



**SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK**



**CLUB GUIDE 2022-2023**

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**\*Click the name of each club to see a short video to learn more about the club!**

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)**

Advisor: Ms. Bonanno ([sbonnano@rvcschools.org](mailto:sbonnano@rvcschools.org))

Meeting Days: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday in Room 2208

Description: The ASL Club helps students learn to sign the Alphabet, Numbers 1-20, Emotions, Seasons, Months and Days of the week, in addition to having conversations in sign language.

**ANIMAL ABUSE AWARENESS**

Advisor: Ms. K. Kelly ([kkelly@rvcschools.org](mailto:kkelly@rvcschools.org))

Meeting Days: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday in Room 2336

Description: Informational club about animal abuse with trips to a local shelter, fundraising for the ASPCA and local shelters.

**ART CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Karaktin ([ckaraktin@rvcschools.org](mailto:ckaraktin@rvcschools.org))

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2109

Description: Art Club focuses on independent projects driven by student interest, group based works such as collaborative paintings and murals, experimental works of art, portfolio development and Bio Art based works. The Art Club promotes diversity, creativity and collaboration through the art making process.

**BACKPACKS FOUNDATION CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Casamassima ([mcasamassima@rvcschools.org](mailto:mcasamassima@rvcschools.org))

Meeting Days: Every Thursday after school in Room 1330

Description: The Backpacks Foundation strives to help underprivileged students obtain a satisfactory education and achieve academic success. The organization delivers backpacks furnished with school supplies to such students, appropriate for their grade levels (K-12), in order to ensure that students are prepared with the tools necessary to succeed.

**BEST BUDDIES**

Advisor(s): Ms. Beaudet ([lbeaudet@rvcschools.org](mailto:lbeaudet@rvcschools.org)) Ms. Becker ([abecker@rvcschools.org](mailto:abecker@rvcschools.org)) Ms. Takach ([ptakach@rvcschools.org](mailto:ptakach@rvcschools.org))

Meeting Days: Once a month on Wednesdays from 2:35-3:45 in the Cafeteria

Description: Best Buddies is a social club that is open to all students. Its goal is to create one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### **BETHANY'S BUDDIES**

Advisor: Ms. Figueiredo (kfigueiredo@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday at 2:35 p.m. in Room 2310

Description: The mission of Bethany's Buddies is to help homeless women and children residing in the Bethany House in Baldwin with monetary, social, and emotional support. The club makes weekly trips to the Bethany House, hosts holiday cookie events, bingo night and breakfast for the families in the home.

### **BIOLOGY CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Weiss (hweiss@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday after school in Room 2404

Description: The biology club was formed by students interested in cultivating their appreciation and interest in scientific advances and current issues. Through the club, students will share service opportunities such as volunteering in different awareness walks and volunteering at hospitals and other venues.

### **BLACK AND LATINO STUDENT ALLIANCE**

Advisor: Ms. Williams (pwilliams@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday after school in Room 2307

Description: The mission of the club is to create a welcoming environment for students of diverse backgrounds, particularly African American and Latino students, and to provide an outlet for personal development. Members seek to promote educational excellence and community service. The club also strives to increase acceptance, as well as social and cultural awareness within the South Side community.

### **BOOK CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. McGuire (cmcguire@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 2nd & 4th Monday after school in the Library

Description: This group believes that reading enriches an individual and broadens intellectual horizons.

We hope to foster a culture of reading at South Side High School, to promote personal growth and contribute to a bright future for our students.

### **CANCER AWARENESS CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. O'Brien (mo'brien@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2339

Description: Our primary goal is to raise funds for The American Cancer Society and other organizations for cancer research.

