

AFJROTC COLOR GUARD

An elite team of cadets that presents the Colors (National, NJ State Flag, U.S. Air Force colors, and unit guidons) proudly and with precision in parades, ceremonies, competitions, and sporting events. They also participate in competitions against other JROTC units. Must be enrolled in AFJROTC program to participate.

AFJROTC DRILL TEAM

A team of cadets that performs precise marching routines based on military drill at parades, ceremonies, competitions, and sporting events. They also participate in competitions against other JROTC units. There are 3 different drill teams in operation at WOHS; New Cadet, Armed (with replica rifles) and Unarmed. The New Cadet Drill is for first year cadets only. Armed and Unarmed teams are for experienced cadets. Must be enrolled in AFJROTC program to participate.

AFJROTC ACADEMIC TEAM

Comprised of our top academic cadets, this team competes against other JROTC units through testing in math, science, English and current events. Must be enrolled in AFJROTC program to participate.

AFJROTC AVIATION CLUB

The Aviation Club is for Junior ROTC cadets interested in becoming pilots. Club members learn what it takes to become a pilot and are instructed using curriculum derived from the AFJROTC Flight Academy program. Students also train extensively on in-class flight simulators and learn about military and civilian pilot job opportunities. Students will become better prepared to take pilot ground certification tests and eventually earn their Private Pilot License.

AFJROTC KITTY HAWK AIR HONOR SOCIETY (KHAS)

Kitty Hawk Air Society (KHAS) is the academic honor society of AFJROTC that promotes high academic standards, school and community service, self-confidence, and initiative. KHAS also develops leadership abilities, recognizes academic excellence, and furthers members' knowledge of the Air Force role in aerospace.

AFJROTC MODEL ROCKETRY TEAM

This team designs, builds, and flies small rockets that are made of paper, plastic, balsa wood, or any other lightweight material. This program provides an exciting introduction for cadets to concepts of aerospace engineering and design, and the basic concepts of flight and space. It can motivate cadets to attain a greater knowledge of aerospace studies and arouse interest in aerospace careers. Must be enrolled in AFJROTC program to participate.

AFJROTC PHYSICAL TRAINING AND RAIDER TEAMS

Comprised of our top athletic cadets, this team competes against other JROTC units through testing in pushups, sit ups, pull ups and running events. Must be enrolled in AFJROTC program to participate.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

The American Sign Language Club at West Orange High School welcomes beginners, advanced signers, and everyone interested in Sign Language and Deaf Culture. Together we learn new signs and work towards a deeper understanding of this language and culture. This club is a great opportunity for students to fundraise for charitable causes, learn a new language, and meet fellow students with similar interests.

ART CLUB

The art club is for students who share a common interest and talent in the two dimensional and three-dimensional arts and who wish to create a variety of art projects throughout the year. This club meets every other week and supports students in becoming more aesthetically aware of a wide variety of art techniques and medium.

ART-NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The National Art Honor Society is a creative organization that includes the most motivated art students at West Orange High School. To become eligible, a student must have an average grade of B or higher.

The students who are accepted into the National Art Honor Society participate in displaying current artwork throughout the school and the community. Students will also submit artwork for local and national contests to create scholarship opportunities and school recognition.

ASIAN CULTURE CLUB

Created in 2017, this organization strives to explore and educate the student population about the many cultures, traditions, celebrations, and foods originating from Asian continent, including China, the Philippines, Iran, Thailand, India, and Pakistan. Follow us on Instagram @praisintheasianwohs

ATHLETICS TRAINER/SPORTS MEDICINE

The Athletics Trainer/Sports Medicine Club will explore an array of professional health care opportunities in this diverse field. This club will help expose students to information in sports medicine and its related health care fields while helping to disseminate knowledge about potential career choices. Future health care professionals will examine careers such as athletic training, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, sport psychologists and orthopedics. The Sports Medicine Club will give students the opportunity to learn more about the details of each profession. This club will help to bring about socialization among students and their peers who have common likes and interests. In addition, students will interact with a multitude of healthcare professionals. The club will foster a positive learning environment where members will establish strong relationships, develop self-confidence and achieve a higher level of competence. At a minimum, club members will be better equipped to handle responsibility and gain the satisfaction of accomplishing tasks and attaining both short-term and long-term goals.

