powder Puff Football. For additional information contact the Activities Office in High School Building #4.