### **CENTRE STAGE**

Advisor(s): Ms. Healey, Ms. Monsour (mhealey@rvcschools.org) (jmonsour@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday & Thursday from 2:45-4:30 - Various rooms on first floor, including and adjacent to the Auditorium

Description: We are an inclusive theatre group that is open to grades 9-12 at the high school and strives to promote students' self-awareness, self-esteem and friendships through theatre arts. We work to foster understanding and acceptance while appreciating each other's unique talents and abilities. We put on a fabulous show at the end of our season in late May or June each year. Students come away from the experience understanding teamwork, what it takes to put on a show and what is special about themselves! The program is 11 years old and has grown to include chapters in middle school and at Covert, who also participate in our production at the end of the year.

### **CHESS CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot (npernot@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday 2:32 - 3:30 in Room 1327

Description: The intent of the Chess Club is to promote gamesmanship and teamwork through competitive play. All students are welcome regardless of skill. Any strategic game, e.g., chess, strategy, etc., may be explored. A section of the larger club membership will represent Rockville Centre in countywide interscholastic competition.

### **COLONNADE – YEARBOOK**

Advisor(s): Ms. Voltaggio, Ms. Diez (lvoltaggio@rvcschools.org) (ddiez@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday From 2:35-4:30 in Room 2107

Description: Colonnade is South Side High School's yearbook. It is distributed in early June each year. It includes the following sections: Student Life, Academics, Activities, Sports, Seniors, Underclassmen and Faculty and Advertising.

### **CONTEXT**

Advisor: Ms. Goro (jgoro@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday at 2:35 in Room 2336

Description: Context is South Side High School's literary magazine that is put out in June of each year. It includes artwork, poetry, fiction and non-fiction written by students and staff. We also host an open mic night fundraiser.

### **CULTURAL COOKING CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Vetter (kvetter@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday after school in Room 2208

Description: The Cultural Cooking Club allows students to explore other cultures, through PowerPoint Presentations, videos and most importantly, eating. We will explore cultures in countries such as Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom and others. We will have feasts/gatherings after we complete learning about other cultures. The goal of this club is to understand other nations' culture and way of life. Besides indulging in food, this club will give back to those in need by completing activities such as volunteering at soup kitchens and other places.

### **DEBATE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot (npernot@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday after school in Room 2210

Description: Debating skills are developed as students engage in the presentation of debates. Functions of the language fallacies are analyzed.

### **DECA**

Advisor: Mr. English (penglish@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday after school in the Commons Room

Description: DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. This club is entirely dedicated to business. DECA hosts several conferences and competitions annually, with their guests, partners and other industry leaders for members.

### **DRAMA GUILD**

Advisor(s): Ms. Monsour, Ms. Seiderman (jmonsour@rvcschools.org) (pseiderman@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday after school in the Auditorium

Description: This club's goals are to encourage and promote participation in a diverse range of theatrical activities and to create a sense of community to expose students to current theatre practices and contemporary productions on and off Broadway.

### **ELL CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Tarquinio (atarquinio@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2307

Description: The ELL Club is a club that allows both ELL students and General Education students to come together and learn about each other's culture and community. Students learn to respect others regardless of where they came from. General Ed students assist ELLs with school work when needed. ELL club is a safe haven for students to share their problems or concerns. Students listen to one another with respect and understanding.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

Advisor: Mary Coleman (mcoleman@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday at 2:35 p.m. in Room 1329

Description: The goal of the Environmental Club is to raise awareness about important concepts related to environmental issues and to help us become more mindful of our impact as individuals and a school community on our planet. Various environmental concepts will be discussed at meetings. All activities to help the environment will take place throughout the year.

### **FRENCH CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot (npernot@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Monday after school in Room 2210

Description: The French Club exposes students to French culture and language through French films, music and events. Students have a chance to experience French without taking it in school.

### **GAME DESIGN CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Sementelli (psementelli@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday from 2:45-4:45 in room 2105

Description: The goals of the Game Design club are to discuss, play and design strategy board games.

### **GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)**

Advisor(s): Ms. Brown, Ms. Knorr (cbrown@rvcschools.org) (nknorr@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday after school in Room 2323

Description: The GSA celebrates and promotes the acceptance of all people. We encourage the involvement of the entire student population in making the school a safe and positive environment for everyone. Activities: Guest speakers, sponsoring special events, movies, and field trips.

