



# ACADEMY OF SAINT ELIZABETH

*Convent Station, New Jersey*

## Club & Activity Catalog

We encourage students to become involved in the life of the school beyond the classroom and the playing field. All SEAsterners are invited to join clubs and activities organized around a shared interest, hobby, or service-related mission. In concert with the Academy's mission to foster leadership skills, most of these clubs are student-run activities, and the role of the faculty advisor varies from very involved to general supervision. Each club has an articulated mission and set of goals for each academic year, and also sets forth expectations for its members and leadership.

Together, we believe this catalog of AOSE Clubs & Activities reflects the diverse set of interests, talents, curiosities, and ambitions represented by our student body.

## **AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

**Moderators: Mrs. Jean Jackson and Ms. Jill DePaolera**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Ambassadors Program is to promote student leadership within the school while expanding the mission of the Sisters of Charity. The goal of the Ambassadors is to showcase the Academy of St. Elizabeth's dedication to faith, community and academics.

Description of Club Activities: There will be regular weekly meetings to discuss agenda, expectations and responsibilities. There will also be a variety of opportunities for students to interact with parents and prospective students to showcase all that the Academy of St. Elizabeth has to offer.

Frequency of meetings: weekly

Expectations of Members: Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in events (Open Houses, Testing Days, Back-to-School Night, School Visits). Members will be expected to be a positive reflection of the Academy, both inside and outside of school.

## **BAKING CLUB**

**Moderators: Mrs. Valerie Murphy & Mrs. Cathy Mota**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the bake club is to expand our culinary horizons, bake delicious treats, and contribute to school bake sales. The goals of bake club include: maintaining our current size, host at least two bake sales, create a recipe book for the 2017-2018 school year and eat delicious treats every month.

Description of Club Activities: The bake club will have regular bi-monthly meetings. The first meeting will set the theme for the month and the other meeting is when the treats will be brought in, voted on and consumed. The members will vote on best theme, best appearance, and best taste.

Frequency of meetings: 2x/month. The first meeting of the month will rotate, the second "food consumption meeting" will take place after the weekend, usually on Mondays unless there is a holiday.

Expectations of Members::Members are expected to attend both meetings. To be considered a member of bake club, each baker must bake at least four times over the course of the school year.

Student leadership structure and procedure: The President and the Vice President will set the meetings and the themes for each month. Members will vote on Best Theme, Best Appearance, and Best Taste.

## **BOOK CLUB**

**Moderator: Mrs. Mary Pantos**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Book Club is to create a community that will encourage students to actively discuss trending writers and books. It will also introduce students to various book genres to expand the reading circle. The goals of Book Club for 2017-2018 include reading at least one book per month, picking a different theme every month, establishing a foundation for the club to continue year after year, and to attend outside activities such as book signings or meeting an author.

Description of Club Activities: We plan to meet three times a month. At the first meeting of the month the club members will vote on which book they would like to read. The second meeting will be half way through the month to discuss progress and thoughts on the novel itself. At the last meeting members are expected to have completed the book so the group can have an open discussion.

Frequency of meetings: several per month

Expected commitment of members: To attend at least two meetings a month. To research books at home to suggest to the club. To complete the book of the month in time for the final discussion.

Student leadership structure and election/appointment procedure (if appropriate): Three students will co-chair the Book Club.

## **BRIDGES OUTREACH**

**Moderator: Mrs. Rhian Jeong**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: Bridges connects the housed and the homeless in order to establish relationships that will lead toward greater understanding across difference; nurture acceptance; foster social and economic growth; nurse ailment; and promote well-being. The Academy aims to serve as an outlet for the Bridges organization, located in Summit. We will work hand-in-hand with Director of Volunteers Patrick Davis to offer opportunities for service both on and off campus. The vision of Bridges, which we adopt and embody as our vision, is for the elimination of social and economic divides between the housed and the homeless. This club will serve the various needs of our neighbors-at-large. Whether we contribute financially, or with our physical labor, or through our prayers and spiritual gifts, we will seek avenues to be sources of healing.

Description of Club Activities: At monthly meetings, we will set a goal that is informed by the needs of Bridges as reported by Patrick Davis. We will go on scheduled field runs each month to serve. As a democratic community, we will vote for events and opportunities to pursue.

Frequency of meetings: monthly

Expectations of Members: Members will attend all meetings and fully engage in both the ethos and the practice of Bridges initiatives.

## **BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB**

**Moderator: Ms. Beth- Ellen Walsh**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Business and Entrepreneur Club would be to educate students on creating successful businesses. The club will also help students to determine if they may want to consider a career in business. In addition, the club will encourage students to start their own business that pertains to their passions.

