

# Clubs and Organizations

## *Gouverneur High School*

### 2025 - 2026



#### **Art Club**

The Art Club is open to all high school students. The group functions primarily with the goal to provide an opportunity for students to come together in a community outside of the classroom setting to engage in art making on an individual and group level.

Frequency of Meetings: Meetings are every Tuesday and sometimes Thursdays after school until 4:00 p.m.

Major Events: Art Shows: Scholastic Art Show, Remington Art Show, SLC High School Art Show at Suny Potsdam, District Art Show. October Pumpkin Carving, Ceramic Holiday Ornaments, and Wall Murals.

Advisor(s): Mr. Decker



#### **Speech Competition**

#### **Dean Oratoricals**

The Competitive Speaking Club is a group that meets in the spring of the year to select, memorize, and perform monologues. The competition is the Dean Oratoricals. Each contestant is judged on persona, delivery, and captivation. The three winners of the contest earn a cash prize.

Frequency of Meetings: In the spring, the Competitive Speaking Club meets a few times a week for about three (3) - four (4) weeks before the competition.

Major Events: At the end of April, the contestants meet in the auditorium and perform their monologues in front of the community and a panel of judges.

Advisor(s): Mr. Bason



#### **Costume Club**

The Costume Club works to provide the costumes for the Spring Musical. Members work on taking measurements, organizing costumes, and aiding the costume director in preparing costumes for being used on stage. Members work under the direction of the costume director to learn skills needed for costuming a musical production of medium to large size.

Frequency of Meetings: Meetings begin in February as needed to prepare for the club's only event --- the Spring Musical in March.

Major Events: the Spring Musical in March

Advisor(s): Ms. Matthews



#### **Future Farmers of America (FFA)**

FFA is a student led organization that gives students the opportunity to expand their leadership skills and career knowledge. Students do a variety of activities including community service, work based learning and leadership conferences. Students also have the opportunity to travel to attend a variety of conventions and conferences across New York State and the United States

Frequency of Meetings: Meetings are held at least once a month, most of the time it is bi-monthly after school until 4:30 p.m.

Major Events: National convention, State convention, spring contests, winter weekend at Camp Oswegatchie, Fundraisers - annual fruit sale, meat and cheese curd in the fall and Made in NY in the Spring.

Advisor(s): Ms. Torres

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### **Future Farmers of America (FFA) - Summer**

FFA is a student led organization that gives students the opportunity to expand their leadership skills and career knowledge. Students do a variety of activities including community service, work based learning and leadership conferences. Students also have the opportunity to travel to Camp Oswegatchie and the New York State Fair. The St. Lawrence County Fair is a highlight of the summer.

Frequency of Meetings: As needed

Major Events: St. Lawrence County Fair and New York State Fair. Camp Oswegatchie Summer camp.

Advisor(s): Ms. Torres



### **Marching Band**

Marching band is a competitive team for grades 5-12 that competes and performs marching band shows throughout the spring and summer around the north country in fairs and parades. Students can perform in the band, drumline, or be a part of the color guard or honor guard.

Frequency of Meetings: Marching band practices two (2) three - (3) times a week for five (5) months and participates in approximately ten (10) performances.

Major Events: Gouverneur and Jefferson County Fair, parades, and an end of the year trip to Water Safari. We also do a Band Fun day.

Advisor(s): Ms. Montagno

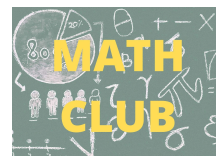


### **Key Club**

Key Club is a student-led high school organization. Each year, Key club members elect their student officers for the club. Key club will allow students the opportunities to perform services(acts of kindness), build character and develop leadership skills in their school and community.

Frequency of Meetings: As needed

Advisor(s): Ms. Mashaw



### **Math Club**

People of the math club meet to prepare for the math contest offered by SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University. They can also attend a "Math is Everything event" at St. Lawrence University in the fall.

Frequency of Meetings: Wednesdays

Major Events: Math contest offered by SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University

Advisor(s): Mr. Young

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Kettle Bell Campaign, other service opportunities, and annual fundraisers.

Advisor(s): Ms. Streeter



### **Musical**

The high school musical is open to all high school students grades 9-12. Performance students prepare music numbers, dance numbers and acting scenes.

Crew students build sets, monitor props, set the stage/scenery for scenes, prepare lights and sound for the performances. Students experience the many layers of putting on a musical performance.

Frequency of Meetings: 2 meetings 2:30 pm- 3:30 pm in November to prepare for auditions. Rehearsals are 2:30pm-5 pm M-F beginning mid-December through March. Show week rehearsals 6pm-9pm in mid-March . 5 to 6 Saturday rehearsals 9 am-12 pm. Sunday music rehearsals as needed.

Major Events: Two (2) Performances

Advisor(s): Mrs. Bason



### **National Honor Society**

Membership in the National Honor Society is an honor extended by the faculty of Gouverneur Central School. To be eligible, a candidate must be found worthy in four areas of merit: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. To be eligible for membership consideration, a candidate must have a cumulative average (beginning in grade 9) of 90% or above. Although a person may have an eligible scholastic average, this does not guarantee membership. Candidates must demonstrate that they have been involved in leadership and service opportunities in and/or out of school.

Frequency of Meetings: Meetings are held monthly and on an as-needed basis.

Major Events: Participation in two annual American Red Cross blood drives, the Salvation Army Red



### **Pep Band**

Pep band is open to all students who play a band instrument. We learn fun pop tunes to perform at home varsity football games. All abilities are welcome and this is a great place to show your school spirit! This is a very small time commitment as there are only a few home games for the football team.