Basic Anatomy & Physiology, Kinesiology, Sport Psychology and rehabilitation sciences will be covered and assessed. Basic training in First Aid, CPR, AED and EPI-PEN must be completed by all members. Students will shadow the Athletic Trainer on a rotating basis and complete observation hours. The club plans to host guest speakers from diverse professional fields in order to share their unique perspective.

BEST BUDDIES FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER

Our Friendship Chapter builds one-to-one friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social interactions while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded. Through participation during school and outside of school, students with IDD form meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities that many other individuals enjoy. This Friendship Chapter helps break through social barriers at an important time in a young person's life.

BLACK STUDENT UNION

The purpose of the Black Student Union Club is to provide a forum for discussion on the political, social, and cultural landscape of the African Diaspora. We aim to create a culturally enlightened community on campus by educating about the African Diaspora, issues surrounding Blacks in modern times. As well as highlighting accomplishments of those within the black community. We welcome all people interested in uplifting and obtaining education on the history and accolades of various black communities. Our meeting agendas will include but are not limited to, lessons about black countries, black history, ethnic traditions, highlighting racial injustices, and discussing current events pertinent to the different communities within the diaspora.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has traditionally been a club that allows students to play Chess in both competitive and noncompetitive settings. The Chess Club meets for one hour after school on Wednesday in room 3234. Players of ALL ability levels are welcome, including those who do not yet know how to play. Chess is a fun yet mentally demanding game that develops concentration and analytical skills. The current teacher advisors are Ara Berberian and Eric Sternberg.

CHINESE CLUB

The Chinese club is open to all students who are interested in learning about Chinese culture. Meetings are held twice a month normally from 2:30 to 3:30. Members decide the activities of the year. Past activities include kite making and flying, demonstrations and hands-on lessons in Chinese art, such as calligraphy, paper folding and paper cutting, Tai JChi lessons, making and tasting Chinese food and tea, Chinese movie night, guest speakers, and badminton tournament. We also celebrate Chinese holidays such as the moon festival and Lunar new year. Volunteer hours are given to those who help out at various club sponsored events.

CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY

NCHS, the West Orange High School chapter of the National Chinese Honor Society, is a selective organization of the high achieving junior and senior students in the Chinese Language and Culture program. To become eligible for invitation, students must be in the Honors Chinese 4 or higher course and must have maintained an A average in their Chinese classes. Nominees must also maintain a B average in all other subjects. Eligibility for invitation is determined by a committee of Chinese teachers at West Orange High School who assess all areas of academics, character, leadership, and

community service. NCHS members are required to participate in after school tutoring and Chinese Club activities. Upon completing all obligations and academic responsibilities, graduating members will be bestowed with honor cord to wear at graduation.

COLOR GUARD/WINTER COLOR GUARD

The Fall Color Guard is part of the award winning Marching Mountaineers. The Fall color guard begins rehearsing in the Spring, attends band camp in August, and competes with the marching band from September through early November. In Fall color guard, all students learn the basic movements of marching and how to spin a flag. Students of all grades are welcome to join the Fall color guard. No experience is necessary.

The Winter Color Guard features only members of the color guard (no band) in an artistic indoor presentation. Each year the winter guard choreographs a new show set to music to be performed inside a gymnasium (similar to a dance team). The winter guard begins rehearsing in mid-November. The competition season begins in January and continues until mid-April. In Winter Color Guard, all students learn the basic movements of dance and how to spin flag, rifle, and sabre. Students of all grades are welcome to join the winter color guard. Experience from the fall color guard is preferred.

COMPUTER CODING CLUB (VIDEO GAME DESIGNERS)

The Computer Coding Club offers students the chance to learn about the programming languages involved in the creation of video games and other apps. It takes a look at program interactions, environments, and the languages used for various types of console games, Apple/Android apps, and other classic programs/games. When you come to the club, you can expect in depth discussions, app/game creation tool exploration, and, of course, programming.