### **GIRL TALK**

Advisor: Ms. SchoolfieldYahas (tschoolfieldyahas@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday after school in Room 1328

Description: Girl Talk is a nationally recognized mentoring program that pairs middle school girls with high school girls who serve as mentors. The mission is to help young teenage girls build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and recognize the value of community service.

### **GIRLS FOR ENGINEERING MATH SCIENCE (GEMS)**

Advisor: Ms. Coleman (mcoleman@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Friday at 2:35 in Room 1329

Description: The G.E.M.S. Club encourages girls to consider careers in Engineering, Math and Science. We will continue to build and experiment and look forward to inviting Scientists, Engineers and Mathematicians to visit and share experiences with us.

## **GLOBAL INITIATIVES**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot (npernot@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2210

Description: Students set up PowerPoint presentations on various global issues and conduct conversation/debates with members. There will be fall and spring trips for community service activities. The club also hosts speakers on various topics to raise awareness on a variety of issues.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Advisor: Ms. Diez (ddiez@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month in Room 2306

Description: Works in partnership with people everywhere to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses. Members seek to eliminate poverty, housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. To accomplish these goals, members invite people to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Students volunteer to help communities and raise funds for those in need.

## **HELP UGANDA WORLDWIDE**

Advisor: Ms. Harnden (jharnden@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday after school in Room 2334

Description: The goal of this club is to connect students of SSHS with students in a school located in Masese, Uganda. HELP Uganda Worldwide is a non-profit organization which helps to bring education, healthy living and business opportunities to the people of Masese, Uganda. Our club would hold fundraisers and collect supplies needed for the people in Masese. Also, the club sells beads made by women. The students at SSHS become pen pals with the students at the school.

## **INTERGENERATIONAL SHARING CONFERENCE**

Advisor: Ms. Pedone (mpedone@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Various dates and times will be announced

Description: The Intergenerational Sharing Conference Committee consists of a group of students from South Side High School and senior citizens from the Sandel Center. We will meet throughout the year and work as a team to put together The Sharing Conference that takes place in the spring. In addition, we will work on projects that will help others. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with this very special generation.

## **INTERNET CULTURE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Pernot (npernot@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Friday after school in Room 2210

Description: The club aims to explore how the internet has affected our culture, from humor to media news consumption among teens and adults. Contemporary issues and concepts will be discussed.

## **IRISH CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. M. Kelly (makelly@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday after school in Room 2312

Description: In this club we investigate and learn about all things Irish. We make our members aware of the History of Ireland. We learn about Irish culture which includes the holidays and traditions of Ireland. We will also be donating money to St. Baldrick's.

## **ITALIAN CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Bonanno (sbonanno@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday in Room 2208

Description: This club discusses Italian language, culture and civilization. We watch movies in Italian such as "Life is Beautiful" and also have guest speakers talk about being Italian.

### **LEAD (LEARNING EMPATHY AND ACKNOWLEDGING DIVERSITY)**

Advisor: Ms. Williams (pwilliams@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday after school in Room 1314

Description: The LEAD Club works with other High Schools to discuss diversity and equality in our communities and how students can become leaders and advocates for positive change.

### **LEO CLUB**

Advisor: Dr. Bishop (jbishop@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday at 2:35p.m. in Room 1326

Description: Leo Club is a service organization organized and sponsored by the Lions Club. The South Side Leo Club participates in activities such as the Aids Walk, fundraising for diabetes and the blind, collecting used eyeglasses, and additional fund-raising and service projects. Activities: Breast Cancer Walk, Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army.

### **MATHLETES**

Advisor: Ms. Whang (twhang@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday after school in Room 1326

Description: Mathletes extends students' knowledge of mathematics in a fun and competitive atmosphere. Students compete in six contests as part of the Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League. In addition, students compete in the Nassau Math Tournament, which is an all-day competition held in February.