Description of Club Activities: The club will have twice a month meetings. One meeting will explain the activity they must complete that month: The other will be presentations with prizes for students with the best ideas/inventions etc. I would also like to fundraise for an organization called She's The First, that raises money for young girls education through creative and innovative ideas.

Frequency of meetings: 2x/month

Expectations of Members: Members are expected to regularly attend meetings, and properly contribute to the ideas and activities planned.

## **DRAMA CLUB**

**Moderator: Ms. Joey Massa**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Drama Club is to allow drama students to perform throughout the year, not just during the spring musical. It will also promote AOSE theatre outside of school by advertising to other schools in hope of enticing future AOSE students. The goals of Drama Club for 2017-2018 include: Performing at the neighboring catholic elementary schools, sponsoring One Acts, organizing the end of year cast and crew party.

Description of Club Activities: We plan to meet once a month. At the meeting we will discuss various fundraising and advertising ideas to promote AOSE theatre. We will also create One Acts, which are short skits directed by seniors, after the spring musical is over. We will do audition workshops leading up to the play. We will also put together musical numbers to perform for the school and the elementary schools to preview our theatre program.

Frequency of meetings: monthly

Expectations of Members: Members are expected to attend meetings, and to participate in the life of the club including performances, advertising, and fundraising. In addition, members will visit other schools to present a preview of the drama club's schedule performances.

## **ECOLOGY CLUB**

**Moderator: Mrs. Joyce Hartmann**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: To maintain an eco-friendly atmosphere here at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth and make our community aware of environments around them.

Description of Club Activities: The Ecology Club will weed, plant in, and otherwise maintain the school garden. It will also launch awareness campaigns centered around various endangered species. Field trips for water testing and park cleanup are also possible.

Frequency of meetings: 2x/month

Expectations of Members: Members are expected to regularly attend meetings and to participate in all the activities and initiatives of the club.

## **EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

**Moderator: Mrs. Joanne Shrope**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of Equestrian is to give students the opportunity to learn about and ride horses. The goals of Equestrian Club are to ensure the steady progression of members' equestrian skills, and to share our learning with the larger community at two horse shows each year.

Description of Club Activities: Lessons are given from beginner level to advanced level; students are able to move up as they progress. Equestrian offers two sessions - September to November / early December, and from January to April /May. Each sessions culminates in a horse show to which we invite classmates, families and guests.

Frequency of meetings: only as needed

Meetings per year: at least two, and up to 3 or 4

Expectations of members: Attend lessons regularly and take part in the horse shows.

## **FASHION CLUB**

**Moderator: Ms. Maggie Crann**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Fashion Club is to bring together young women with a shared passion for fashion while using their creativity and imagination. The goals of the Fashion Club for 2017-2018 include educating students of fashion trends around the world, combining style with a particular trend or fad, and encouraging students to be creative.

Description of Club Activities: We hope to plan a fashion-based evening activity. We also plan to host a clothing drive, and to design a unique tote bag.

Frequency of meetings: 2x/month

Expectations of Members: Members are expected to regularly attend meetings, and to promote an environment that encourages creativity and the free exchange of ideas. Members are also expected to attend and help plan all out-of-school club activities.

## **FILM CLUB**

**Moderator: Mrs. Alison Minion**

Description of Club Mission & Goals: The mission of the Film Club is to educate people on different genres, elements, and styles of movies. We also hope to create an open environment for people to express their opinions and talents while gaining more self-confidence. We also want to introduce people to the movie making process, or acting in general, for those who are interested in a career involving acting, directing, producing, etc. Our overall agenda is to create a short film entirely written, directed, produced, and acted by the members of the movie club. Besides this, most meetings we will focus on and discuss elements used in

various movies (i.e. camera positions and the mood they set). We will write movie reviews and critical pieces.

Description of Club Activities:

In most meetings, there will be a specific theatrical element we will focus on and discuss. There will be a short presentation on the element along with clips of movies or short films to illustrate this. Following, there will be an open discussion about the element which would be guided by some discussion questions. We will work on the short film every other meeting.

Meeting Schedule: Twice per month.

Expectations of Members: It is expected that members will attend all meetings, participate in film club activities, and contribute to the collaborative environment of the organization.

Student leadership structure and procedure: The student leadership of the club will be elected in the spring by the membership.