DANCE (NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS)

By recognizing outstanding dance students nationwide for their artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement and providing institutions with a way to promote their dance programs, NHSDA helps to advance the field of dance education centered in the arts. Meetings occur 1-2 times per month and are open to students 9-12. To be eligible for induction, students must currently have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, participate in dance related activities at and outside of the high school, and must have 30 qualifying induction points.

- Run for leadership roles (President, Vice, Secretary, etc.)
- Perform/stage crew for Dance Concert(s)
- Attend club sponsored field trips to Dance Shows
- Lead and take master dance classes of different styles
- Acquire Points over the course of time in high school to be inducted and recognized as a national member
- Certificates at each level of induction, opportunity to receive the gold Honor Pin and wear the blue and white Honor Cord and/or Medallion at Graduation

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club meets once a week on Thursdays during lunch in the Little Theatre. We do a number of things to build community including Ensemble Exercises, Game Days, Movie Days and we do a variety of workshops to hone our performance theatrical skills including, Monologues, Scene Study, Dance, Lighting, Sound and Tech as well as Improvisation. Twice a year, the Drama Club hosts a Coffeehouse which is a talent show produced and performed by students in the Little Theatre. Students perform songs, monologues, poems, stand-up comedy, band numbers, dance and more for a live audience. Students in the Drama Club also prepare monologues and scenes for the STANJ Theatre Competition, The Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey, held every January at Montclair State University.

DRILL TEAM GIRLS'

The WOHS Girls Step Team, also known as Optimal Precision, is a sisterhood and exciting club of young people who step and dance. We actively participate in district wide school assemblies, community functions, and athletic events. The team has been a part of the NJSSA (New Jersey State Step Association) for many years. Throughout the years, the team competes against various high schools in New Jersey and New York. Optimal Precision has won several competitions and their ultimate goal as a team each year is to enter and win the state finals. We also have individualized goals, we believe in a strong academic background. We strive to earn and maintain excellent grades throughout the school year, so that we can have a better chance of getting into a good college and prepare ourselves for a better future. Optimal Precision is committed to hard work and perseverance. We demonstrate outstanding coordination, synchronization, and versatility when performing. We are building young successful people for the future! Come join the team!

ENGLISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – ESCRIPTUS

Esriptus, the West Orange High School chapter of the National English Honor Society, is a selective organization of the best junior and senior students in English, Language and Literary Arts. To become eligible for invitation, students must maintain an A average in English Honors or Advanced Placement classes by the end of their first semester in their junior year AND must also meet both of the following criteria: 1) for 2 out of the first 3 years of their high school career they must have maintained an A average in their Language Arts classes and must not have received a grade *lower* than a B for any Language Arts coursework, 2) they must have maintained a B average in all their other subjects during their high school career. While these criteria determine who receives a nomination to apply, there is a review of written submissions and an application assessment conducted by a panel of English teachers that determines invitation into the honor society. Nominees are not ensured membership. Esriptus is the Latin word for "writing," therefore members agree to publish in at least three different publications in or outside of the school, and are asked to read and write above and beyond their required high school course work.

ESL CLUB

The ESL Club was initially created to provide ESL students with the opportunity to get to better know each other and to make new friends. It now includes a wide diversity of students from the high school. It was also created to give ESL students the opportunity to take on positions of leadership and develop their sense of responsibility by helping with community events in the Town of West Orange. Finally, it helps students gain a better understanding of American culture, practice their English, and share their cultures with each other.

FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)

FCCLA is a dynamic national student leadership organization that focuses on the multiple roles of the family. Any student who has taken a class under the Family and Consumer Science department is welcome to join. The annual membership fee includes membership to participate in the Fall and Spring State Leadership Conferences, and receive "Teen Times" an FCCLA Publication.

Activities emerge early in the school year with the Fall Leadership Conference, "Life Smarts" competition; (Lifesmarts.org) community service, and fundraising. The highlight for the year is the State Leadership Conference where students compete in events and meet students from all over the state of New Jersey. If a student places 1st with a gold medal at the state level, then he or she can progress to the national conference and compete with students from all over the U.S. Members will meet bi-monthly.

