



MAPLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL
EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES



Welcome to Maple Hill High School

Student involvement helps create a very well rounded and informed individual. Colleges look for more than just academics. They want to see involvement in extracurricular activities. Maple Hill High School offers a number of activities during the school year for all students to take advantage of.

Class Advisors

Class of 2018 - Ms. Nichols & Ms. Egan

Class of 2019 - Ms. Nichols & Mrs. Castle

Class Of 2020 - Mrs. Delaney-Nalewjka & Mrs. Castle

Class of 2021 – Mr. Finney/Ms. Smith

Every Maple Hill student is a member of his or her grade level or class. Four Class Officers are elected each fall to help organize and communicate necessary information to class members. The class works to build cohesiveness against other classes during Spirit Week and SPUD week each year as well as strengthening the bonds within each class. Many fundraising opportunities are available to the different classes at yearly events, concession stands, class t-shirts and class sponsored social activities. Students earn money to be able to sponsor the Junior Senior Prom, the senior trip and other senior sponsored activities. Come and bring your ideas to the table of what social and recreational activities to have at MHHS.

Sports

Tennis Varsity	Boys & Girls
Soccer JV/Varsity	Boys & Girls
Cross Country Varsity	Boys & Girls
Volleyball JV/Varsity	Girls
Basketball JV/ Varsity	Boys & Girls
Softball JV/Varsity	Girls
Baseball JV/Varsity	Boys
Track & Field Varsity	Boys & Girls
Wrestling Varsity	Boys
Lacrosse Varsity	Boys
Bowling Varsity	Boys & Girls

Student Council

Advisor: Mr. Hanrahan

The purpose of Student Council is to have members of the student body be the voice for students in the school. Any student can be a member of Student Council. Student Council has meetings to discuss school policies, promote school spirit, and find ways to be actively involved in the school community. Student Council sponsors the back to School Dance, Spirit Week, Bonfire, Eat Your Heart Out Contest, Food Drives, and other events throughout the year. There are several elected positions in Student Council, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

SADD

Advisor: Mrs. Delaney-Nalewjka

SADD is a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions; particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide. The purpose of Students Against Destructive Decisions is to heighten awareness and inform, educate, support and empower young people to make positive decisions and choices in their lives. SADD members meet twice a month where they plan for activities for the upcoming months. SADD sponsors the annual Snow Ball, After Prom Party and Pre-Prom activities, and the All Night Party which is held every other year.

Key Club

Advisor: *Mrs. VanVliet*

Key club is dedicated to providing community service opportunities for our members. We pride ourselves in lending a helping hand to our school and local community. Our club also provides leadership opportunities via club offices and committee leaders. Some of our annual and past activities include: Adopt-a-Highway, Bell for Life, a senior citizen prom, and various fund-raising activities for charitable organizations.

National Honor Society

Advisor: *Mrs. Archer/Ms. Egan*

The purpose of National Honor Society is to reach out to the local and global community to aid or support many causes. Juniors and Seniors that are academically eligible may submit an activity form and essay in order to be considered for membership. A council of faculty members reviews the activity forms and selects the members on the basis of each student's scholarship, leadership, service and character. There is a fall and spring evaluation period., NHS assisted in the Ride for Missing Children, sponsored two Red Cross Bloodmobiles, shopped for a family through the Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas, and worked doing clean-up for Equinox at Thanksgiving. NHS also sponsored the Halloween Dance and Spring Fling and our members offer tutoring services for underclassmen.

Newspaper

Advisor: *Ms. Flood*

The Newspaper staff publishes eight issues each school year. The Newspaper consists of articles, reviews, surveys or interviews by the Roving Reporters. There are about 10 staff members. Additional positions include: Editor, Literary Editor, Technical Editor, Sports Editor, and Advertising Correspondent. The club is open to all who wish to join.

Media Club

Advisor:

If you love hands-on technology, then Media Club is perfect for you! The media staff has many opportunities to work with all sorts of audio visual equipment; including but not limited to televisions, DVD players, overhead projectors, video cameras, microphones, amp's, light boards, and sound boards. The staff assists in setting up and running school and community assemblies, concerts, and presentations. The Media Club is also in charge of organizing and operating the high school morning show.

Yearbook

Advisor: Mrs. Larsen/Mrs. Kakule

The yearbook staff is involved with all aspects of producing the yearbook. Meetings are held during advisory and after school. Members participate by selling ads, taking pictures, organizing sections, design and layout of each page, and distribution of yearbooks. Tech staffers often work evenings, over vacations and on Saturdays. Staff members delight in capturing concrete reminders of great memories.

