

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of a student's school life. Bishop Canevin HS offers a broad and varied extra-curricular program, including activities of interest to almost every student. All students are strongly encouraged to participate in at least one of the activities described below:

ACADEMIC TEAM

Moderator: Mrs. Charlotte Smith

The Bishop Canevin Academic Team participates in the KDKA Hometown High-Q television show and also National Academic Quiz Tournaments held at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University and Duquesne University. They also sponsor the annual BC Junior High Quiz Bowl each spring. Practice sessions are held regularly and all students are welcome to try out for the team.

ART CLUB

Moderator: Mrs. Karen Kennedy

The Art Club meets informally after school, one day a week, allowing students to work on creating projects in different mediums of their choice. A large variety of materials are available for the students to use. Students do not need to be currently enrolled in an art class to be a member of the Art Club.

[BC]² (BC BOOK CLUB)

Moderator: Mrs. Sue Rakaczky

The group meets twice a month to discuss books from a variety of genres. Students have the opportunity to meet authors and participate in reading and writing competitions, including the English Festival at Duquesne University. In addition, members coordinate school activities that promote literary awareness, including Teen Read Week and Poem in Your Pocket Day. [BC]² members also assist with the annual Bishop Canevin Spirit Night and Book Fair where they make their "Unofficial Summer Reading Guide" available.

BCDC (Bishop Canevin Digital Club)

The **BCDC** involves students in various media projects which include audio/video productions, general technical support, 3D printing, and graphic arts. The club assists with the technology needs of all school activities. Students may also produce videos for school events. Furthermore, students will participate in developing new media and technology projects for the benefit of the BC High School community. Any student, regardless of media and technology experience, can join this club.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Moderator: Mrs. Chris Westrick

Circle of Friends is a club that promotes increased socialization between students in the St. Anthony Schools Program, and students at Bishop Canevin. Friendships form through activities such as crafts, games, parties, and service projects. St. Anthony students also choose friends from the group to participate in the Inclusive Games

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CRUSADERS FOR JUSTICE

Moderator: Mr. Joseph Romano

Crusaders For Justice students are the advocates of social change within not only the Bishop Canevin student body, but also their respective communities. Members bring awareness to various civil issues such as poverty and hunger, and they begin initiatives to reform these dilemmas. Events involving Crusaders For Justice focus on collaborating and supporting other school organizations to perform works of service within the surrounding community.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Moderator: Mr. Tim Wanamaker

The FBLA is a national organization of secondary school students enrolled in business and office education programs. FBLA is an integral part of the business education program and is designed to develop leadership abilities and competencies for business and office occupations. Members learn how to engage in business enterprises; how to hold office and direct the affairs of the group; how to work with representatives of other youth and adult organizations and how to compete with other FBLA members on the local, regional, state and national levels.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Moderator: Miss Claire Barber

The newly formed International Club is designed to increase students' exposure to the languages and customs of cultures from around the globe. Students will participate in meetings in addition to regularly scheduled events such as Cultural Awareness week, field trips, and sampling food from a variety of cultures. In order to join, students do not need to be currently enrolled in a World Language course.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Moderator: Mrs. Marianne Reinhart

Since 1919, the Junior Achievement program mission has been to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and understand business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Bishop Canevin students teach the JA program at several elementary schools. Students gain experience in presentation, time management, and interpersonal skills through a supportive peer environment.

LEONID

Moderator: Mrs. Marguerite Miller

The LEONID, the school newspaper, is issued throughout the school year, and covers all current aspects of school life, as well as editorials, reviews and special interest columns. Numerous opportunities exist on the LEONID staff in the areas of reporting, writing, layout and other phases of web-based newspaper publication. Students interested in working on the LEONID staff are strongly urged to participate.

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Moderator: Mr. Dave Casavale

Model United Nations is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. While playing their roles as ambassadors, student "delegates" make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the Model UN conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing international cooperation to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.

MOSAIC

Moderator: Mrs. Charlotte Smith

The MOSAIC is the school's annual yearbook, providing complete photographic coverage of the school year, its activities, faculty and student body. The book is produced in May with a summer supplement being mailed in late June to all purchasers and is published by a student editorial staff under the supervision of a moderator. The MOSAIC provides opportunities for students to learn and exercise skills in composition, layout, editing, writing and photography, and welcomes all students.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Moderator: Mr. Matthew Diehl

Concert and Jazz Band perform during the holidays and in the spring and are by audition only.

Marching Crusaders

The Marching Crusaders perform at varsity football games, spirit assemblies, and community events during the first semester of the school year. Rehearsals begin in late June and run throughout the summer.

The Musicians are players of brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments as well as an electronic "pit" of keyboard, guitar, and bass. Membership is through Director permission.