Frequency of Meetings: The Pep Band plays at two (2) - four (4) home games and practices for an hour on the weeks there are games.

Major Events: Varsity home games/playoffs

Advisor(s): Ms.Montagno



### **Select Choir (Chamber Singers)**

Chamber Singers is an auditioned group for students that participate in chorus. These students will have the opportunity to select music that they would like to perform. This music also features more opportunities for solo performance and developing sound for a smaller ensemble. The group's sound will evolve as the group develops and experiments with different performance types.

Frequency of Meetings: Weekly (Except during holidays)

Major Events: Two (2) concerts

Advisor(s): Mr. Worden

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Advisor(s): Mr. Bason



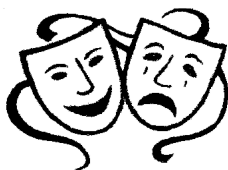
### Select Strings

Select Strings is a smaller group of the best orchestral musicians in the school. It is usually comprised of approximately five or six musicians in as balanced a group as we can get (vln I, vln II, vla, vcl, and bass) and performs music of a more challenging nature than does the basic school orchestra, typically NYSSMA level four and above.

Frequency of Meetings: This group will begin regular rehearsals in January. The ensemble meets usually on Wednesday evenings for 90 minutes: last year it met from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M., however this can be open to change as the need warrants.

Major Events: We perform in the spring at a concert designed to feature just the "select" groups of each genre. It is also possible that we could play for other school/community functions if the occasion arises.

Advisor(s): Ms. Streeter



### Senior High Fall Play

The Senior High Fall Play is a group for students who want to be on stage, or to help with a full-length production that is not a musical. Each fall, students will select a play, then will help cast, direct, stage the play. It will be presented to students and to the community in December.

Frequency of Meetings: Starting at the end of September, the club meets daily from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. through the middle of December.

Major Events: Right before December break, the cast and crew puts on three performances. Two



### Stage Band

Stage band consists of advanced band musicians who perform jazz music as well as a variety of other music. Stage band gets to perform in multiple concerts and community events.

Frequency of Meetings: Stage band meets on a weekly basis.

Major Events: Two (2) concerts and community fundraiser

Advisor(s): Ms. Montagno



### Student Council

Members of the high school student senate are elected by their peers in May of the previous year. This organization plans student activities throughout the year such as Spirit Week, the homecoming dance, the 5 Days of Christmas, the Amazing Race, and a school wide Easter Egg hunt/raffle. We also raise money for the food bank during Spirit Week through the Pie in the Face competition between the staff and the senior class.

Frequency of Meetings: Student Council meets several times a month before school at 7am to discuss plans and plan activities.



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Advisor(s): Ms. Parker

Advisor(s): Mr Worden and Ms. Montagno



### **Trapshooting Club**

Frequency of Meetings: Fall/Spring

Major Events: Competitions

Advisor(s): Mr. Cappellino



### **Tri-M**

Tri-M is a music honor society. The club consists of students in grades 10 - 12 who have at least an 80 or above academic average and a 90 or above in all music classes. Students selected need to be in a school music ensemble and go above and beyond, being involved in extracurricular activities.

Frequency of Meetings: The Tri-M group meets once a month.

Major Events: Fundraising events



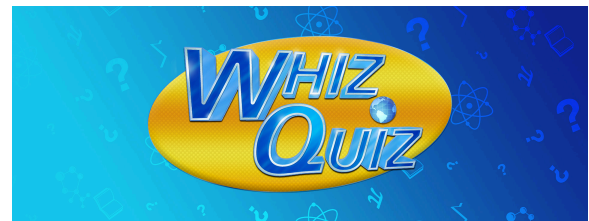
### **Varsity Club**

Varsity Club supports varsity athletes in their achievements. Varsity club organizes Pink Zone week to donate money to the Gouverneur Breast and Ovarian Cancer Fund and organizes and puts on the Varsity Athletic Ceremony at the end of the year. At the athletic banquet Varsity Club also purchases gifts for the male and female athletes of the year.

Frequency of Meetings: The Varsity Club meets once per month.

Major Events: Pink Zone week, annual varsity athletic ceremony

Advisor(s): Mrs. Wood



### **Whiz Quiz**

Open to any students in the high school 9-12.

Students answer trivia questions on a variety of topics. A TV team of 4 and 2 alternates are selected to compete against other local schools on the TV program Whiz Quiz televised on PBS. If they win their match, they move on to the next round competing to be the final winning team.

Frequency of Meetings: Whiz Quiz meets three (3) - four (4) times a week from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

beginning in mid September through Mid October.

Major Events: TV matches at PBS in Watertown, New York \*up to five (5) matches

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Advisor(s): Mrs. Bason



### Winter Color Guard

Winter color guard is a club where students in grades 6th-12th can learn how to twirl equipment in preparation for the upcoming marching band season.

Frequency of Meetings: The Winter Color Guard practices two (2) - three (3) times per week, during winter sports season.

Major Events: Parent showcase at the end of the season

Advisor(s): Ms. Cook



### Yearbook Committee

The yearbook club takes pictures at school and sporting events. We decide on the yearbook cover, layouts, and which pictures get into the yearbook. The end result is a yearbook for any and all students in the high school.

Frequency of Meetings: The Yearbook Committee has one (1) - four (4) meetings each month.

Advisor(s): Mr. Young and Ms. Denesha