FIGHT FOR GREEN – ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The Fight for Green club is dedicated to protecting and promoting a healthy school and community by raising awareness of the environment and performing acts of compassion such as planting trees, recycling, campaigning for people's reduction of their carbon footprint, and more. The club is open to any student who wants to get involved.

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club is open to all students who are interested in French speaking culture, whether or not they are students of French. Meetings are held twice a month.

At the beginning of each year, students elect a committee and discuss and decide on the activities they would like to do for that year. Past activities have included trips to Broadway plays, trips to Manhattan to see French Films and eating in French restaurants.

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY - "La Société Honoraire de Français: René Descartes."

Students having completed 3 years of French studies with an "A" average in French and a "B" average overall are eligible to be included into the French Honor Society. Membership to a language-related activity such as the French Club is a requirement. Members of the French Honor Society will provide tutoring to those students who need help in their French classes.

FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL

The focus of the Freshman Class Council is to organize activities for a smooth transition into high school. Many activities are held in conjunction with the Freshman Mentoring Program. Throughout the year the class council holds pizza sales, class meetings, plans fundraisers, and organizes class activities and events.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)

FBLA club inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. Students are encouraged to develop competent leadership skills by strengthening confidence in themselves and their work. Students experience many activities, from participation in competitive events that range from Regional to National stages, community service, fundraising, attending workshops, college visits, and guest speakers. In addition, FBLA prepares students to be useful citizens and foster patriotism. Scholarship is promoted, along with facilitating the transition from school to work, and preparing for future job market trends. Students who plan to major in business are strongly recommended to participate.

FUTURE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION (NJFEA)

The Center for Future Educators is established to address this need by offering a new vision for future teacher recruitment and development—one that is a focused, organized, grassroots campaign to usher in a new era in the teaching profession. All teachers have the chance to educate children and improve lives; the teachers of the future will also have the chance to strengthen communities, and change the world. NJFEA provides its members with the opportunity to explore the teaching profession, discuss current trends in education, leadership development, and community service experiences. Students attend several field trips to local colleges participating in relevant workshops throughout the state to collaborate and work with college level professors, education programs and other high school students to get an insight into the teaching profession.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

The WOHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance is an expanding group of students joined together to support **LGBTQIA+ youth and their allies**. Our mission includes working towards eliminating homophobia through education and activism. We aim to reduce bullying and increase understanding and acceptance in our school's community. The national website is www.gsanetwork.org for more information.

GirlsUP

GirlsUP works to empower the young women of West Orange High School and provide an outlet to advocate for female related issues. Our goal is to bring the issues of women around the world to light and to instill confidence and unity to the girls of our community. In doing so, we hope to prepare the girls of today to become the women of tomorrow. We work on issues that range from body and mind positivity, community relations, and sustainable and healthy living to various speaker series and “talk into opportunity” discussions about different majors and courses young women might be interested in.

GLEE CHOIR

Glee Choir is a performing ensemble that is open to all WOHS students “BY AUDITION”. Students selected for Glee Choir perform pop and show songs with staging and choreography. Rehearsals are after school once a week, more as performance dates near. The Glee Choir performs in 2 school concerts each year and at other school and community events. Students in Glee Choir pay dues that cover a club T-shirt and other activity expenses. The Glee Choir tours schools in West Orange, performs at community events and senior homes in the area. The Glee Choir performs a BROADWAY NIGHT concert in the Fall as a fundraiser for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. ***Audition is required.***

HEALTH CAREERS – HOSA CLUB

The following information is found on the website HOSA.org.

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, therefore, helping the student meet the needs of the health care community.

HOSA assists members to:

- Develop effective leadership qualities and skills
- Build self-confidence, motivation and enthusiasm
- Strengthen their academic and technical skills
- Create friendships and social networks
- Participate in community service activities
- Set realistic career and educational goals
- Expand communication and teamwork skills
- Develop workplace readiness skills
- Understand current healthcare issues

Meetings will be held bimonthly.

National and State Dues are \$20 per member.

