

## Make a Difference!

events that are going on in the school. The club meets on Thursdays after school.

**S.A.D.D.:** Students Against Dangerous Decisions help foster a healthy environment that guards against the use of drugs, alcohol, and cigarette smoking. S.A.D.D. also helps promote safe driving practices and sexual abstinence for teenagers.

**St Gianna Society:** Named after the patron saint for the Pro-Life movement, this organization was initiated by students after attending the March for Life in Washington DC. The purpose is to raise awareness and educate about all life issues and to be a voice for the voiceless. Members have the opportunity to attend Pro-Life Masses and rallies, the Bringing America Back to Life Conference, and the March for Life. They are also responsible for the White Cross Project on the front lawn of the school each October. Meetings are held monthly.

**Science Olympiad:** This club is designed to promote and improve student interest in science. Competitions are held every year at the regional and state level. Students compete with neighboring high schools in 23 different events including anatomy, astronomy, forensics, vehicle or bridge building, coding, experimental design and many more!

**Senate:** Through developing leadership skills, Student Senate members promote school unity and spirit. Senate builds positive Christian attitudes that help not only the school but the community as well. Senate creates a link among the faculty, administration, students and the entire EC community. Student Senate members attend weekly meetings each Thursday after school.

**Socratic Club:** The Socratic Club is different than the average debate club. The purpose of a Socratic debate is not to defeat one another, but instead to find the truth. In this club, students engage in both one-on-one and group debate. Logic and reasoning skills are honed through careful listening and discussion. Meetings are held every other week. The course teaches students how to formulate a better argument and recognize logical fallacies. Through the Socratic Club, students are ultimately taught to think for themselves and gain understanding from others through a mutual sharing of knowledge.

**The Panther's Claw:** *The Panther's Claw* is a first-time literary magazine for Elyria Catholic. The student-edited magazine is annually published. We take art, literature, poetry, and even story submissions from students who want to share their creativity with the EC community.

**Theater Club:** Elyria Catholic Theater is a vital and active part of the Performing Arts Department. Students in all four grades have the opportunity to participate in a major fall production, a short production for Christmas on Campus Ministry, and various smaller productions (one acts) throughout the year. In the spring, all three divisions of the Performing Arts Department (vocal music, instrumental music and drama) produce a spring musical, that is open to any EC student.

**Veritas**—Veritas is a men's ministry dedicated to fostering authentic Christian identity and fraternity among students. It meets in conjunction with area priests and is open to upperclassmen.



## Get Involved!

To learn more about each Elyria Catholic Student Organization, please go to [elyriacatholic.com/student-organizations](http://elyriacatholic.com/student-organizations)



ELYRIA CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL



## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Academic Team	National Honor Society
Art Club	Pall Bearer Ministry
Band/Flag Corps	Panther Pantry
Board Game Club	Panther Pride Productions
Corn Hole Club	S.A.D.D.
Drone Racing Club	St. Gianna Society
Dungeons & Dragons	Science Olympiad
EC.EXE Robotics Club	Senate
ECHO (Yearbook)	Socratic Club
Environmental Club	The Panther's Claw
Film Club	Theater Club
Key Club	Veritas

ALL Club meeting dates and times are listed on the home page of the EC website under the Weekly Bulletin.

## Begin to Explore!

**Academic Team:** Elyria Catholic's Academic Team has been a regular competitor on The Scholastic Games on WEOL 930 AM radio for 15 years. The team has become involved in several other forms of competition, often traveling to other school locations for tournaments. We regularly appear on Academic Challenge on WEWS.

**Altar Society:** The purpose of the Altar Society is to give students the opportunity to be more actively engaged in the liturgy. Members of the society engage in activities such as reading at liturgy and prayer services, serving at school mass, leading reflections at prayer services, and school mass set up. Students who sign up for the Altar Society choose to take a leadership role in the faith formation of the school.

**Ambassadors:** Student Ambassadors at Elyria Catholic High School work with the Director of Admissions to support all of the recruiting efforts. The Student Ambassadors play a key role in the Freshman Family Picnic, Fall and Spring Open Houses, Panther for a Day visits, and high school information nights at Catholic elementary schools. Ambassadors also help with youth sports nights as well as with community and parish events. Applications for Student Ambassadors are available in the spring. Students in 10th - 12th grades are eligible to apply to be a Student Ambassador.