## **FORENSICS LEAGUE**

**Moderator: Mrs. Holly Gartenberg**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the membership of the Paterson Diocese of the NCFL is to provide a service to all students of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth to hone their skills in a variety of modes of public speaking in imitation of the example of Jesus Christ, who gave both humble service and articulate leadership. We seek the truth spoken in charity and seek to further these fundamental human values. The goal of AOSE Forensic League is to encourage and assist in the development of articulate leaders who will use their skills to widely spread the truths of Jesus Christ and in doing so, become an influence in the life of the nation.

Description of Club Activities: Members will choose a type of speech from the categories offered by the National Catholic Forensic League. Each member will prepare her speech according to the rules and guidelines of NCFL. Practice time will be arranged by the coach for each member.

Frequency of meetings: 1 to 2 monthly

Expectations of members: Members will attend all meetings and practices, and will be supportive and constructive teammates. Members must participate in three of the six Forensics Meets held among the schools in the Paterson League. Members must attend all meetings with the exception of those not competing in that particular meet.

Student leadership structure and procedure: AOSE Forensics League designates a Captain each year to assist the coach in various ways which include relating information to members, assisting in the preparation and practice for members, and co-hosting the AOSE Meet.

## **FRENCH CLUB**

**Moderator: Mme. Dominique Kuhn**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the French Club is to share varied aspects of French culture and traditions with all interested students, to promote better understanding between cultures and to make students more aware of their role as citizens in the world. The goals of the French Club include: maintaining visibility, host meetings twice a month, create a wider awareness of France and where it stands in the world; its relevance to our culture and today's world; discovery of French-speaking countries outside of France; enjoyment of cultural items also present in American life.

Description of Club Activities: Movies ( with English subtitles when needed), food tasting, items to know about, attendance to French movies or French-inspired plays, games, and more...

Frequency of meetings: 2x/month

Expectations of members: to attend meetings regularly in order to gain desired insight. 4 meetings will be excused in the course of the year. Members will also contribute to food preparation, serving and cleaning.

Student leadership structure and election/appointment procedure: The President will set the dates, place of gathering, and themes for each meeting. Leaders are expected to attend every meeting, or delegate a substitute if she cannot be present. There will also be an election for Secretary, whose job it is to take attendance, record notes from the meeting and advertise for events.

## Health Care Club

**Moderator: Mrs. Lauren Corvo**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Health Care Club is to educate members of certain illnesses and promote a healthy lifestyle. The goals of the Health Care Club include Educate members about diseases and illnesses 'of the month. Have members know what it takes to live a healthy life through eating and exercising. Help volunteer with food drive and blood drive during the month of November.

Description of Club Activities: One or a group of members will have a specific month to learn facts about an 'illness of the month' and give a short presentation at a club meeting to raise awareness. President and Vice President promote leading a healthy lifestyle through. Good food choices → members will take turns bringing in 'healthy' snack of choice to serve during the meeting and talk about what entails a healthy lifestyle. Physical Activity → members will discuss the benefits of exercise and how often one should do physical activity.

Frequency of meetings: 1 - 2 times per month

Expectations of members: Come to meetings unless absent and participate in 'illness of the month' project while also showing interest in the subjects. Members also should help promote and volunteer with the food and blood drives the Academy hosts in November.

Student leadership structure and procedure: President organizes meeting location and plans/discussion topics for meetings while also informing members. Vice President catalogs attendance, meeting dates, and minutes while aiding President in organization of the club and meetings. Elections will be held at last meeting of the year to determine President and Vice President for the following year.

## **JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA (JSA)**

**Moderator: Mr. John Sorrentino**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: JSA is a national, nonpartisan organization that encourages high-school students to participate in debates about issues affecting their society and their world. They host multiple regional conferences and one national conference throughout the year. The mission of JSA is to encourage civil discourse and teach proper debate style to all grades within the school. The goals of JSA for 2017-2018 include adding to our current size, and organizing a trip to a JSA-sponsored event.

Description of Club Activities: Regular monthly meetings that contain thought talks, discussions, and debates on current events. We plan to have a "how-to-debate" session as well as a debate etiquette lesson.

Frequency of meetings: once a month in Room 109A.

Expected commitment of members: Members are expected to regularly attend meetings, be respectful of other member's thoughts and ideas. They are expected to be good role models of the club. As a national club, JSA requires a \$5-tax in order to be a national member.

Student leadership structure and election/appointment procedure: Members will elect a President and Vice-President of the club. The VP will organize the days of the club meetings; the President will choose debate topics and organize the debate/type of debate. The President and VP will work together with membership to organize the conferences

Link to JSA Webpage: <http://jsa.org>

## **LATIN CLUB**

**Moderator: Mrs. Sherry Schleicher**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Latin Club is to impart knowledge of Rome and the Romans.