Ski Club

Advisor: Mr. Hunter

The purpose of Maple Hill's ski club is to allow students to enjoy Friday nights throughout the winter by snowboarding or skiing with their friends. Every Friday night, for seven weeks, students ski at Jiminy Peak in Massachusetts. Cost of ski club varies from year to year depending on the number of students attending, the bus, and the mountain. Students can either bring their own equipment, or rent it from Jiminy Peak. If interested in joining ski club listen for announcements early in the school year.

Science Olympiad

Advisors: Mr. Smith/Mr. Bacon

Students compete with 20 different schools in 18 different science-related activities. Students take knowledge based tests, work on inventions, and build structures. They compete at a local college over an intense weekend. Top teams go on to compete at the state level.

Science Bowl Team

Advisor: Mr. Bacon

Science Bowl is a national science competition in which teams of high school students compete in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math. Each team is composed of four students, one alternate student, and a coach. The national competition is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. The regional competition is hosted by General Electric in Schenectady.

Odyssey of the Mind

Advisor:

Are you known for thinking outside of the box? Well then maybe Odyssey of the Mind is the perfect club for you to join. It is part of an international organization and at the World competition about 120 countries are represented. Depending on the number of students who join, there are one or two teams; the Tech team and/or the Classics team, which deals with literature and art. We welcome students who are talented, highly ambitious, and motivated. Each team consists of about 7 members, each one with a different talent to balance out the team. There is a regional competition where each team solves the same problem but in different ways. There is a state level and then a world competition.

Drama Club

Advisor:

Drama Club is a club consisting of about 20 students who put on a production each year. Auditions are required for the casting of parts for the production, but it is open to all and every person gets a part. Staff positions include: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Rehearsals include working on the current play and improvisational exercises to help newcomers become comfortable in their parts.

International Club

Advisor: Mr. Hoyt

International Club is open to any high school student who is interested in learning about different cultures of the world. Meetings are usually held once a month during 20 minute break or after school depending on the agenda. Club events include: annual trips NYC or Boston, a Spring Break trip to someplace around the world (e.g., China, Paris, Italy, etc.), an International Dinner event, and hosting many Rotary International exchange students for Sports Weekend. All students in good academic standing are welcome to join. For more information contact Mr. Hoyt.

Jazz Band

Advisor: Mr. Hanrahan

Jazz band includes saxophones, trumpets, trombones, percussion, guitar, bass, and piano. Jazz band is an audition group depending on instrumentation and holds about 20 people. Practices are held once a week from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Jazz Band puts on more performances during the year than the regular band, and also performs at concerts.

Swing Choir

Advisor: Mrs. Gibney

Swing Choir is a small, select group of students who are chosen through an audition process. To continue your position in the choir you cannot have more than three unexcused absences from rehearsals. Rehearsals are held one night a week for an hour and a half. Swing choir prepares several songs throughout the year and performs in the winter and spring concerts.

Olympics of the Visual Arts

Advisor:

Olympics of the Visual Arts is open to students of all ages interested in art. The students form groups where they work together throughout the year to complete a work of art which completes the task assigned. Tasks include: sculpture, painting, industrial design, illustration, drawing and many others. The groups along with students from across NYS will bring their projects to Saratoga to be judged and critiqued by artists. The groups will also be asked to solve a spontaneous problem in a limited amount of time. The OVA allows students who are interested in art to explore many different mediums, as well as discover the many ways to complete a single task.

Environmental Club

Advisor:

Students learn about environmental issues and concerns and help by being informed and participating in events that will help the community. In the school, the environmental club separates paper and recycles it. In the community, they help with Adopt-a-Highway and clean up on school property.

S.C.C.P. Youth Leadership Committee

Advisor:

S.C.C.P. is a group of community members who work together to build a safe, respectful, and substance free environment that uses local resources to encourage tolerance and healthy character. S.C.C.P.'s Youth Leadership Committee is a group of youth in community that work in partnership with the adult coalition. The youth involved are committed to making a difference in their town and to setting a positive example through their work. The group meets 1-2 times a month to create new events and activities in the Schodack/Castleton area. These activities are made to encourage other kids and adults to be safe and to make smart and healthy decisions. Joining the Youth Leadership Committee is a great step in becoming a leader and making a difference in your community!