### **MOCK TRIAL**

Advisor: Mr. English, (penglish@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Monday & Wednesday after school in Room 2312

Description: In the Mock Trial Club, students have the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of civil/criminal law and courtroom procedures. Club goals are to teach students ethics, civility and professionalism; further students' understanding of the law, court procedures and the legal system; improve proficiency in basic life skills, such as listening, speaking, reading and reasoning; and promote better communication and cooperation among the school community.

### **MODEL U.N. CLUB**

Advisor(s): Ms. K. Kelly, Ms. Williams (kkelly@rvcschools.org) (pwilliams@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2337

Description: The Model U.N. Club will be engaging in an authentic simulation of the United Nations system by learning the skills of debate, compromise, conflict resolution, negotiation, and public speaking. Model U.N. team members have fun learning about the workings of world diplomacy through the lens of current events.

### **PEER MEDIATION – (Conflict Resolution)**

Advisor: Ms. Figueiredo (kfigueiredo@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: After school as needed in Room 2310

Description: The purpose of the Peer Mediation Club is to serve as a proactive vehicle for the non-violent and positive resolution of verbal/physical confrontations. We strive to teach students alternatives to verbal or physical confrontations by providing them with a structured forum to work out their differences. Club members are trained in mediation strategies and work with disputants to develop positive non-violent resolutions to problematic situations.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Lamoureux (mlamoureux@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: The last Wednesday of each month from 2:35-3:30 in Room 1101

Description: The Photography Club offers students a chance to apply their creativity and design skills through the graphic arts, primarily in Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator and PhotoShop), as well as through the digital camera. Students will experiment with page layout, editing and other basic graphic design principles and techniques. They will create individual graphics of their own as well as participate in creating designs for various school events/ programs.

### **POLITICAL AWARENESS CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Antonacci (aantonacci@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday from 2:45-3:30 in Room 2204

Description: The goals of the Political Awareness Club are to give those interested in politics an outlet to express their views as well as to increase the awareness of political events.

### **PROJECT PRINCESS**

Advisor: Ms. Diez (ddiez@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 3rd Thursday of the month in Room 2306

Description: The club sponsors a one day "Shopping" event for underprivileged students in the Bronx, where they will be able to get a Prom dress and accessories needed: shoes, bags, jewelry, etc.

### **QUIZ BOWL CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Coopersmith (acoopersmith@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday after school in Room 1323

Description: This is an academic team which competes during the months of November, January and March. The team competes against teams from other schools in the county which are part of the, "It's Academic" League. The top four schools are involved in a final competition in May.

### **RED CROSS CLUB/LIFE SAVERS**

Advisor(s): Ms. Marshall, Ms. Figueiredo (lmarshall@rvcschools.org) (kfigueiredo@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Monday in Room 2310

Description: The Life Savers Club is co-sponsored by the Nassau County Chapter of the Red Cross. The club meets with other Nassau County High Schools on the third Thursday of each month. Students may take courses at no charge for CPR and disaster training. In addition, the club participates in disaster drills, first aid classes, blood drives, volunteer services and fundraising.

### **ROBOTICS/ENGINEERING**

Advisor: Mr. Segelke (jsegelke@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday and Thursday after school in Room 2320

Description: To immerse kids in the STEM program and also enter Robotics Competitions.

### **ROLE PLAYING GAMES CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Sementelli (psementelli@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday from 2:45-4:00 in Room 2105

Description: This club is a way for students to come together and through imagination and organization turn their ideas into a story. The students will develop their teamwork and quick thinking skills through activities. In Role Playing, every member will be placed into ever changing groups, each one with a leader that controls and creates the scenario for their peers to involve themselves in. This club, through different activities, will help students gain the respect of their peers and form or strengthen bonds of friendship.

### **S.A.D.D./YOUTH DECIDE**

Advisor: Ms. K. O'Brien (kobrien@rvcschools.org)

Annual Dues: \$5.00

Meeting Days: Varies 1-2x a month in Room 1321

Description: The club's mission is to provide an education to its members on a variety of teen topics and awareness raising activities. Although the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol is a primary focus, other topics covered include but are not limited to: dating violence, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, body image, stress, homophobia, and suicide prevention. Participation in activities like the annual Substance Use Awareness Walk, SADD key chain mailing, and a drug/alcohol free social/recreational event are also part of the program.