- Students will have an opportunity to learn more about the ancient culture for which there is not sufficient time in class.
- Students will develop leadership skills, as well as working together in groups with other students and teacher to develop pleasurable learning activities.

Description of Club Activities: At monthly meetings, club members will develop programs suitable for Halloween, Thanksgiving, as well as our annual Christmas songs in Latin. Other activities include the annual Ides of March Bake Sale. Other activities will be developed as teacher facilitates the working together of the Latin students. As a result, students will develop an interest in the classics that they will always look upon with respect and admiration.

Frequency of meetings: monthly

Expectations of members: Members are expected to regularly attend meetings and to actively take part in the club activities.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**Moderator: Mrs. Neeta Prasad**

Description of Club Mission and Goals:

- Recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy.
- Foster enthusiasm for scholarship.
- Stimulate a desire to render service.
- Promote leadership.
- Develop character in students .

Description of club Activities: NHS will involve in service projects like food drive, clothes drive etc. Peer tutoring is a significant aspect of the NHS activities.

Frequency of meetings: 2x/month.

Expected commitment of members: Members are committed to attend all the meetings and take active part in the drives and service projects organized by NHS. Every member is required to take the lead of a project and collaborate and coordinate with other members in a respectful and dignified manner. All members of NHS are expected to show exemplary behavior and satisfy the four foundational attributes on the basis of which they are selected.

### ***PANTHER BANTER***

**Moderator: Mrs. Alison Minion**

Description of Club Mission: The mission of the Panther Banter is an online student news and entertainment site that provides a platform to share writing, art, animation, photography and other creative endeavors created by Academy of Saint Elizabeth students. The goals of Panther Banter for the 2017-2018 include to widen both our pool of contributors as well as our readership. We want to be become destination reading for the Academy student body.

Description of Club Activities: publication of Panther Banter includes soliciting creative content from all corners of the student body. At monthly meetings, as well as in our online Google Classroom, the editorial board and contributors will brainstorm coverage, assign pieces and exchange editorial feedback. As an online publication, we will collaborate electronically as often as possible.

Frequency of meetings: we will meet in person monthly; we will conduct much of our collaboration asynchronously online

Expectations of members: Contributors are expected to accept and complete their assignments in a timely way, and to offer editorial suggestions to their fellow contributors work. Banter is a collaborative environment and relies on its editors and contributors to work together to publish and outward-facing website that presents the creative work of our student body.

Student leadership and organization: Members of the editorial board are expected to attend all club meetings and to actively participate in discussion and collaboration on Google Classroom. Regularly published Panther Banter contributors are expected to join with the editors in shaping the publication and in soliciting contributions from new voices.

## **PROM COMMITTEE**

**Moderators: Mrs. Elena Ameres & Mrs. Lauren Corvo**

Description of Club Mission: The mission of the Prom Committee is to create a memorable evening for the junior/senior prom. The goals of Prom Committee for 2017-2018 include: planning and organizing a prom that fulfills the vision of the senior class.

Description of Club Activities: Bi-monthly meetings will be held starting in December to plan out and coordinate all aspects of the prom. The committee will pick the theme, design the invitations, select the centerpieces and table linens, assemble/order the favors, and help with the DJ and music selections. Throughout the year, the committee will organize 1-2 fundraisers to help defray the cost of the prom. The committee will also sell the prom bids and put seating arrangements together.

Frequency of meetings: Twice weekly beginning in December

Expectations of members: Committee members are expected to attend every meeting to facilitate the smooth organization and planning of the prom. If members miss more than 2 meetings, they will be removed from the committee and an alternate will fill in. Members will need to bring ideas to and from the rest of the class to ensure the vision of the class is being met. In addition, members will have to reach out to vendors to obtain price quotes, help with the design of invitations, centerpieces, and favors, create the preferred playlist for the DJ, help with fundraisers efforts, sell prom bids, and organize seating arrangements.

Student leadership structure and election/appointment procedure: Senior class moderators will provide a sign-up sheet during the first week of school to any senior interested in serving on the prom committee. Moderators will then

randomly draw 10 names and 2 alternates to serve as the members of the Prom committee.

## **SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**

**Moderator: Ms. Beth-Ellen Walsh**

Description of Club Mission: The mission of the AOSE Ski/Snowboard Club is to promote SEAsaterhood through physical activity outside of organized sports.