HEALTHY LIVING CLUB

The Healthy Living Club seeks to promote health and wellness, as well as an awareness regarding alternative eating styles and the science behind both food and nutrition. Other topics discussed in the club include how the food chain impacts our ecology and how we can promote healthier practices in our daily existence, in order to live a more content and fulfilling life, while managing daily stressors. The club seeks to meet two times a month, as it is the aim to establish a safe environment where students with same interest can support each other or learn about new topics, such as nutrition, food science, and stress management, that can help them as they grow academically, emotionally, and physically. The objectives of this club are parallel to the goals established by the school district in its Health and Wellness Committee.

INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club is a school and community volunteer service group which is sponsored by the West Orange Rotary Club. General Business meetings and Executive Board meetings are held monthly.

Interact members participate in the American Heart Association Walk-A-Thon; collect donations to support the 911 Disaster Relief Fund of the American Red Cross; serve as guides at Freshmen Orientation and Back-To-School Night; and help the West Orange Recreation Department with its Halloween Happenings program. Interact sponsors an annual Winter Blanket & Coat Drive for the Salvation Army; donates food for Thanksgiving and holiday food baskets for the needy. Interact helps organize and participates in the annual Students Helping West Orange Senior Citizens, helping seniors with outside Spring chores, and serves as ushers for Curriculum Night, Senior Awards Night, and WOHS Graduation Exercises. Interact members have helped the West Orange Downtown Development Corp. with preparation of Halloween paint kits for children, and assisted the West Orange Community House with its preschoolers. Fundraising includes the sale of secret note cards for special events, such as Halloween ScaryGrams and HolidayGrams. Morning muffin sales are held monthly.

Interact officers participate in the annual Rotary District sponsored Interact Leadership Conference. Interact members frequently attend West Orange Rotary Club weekly luncheon meetings as guests, and attend scheduled events with surrounding Interact Clubs. Interact combines school and community service activities with friendship and fun.

THE ISRAELI CULTURE CLUB

The Israeli Culture Club provides an opportunity for students to learn about Israeli culture, holidays, and values in a fun and meaningful way. It offers interactive and hands-on learning activities designed to engage participants within a friendly and safe environment.

ITALIAN CLUB

The Italian Club of WOHS is open to all students enrolled at the high school who are interested in learning about Italian language and culture. Students do not have to be enrolled in Italian nor be members of the club in order to participate in most club activities, although non-members may pay a slightly higher fee for certain activities which are offered to members free of charge or at a nominal fee. The club holds regular meetings every two weeks, with the executive board meeting more frequently in order to plan meetings and events. Members who are also involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities often have conflicts and are not able to attend the club's regular meetings. They do, however, help in the planning and facilitation of events. For this reason, certain events are held in the evenings, when there is no interference with other school activities.

Activities sponsored by the Italian Club include a series of lectures/presentations on various aspects of Italian culture. Programs previously presented include: Welcome Social for new members, Video & Talk on Italian feasts, Biannual Italian Club Dinner featuring student & professional entertainment, Trips to New York City to Metropolitan Museum of Art, DiCapo Opera theater House, Eatly & Little Italy, Presentation on different regions of Italy, Pizza Party, and Carnevale Celebration. Join the Italian Club and have fun while learning about Italian Culture.

ITALIAN HONOR SOCIETY

La Società Italica is a national association under the aegis of the American Association of Teachers of Italian. The West Orange High School Chapter, named after the father of the Italian language, Dante Alighieri, promotes excellence in the study of the Italian language and culture. Membership is extended to students who have completed at least three years of the language and maintained an A average in Italian and an overall B average in their other subjects.

Candidates must also be involved in the Italian Club. An induction ceremony, attended by students, parents and faculty, is held every spring. Members are engaged in

tutoring students who need help in Italian, coordinating Italian cultural activities with members of the society and providing service within the West Orange community.

JAZZ BAND

West Orange High School is home to two jazz ensembles; Jazz I and Jazz II. Each ensemble performs in competitions throughout the state, the annual District Jazz Concert, and many district and local functions, as well as the annual Spring Music Department Trip. Participation in each ensemble is by audition only and there are no costs or fees to be part of any of the groups. Auditions are usually held prior to Thanksgiving and are open to anyone in the school.