### **SHRED CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Saccone (jsaccone@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2414

Description: The goal of the South Side High School SHRED club (Snowboard & Ski) is to provide students with the opportunity to travel to some of the best snowboarding/skiing areas that the Northeast has to offer. The club meets weekly to plan and organize weekend day trips and is open to students of all skill levels from grades 9-12.

### **SPANISH CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Bonanno (sbonanno@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday after school in Room 2208

Description: Students participate in activities revolving around Spanish and Latin American culture. Last year, the Spanish Club planned a trip to the Repertoire Española, as well as a dining experience at a Spanish restaurant.

### **SPIRIT CLUB**

Advisor(s): Ms. Marshall, Ms. Takach (lmarshall@rvcschools.org) (ptakach@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: As needed in Room 2310

Description: Spirit Club includes all students in the South Side community. Our goal is to spread school spirit in an inclusive manner in collaboration with various South Side clubs. We will create and promote events to celebrate the talents and skills of all the students at South Side.

### **SPORTS HISTORY CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Antonacci (aantonacci@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday after school in Room 2310

Description: Students meet to debate different sports topics.

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOC. & STUDENT ASSEMBLY (SGA)**

Advisor: Ms. Takach (ptakach@rvcschools.org)

Membership: By Election

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday/Meetings as needed in Room 2308/Auditorium

Description: South Side High School has an active Student Government (SGA) composed of the five school officers, the 16 grade level officers, all club presidents and the members of the Student Assembly. Aside from the elected officers, the SGA often sets up committees for specific activities and events, which are open to all students. In addition, students can bring any concerns or issues to the Student Assembly for discussion. For information on how to get involved, please contact Ms. Pedone or any of the grade level advisors.

In addition to the above activities, each class has its own advisor(s) and special events throughout the year. The class advisor(s) are as follows:

Freshman Class:	Ms. McLeod	as needed in Room 2410
Sophomore Class:	Ms. Beaudet/ Ms. Arnakis	last Tuesday of the month/and as needed in Room 2312
Junior Class:	Ms. Ferrara-Muter/Ms. Foukalas	zero period throughout the year in the Smile Room
Senior Class:	Mr. English/Ms. Heller	as need in Room 2307

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### **SUICIDE AWARENESS AND A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT (SAFE)**

Advisor: Ms. Marshall (lmarshall@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Thursday in Room 2310

Description: SAFE creates a safe place for ALL students to come and talk about their feelings, work on stress management and create a positive mental state.



### **TED ED CLUB**

Advisor(s): Ms. Brown, Ms. Knorr (cbrown@rvcschools.org), (nknorr@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: 2nd & 4th Tuesday in Room 2323

Description: The TED ED Club supports students in discovering, researching, exploring and presenting their big ideas in the form of short, TED-style talks. Students will learn how to hone their public speaking skills while delivering their story "worth sharing".

### **UNICEF CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Logios Webster (alogioswebster@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Monday after school in Room 2306

Description: UNICEF is a humanitarian organization that helps children in poverty through fundraising, advocacy and education. Their efforts help to protect and save children's lives.

### **VIDEO CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Lichter (rlichter@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Monday at 2:35 in Room 2321

Description: This club is the school's premiere TV Production Crew and produces much of the programming aired on THE SCHOOL CHANNEL. Students produce original television programs ranging from music and dramatic productions and concerts to talk shows, sporting events and documentaries. Students work with state-of-the-art professional TV equipment and rotate crew positions: Camera, sound, lighting, stage-managing and engineering. Club members are also offered opportunities to direct and edit television shows, and even produce shows of their own.

### **WELL BEING CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Marshall (lmarshall@rvcschools.org)

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday after school in Room 2310

Description: This club will offer students methods to strengthen their bodies, relieve stress, and direct students to live a healthier life.