The Crusettes are young ladies who specialize in "Radio City Music Hall Rockettes" style dance performance. Auditions are held during the fourth quarter of the preceding school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Moderator: Mr. Joseph Romano

The purpose of the Bishop Canevin Chapter of the National Honor Society is to stimulate high scholarship, constructive leadership, meaningful service, and worthy character. The National Honor Society brings the accomplishments of outstanding seniors to the attention of their classmates, their parents, their communities, and the colleges that they plan to attend. Membership is based on outstanding scholastic achievement (4.3 cumulative weight-point average or above for the first five semesters), as well as exemplary character and positive leadership as evaluated by the faculty and administration. Continued

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THE ORACLE

Moderator: Mrs. Charlotte Smith

Oracle is Bishop Canevin High School's Literary Magazine, which showcases the work of our student writers and artists. The Oracle staff publishes online editions in the spring and fall semesters featuring poetry, short stories, artwork, and photography from our school community. Oracle offers students the opportunity to collaborate with their peers in a workshop setting, to share their voice and vision through creative writing, and to compete in local and national writing contests. Visit our latest edition online at <https://issuu.com/oracleliterarymagazine/docs/oracle?>

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Moderator: Mrs. Charlotte Smith

The Photography Club is for those who wish to develop their photography skills by learning to use a variety of cameras. Visiting speakers will periodically make presentations during the year. Students' photographs may be used by the Yearbook, the Alumni Department, or the school's literary magazine and will be displayed at the Diocesan Art Show and other local venues.

PRAISE ENSEMBLE

Moderator: TBD

BC Praise Ensemble is a group of student singers and musicians who want to praise God and lead the BC Community into a deeply soulful and devotional experience during school liturgies. This group includes a combo of guitar, bass, drums, piano, flute, percussion, and so on. They draw upon gospel, spiritual, folk, and world beat traditions of liturgical music, typically adding a modern beat and style to traditional church songs from the “Gather” and “Lead Me, Guide Me” hymnals. This brings a lively experience of the Holy Spirit’s presence within our liturgies here at Bishop Canevin.

ROBOTICS

Moderator: Mrs. Linda McLemore

The Robotics Club is designed to expose students to valuable STEM skills using robotics, technology, and science. Members will participate in hands-on programming, mechanical design, and problem-solving experiences and will compete in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition.

SCHOOL MUSICAL

Director: Mr. Andy Folmer

The Spring Musical production involves three months of hard work and rehearsal. Students may audition for ensemble, acting, singing, or dancing roles or they may join one of the many backstage crews such as; stage crew, orchestra, lighting, sound and tech, makeup, tickets, ushering, publicity or programming. The purpose of the school musical is to stimulate and develop the artistic, musical and dramatic talents of the students.

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SCIENCE CLUB

Moderator: TBD

Bishop Canevin's Science Club engages students in events in the Greater Pittsburgh science community such as the Carnegie Science Center and the laboratories of local universities. The topics include environmental issues and current laboratory investigations. The Science Club goes on field trips to attend lectures and perform experiments at local universities, providing an opportunity to interact with professors and graduate students in the STEM fields. Members have the option to participate in competitions including trivia challenges such as the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl and science fairs such as Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) and Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair (PRSEF). In PJAS and PRSEF, students design, perform, and present independent experimental studies within an area of their choosing: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, Psychology or Computer Science. Science Club members receive one-on-one assistance in preparing for these competitions

SIX STRING SONGWRITERS' GUILD

Moderator: TBD

Six String Songwriters' Guild is a group of student musicians who perform through varied instruments such as voice, guitar, bass, percussion, violin, flute, ukulele, and harmonica. Their goal is to become finely crafted songwriters and performers both individually and in a group setting. These students perform their original compositions and the works of others annually at the Bishop Canevin Barnes & Noble Night.

SPEECH & DEBATE HONOR SOCIETY

Moderator: Ms. Rita Yunker

The purpose of the Speech and Debate National Honor Society is to transform the lives of students so that they become effective communicators and critical thinkers. We recognize student participation throughout the year by having them participate in various speaking categories which, in turn, can qualify them to both the state and national tournaments. Such recognizable names as Oprah, Ted Turner, Brad Pitt and Renee Zellweger, just to name a few, got their starts as student members of the National Speech and Debate Honor Society. Speech and Debate students have a significant edge in college admissions as well as possibly qualifying for scholarship money. Underperforming students show dramatic improvements by their participation in speech competitions. Reading, listening, speech and writing skills are improved. Speech creates enduring transformation in students which sets them on a path that can lead them in amazing new directions. Come and discover how participation in speech gives students the social and academic confidence they need to grow as individuals. The society is open to all students in grades 9 thru 12.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Moderator: Mr. David Casavale

The purpose of the Student Government is to foster and promote a culture of community at Bishop Canevin by working in partnership with the administration, faculty, staff, and parents. The Student Government will plan, organize, and sponsor a number of events, activities, and projects within the Bishop Canevin community. All activities will be planned with the consultation of the administration, faculty, and parents. Each homeroom will elect a representative to the Student Government who will act as a line of communication between students, administration, faculty, and the greater Canevin community.