Jazz I

Jazz I is a big band ensemble dedicated to exposure to various kinds of jazz music. Improvisation is a staple of this ensemble and each student is expected to perform at the highest level. Jazz I usually rehearse once a week in preparation for competitions and performances.

Jazz II

For the developing jazz student, Jazz II is an ensemble designed to address the fundamental concepts of jazz performance. Focus on improvisation, reading a lead sheet, and developing a greater understanding of jazz performance concepts and techniques are explored. Jazz II rehearses once a week and performs at some competitions, festivals and community performances.

JUBILEE SHOW CHOIR

The Jubilee Show Choir is made up of a select group of singers, dancers, and instrumentalists who proudly perform a variety of styles of inspirational and motivational music. The group meets once a week and performs in several engagements and concerts during the school year including the Winter Concert, M.L.K., Jr. Commemorations, and Black History Month Programs and community events. The groups' mission is to bring a positive message of hope to the school and the community.

JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL

The Junior Class Council consists of dedicated students from the Junior Class. Among its many obligations, the council is responsible for organizing and managing fundraisers which add to the class treasury and support Junior class activities. Fundraising

activities include pizza sales, car washes, and give-back nights. Social functions may include class socials such as pizza and ice cream parties. All juniors are encouraged to participate.

JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA (JSA)

The Junior State of America, known as JSA, is the largest student-run organization in the United States. JSA seeks to teach high school students about government, encourage and develop leadership, and encourage good citizenship and participation in a democratic system. Unlike many other clubs, chapter meetings are planned and run entirely by the student leadership. Usually, these meetings are debates, thought talks, or simulations that revolve around the pertinent issues of the day. Three times a year, West Orange High School attends State conventions. These overnight events at large hotels give members the opportunity to meet, debate, and socialize with politically active students from the entire eastern seaboard. There are also numerous events held at high schools and colleges across the state. JSA activities are engaging, fun, and seek to get everyone involved. Everyone is welcome to attend!

THE LATIN CULTURE CLUB (formerly Spanish Club)

The Latin Culture Club provides a safe space for all to promote awareness, appreciation, education and understanding of the people, practices, perspectives, and products of the Spanish-speaking world. In addition, this club brings together students that do not take a language or take another foreign language. The club meets twice a month and engages in a series of activities such as dance, food, movies, guest speakers, and more!

LITERARY MAGAZINE (COBBLESTONE)

Cobblestone, the literary-art magazine of West Orange High School, looks for creative, strong-minded individuals to join its ranks. We create an annual publication dedicated to the appreciation and display of art, photography, varied genres of writing, and cultural talent. Students control every aspect of the book's production from submissions and staff work to fundraising. They express their editing decisions through the selection, typing, drafting, layout and presentation of the publication.

Cobblestone is the recipient of a first place rating with the Scholastic Press Association, a national award honoring student magazines; the staff received 285 out of a possible 300 points in such categories as style, presentation, and physical appearance and layout. *Cobblestone* staff members pride themselves on group leadership and participation. All members voice their opinion with equal fervor and enthusiasm in the *Cobblestone* environment.

Activities sponsored by the club include ***Cobblestone Unplugged*** – an open mic, acoustic evening featuring student poets, dancers, musicians and singers – and ***Cobblestone Café*** – an end of the year talent showcase where students sign up to put on a variety of acts including musical and band performances, dance routines and poetry readings. Food is served and the newest issue of the magazine is distributed.

MARCHING BAND

The Marching Mountaineers are one of the most award-winning groups at West Orange High School. The group is consistently recognized as one of the top marching bands in the state. Every year the Marching Mountaineers put on an artistic, musical presentation on the football field. They begin rehearsals during the Spring and the season is completed before Thanksgiving. Rehearsals are held after school, in the evenings, and on Saturdays. The group performs at all Varsity Football games, local events, as well as contests and competitions; including the Spring Music Department Trip. There is a registration fee that covers miscellaneous costs and Band Camp which is usually held mid-August.