**Art Club:** The Art Club's goal is to spread an awareness and appreciation of various forms of art throughout the school and community. Some activities members will be able to participate in our weekly drawing prompts, assisting in creating sets and props for the school plays, and helping with other potential fundraising activities such as an EC "Artist for a Day" workshop where any students can express their creativity. Anyone who chooses to join knows that it takes heart to make a difference.

**Band/Flag Corps:** Students at Elyria Catholic have the opportunity to perform in a marching band, pep band, and concert band. Students receive a fine art credit for their participation in the band program. The Flag Corps perform at halftime of the football games under the leadership of Mrs. Anne Wilkinson.

**Board Game Club:** The club is made up of a group of students of all grade levels. It meets once a week after school. Together, the group chooses a game to play while enjoying snacks and fun together.

**Cornhole Club:** Cornhole Club is an organization of students that gathers together once a week to share in their love of the great

sport of corn hole. Some of the ways the group aims to accomplish this include matches, tournaments, and "open gym" corn hole. Members also enjoy spending time with friends and eating generic snack foods. The club is open to cornholers of all skill levels.

**Dungeons and Dragons:** In the EC Dungeons and Dragons Club, students create a character to adventure through a fictional world. Characters are challenged by the Dungeon Master to solve puzzles and fight monsters. Come join us in a collaborative game where you and your club mates are the heroes!

**Drone Racing Club:** In this club, students learn how to maneuver and fly drones. They also participate in high school level drone racing competitions through the Ohio Interscholastic Drone Racing Association (OIDRA).

**ECHO (Yearbook):** *ECHO*, EC's yearbook, is produced in the Journalism class. Students must be in the class to have an editing position. However, students not in the class can write and take pictures for *ECHO*. We do not have regular meetings, but the student editors do make contact with other students for contributions and periodically will make an appeal for help via the morning announcements.

**Environmental Club:** The volunteer recycling team collects paper and plastic recycling items from the school each week and takes to the collection dumpsters in the school parking lot. Their mission is to create an awareness of environmental issues within the school.

**EC.EXE Robotics Club** Students interested in business, marketing, or engineering are invited to join EC.EXE, our FIRST Robotics Team. Students learn mechanical, electrical & pneumatic engineering concepts and programming languages. It's the hardest fun you will ever have!

**Film Club:** The EC Film Club has the honor of being one of the most popular clubs on the EC campus. Students from all grade levels meet weekly to watch movies and discuss the art of film. The club is run in a democratic style in which the members themselves select and vote on the movie they would like to watch in a given genre, selected by the officers. The bi-monthly film viewing is enjoyed with pizza, soda, and of course, popcorn. The club also works on an entirely student-produced film project, which is shown at the end of the school year.

**Key Club:** Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." The Elyria Catholic Key Club affects change in all of the activities it undertakes. It is a service leadership organization and is jointly sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. The members and the club volunteer in the community. These acts of caring range from collecting personal necessities and food for the less fortunate, organizing blood drives, volunteering at the Wesleyan Village, participating in Adopt-a-Family, and much more. Key Club members know that their group is built around acts of kindness, no matter how great or small.

**Mulieres Clarae Dei:** A ministry open to any female student in grades 9-12. Mulieres Clarae Dei means "radiant woman of God." This ministry aims to help each young woman discover her deepest identity as God's Beloved through community, retreats, service, weekly prayer, and other various events.

**Music Ministry:** This group is open to any student who wishes to share their musical/vocal gifts that God had bestowed on them. These students lead the music at all liturgies and other services throughout the year. They meet weekly in the Chapel after school.

**National History Day:** New to Elyria Catholic this year, the focus of National History Day is to engage students and teachers in historical research and skills development. The 2020-21 Theme is **Communication in History: The Key to Understanding**. More details: [nhd.org](http://nhd.org)

**National Honor Society:** This organization is based on the categories of Academics, Character, Leadership, and Service. Our students believe in the greater good of our school community. Members will assist with "peer tutor project", city leaf raking project for elderly, tea serving at Historical Society, and the EC Gala. Members will carry and maintain a cum GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**Pall Bearer Ministry:** We know that there are times when someone dies alone or there is no family to carry them to their final resting place. We have students who are willing to provide this service-this corporal act of mercy-to give each and every person a dignified burial.

**Panther Pantry:** We plant, grow, and donate vegetables to help feed our community. All the food is grown and harvested on our campus and taken to hunger centers.

**Panther Pride Productions:** Panther Pride Productions is a broadcasting, videography, photography and productions club. It normally broadcasts Elyria Catholic sports teams but also