Description of Club Activities: Four (4) weekly trips to Shawnee Mountain

Frequency of meetings: 1x a week in the winter, weather permitting

Expectations of members: Participate and follow the rules of the mountain

## **SPANISH CLUB**

**Moderator: Sra. Laura Reinhardt**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Spanish Club is to bring together Spanish enthusiasts who want to learn more about the Hispanic culture and expand their knowledge through celebrations, speakers, and current events. The goals of the Spanish Club of 2017-2018 include increasing our membership, develop relationships with girls in Spanish speaking countries, and organizing trips.

Description of Club Activities: Regular monthly meetings, raising money for Sister Peggy O'Neill's school in El Salvador, celebrating Hispanic holidays, and an end of the year dinner at Don Jose.

Frequency of meetings: at least once per month

Expectations of members: Members should actively participate in events and promote the events throughout the school.

Student leadership structure and procedure: Co-Presidents will organize and plan dates for events; Vice President will assist Co-Presidents with their efforts; Secretary will take attendance at meetings and take notes; Treasurer will be in charge of fundraising.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

**Moderator: Mrs. Elena Ameres**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Academy of Elizabeth Student Council is to develop leadership among our students in harmony with the Academy's commitments to sisterhood, service, and school spirit.

- The goals of the Student Council include:
  - Promote leadership among students
  - Shape life at the Academy through democratic decision making
  - Serve as stewards of the longstanding traditions of the Academy

#### Description of Club Activities:

- School Dances
- Alma Mater Contest
- Calendar Party
- Family Lunches
- Fundraising Events
- Spirit Week
- Talent Show

Frequency of meetings: Weekly

Meetings per year: 50-60

Expectations of members: as outlined in the AOSE Student Council Handbook

Student leadership structure and procedure: as outlined in the AOSE Student Council Handbook

### **Toward Boundless Charity**

**Moderators: Mrs. Lynn Burek and Mrs. Rhian Jeong**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: Toward Boundless Charity is focused on deepening spirituality and living the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in step with the Sisters of Charity and the Seton Associates. It is meant to be a way of life for high school students and provide an outlet for developing spirituality and ministering to those in need by embracing and living the charism of charity. The mission of TBC is to embrace the ideals of "charity" and develop the sense that if you live charitably you will have profound impact on the lives of many. Members of TBC possess a zeal for helping others. It is a group you join because you feel you feel called to join. Active members will take part in a "Blessing Ceremony" in January at the Holy Family Chapel.

The goals of TBC include:

- Meet twice per month to pray/reflect and discuss/plan events such as the Sister/Student Lunch
- Decide on monthly service projects
- Develop a Prayers of the Faithful program for Friday morning prayer

- Work to enhance spirituality and religious identity at AOSE
- Work collaboratively to create an evolving vision for the club

Description of Club Activities: Charitable events/activities as developed by the membership

Frequency of meetings: Twice each month in addition to committee meetings on occasion

Expectations of members: Actively contribute and participate in TBC activities and events

Student leadership structure and procedure: Student leadership is prioritized.

Leadership positions/slate of officers - TBD

## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Moderator: Mrs. Rhian Jeong

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Women's Empowerment Club is to provide a space for women's solidarity and discussion of issues pertaining to women's diverse experiences. The club's goals include bringing awareness to female role models, educating the membership as to how women have been defined historically, and imagining women for empowering women.

Description of Club Activities: The club congregates for guided discussions to foster sisterhood and feminism; facilitate fundraisers to support women's groups; and generate media to share with the school highlighting women leaders from around the world.

Frequency of meetings: twice monthly

Expected commitment of members: 1-2 absences permitted per semester

## YEARBOOK

**Moderator: Ms. Maggie Crann**

Description of Club Mission and Goals: The mission of the Yearbook Club is to bring together young women who have an interest in photography, writing, design, and school spirit to share these interests to create a lasting memory of the year for the entire school. The goals of the Yearbook Club for 2017-2018 include obtaining 4-5 editors, as well as many other members who are willing to help out in multiple ways a create a book that is aesthetically appealing as well as inclusive of all student body and staff.

Description of Club Activities: At weekly meetings we will discuss what needs to be accomplished within the upcoming week, as well as sharing pictures that have been taken. Editors will be expected to work on their sections more than just at this weekly meeting. In the end, we will create a yearbook with a universal theme that reflects the Academy in a positive light.

Frequency of meetings: weekly

Expected commitment of members: Members are expected to regularly attend meetings, and to promote an environment that encourages participation, enthusiasm, and commitment to the club. In addition, they are expected to participate in page and book construction outside of meeting time.

Student leadership structure and election/appointment procedure: Upperclassmen editors of each section will train the underclassmen that will eventually take their place.