MATHEMATICS HONOR SOCIETY - MU ALPHA THETA

Mu Alpha Theta is a national honor society dedicated to inspiring a keen interest and strong scholarship in mathematics. The society recognizes students who excel in mathematics and encourages students to enjoy the subject. Mathematics competitions and contests occur throughout the year, along with service to the school community through mathematics peer tutoring and volunteer projects. The society offers leadership opportunities, as well as access to national scholarships, contests, and conventions. Students may apply for membership while enrolled in their second honors level mathematics course at the high school level.

MATH TEAM

All students are invited to participate in the New Jersey Mathematics League (NJML) competitions. Contests are held 6 times a year and consist of 6 challenging questions. Students of all levels are welcome. Highest individual results are recorded and sent in to represent the math team at WOHS.

In addition, students are selected to compete in the Essex County Mathematics League (ECML) held each year in May at Caldwell College. Teams of 5 students compete in the subject areas of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Mathematics, Calculus and Statistics against teams from other schools in Essex County.

More information can be obtained from mathematics teachers or from the Mathematics Department Supervisor.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM

A unique blend of drama, debate and the law, West Orange High School's Mock Trial Team allows students to test their skills against other schools in competition at the Essex County Courthouse. Though one team, it is comprised of two sides with two lawyers, three witnesses and several alternates. Beginning in early October, each side of the Mock Trial team spends several months preparing either the Plaintiff/Prosecution or Defense side of a case written for competition by the New Jersey Bar Foundation. Mock Trial is a competitive club, and therefore a huge time commitment for anyone involved. Team members meet together anywhere from one to three times a week, including some weekends, to discuss objectives, plan strategy, and rehearse scenarios. Mock Trial is a rewarding experience like none other. It is a chance to form close friendships, gain experience and test your skills against the best!

MOUNTAINEER AUTO CLUB

Mountaineer Auto Club is for students who want to learn more about cars, and how they work. We meet once a week on Thursdays in the Mountaineer Auto-Shop where we will do repairs on vehicles. The repairs range from preventative maintenance like oil changes, brakes, and front-end alignments, to engine performance issues such as tune-ups or "check engine light" problems. All students are welcome to join.

MOUNTAINEER BOOK CLUB

The goals of the Mountaineer Book Club are:

- To foster a love for literacy in students, regardless of gender, age, race, socioeconomic status.
- To instill positive habits in reading such as reading for pleasure, reading for curiosity, reading for discovery.
- To initiate conversation and healthy debate regarding teen issues and contemporary topics.
- To explore different topics, themes, and genres in adolescent and appropriate adult literature.
- To examine the film industry's treatment of popular literature.

- To discover different backgrounds, cultures, and viewpoints.

All participants benefit from the experience, because they are exposed to literature they might not experience, they may meet students they may not encounter elsewhere, and they may be consistently introduced to different backgrounds, cultures, and viewpoints.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The West Orange Chapter of the High School National Honor Society is an elite organization that encompasses the best all-around students at West Orange High School. To become eligible, a student must have at least a 3.55 GPA on a scale of 4.0. After the academic eligibility, the West Orange Faculty Committee evaluates the applicants in the areas of academics, character, leadership, and community service.

The students who are accepted into the National Honor Society participate in organization events that include community service, and mandatory tutoring. Students become eligible during their second semester of their junior year and are allowed to apply during their junior and senior years.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS

The West Orange High School NSBE Jr. Chapter represents one of the largest student-governed organizations based in the United States. NSBE, founded in 1975, supports and promotes the aspirations of collegiate and pre-collegiate students and technical professionals in engineering and technology. As a club, we strive to bring awareness and increase the interest in engineering within our community. We welcome all students who are interested in pursuing engineering as a profession and provide opportunities in leadership, competitions, scholarships, and community service. For further information on the National Club visit www.nsbe.org/.

NEWSPAPER (PIONEER)

The Pioneer, the school newspaper of West Orange High School, seeks to inform, educate, and entertain the school community. It presents information and opinions from the student's perspective. Also acting as a forum for the free exchange of ideas, *The Pioneer* seeks to engage the school population by promoting issues regarding current events and topics pertinent to the high school and the West Orange community, in addition to our nation and world.

The Pioneer welcomes students from all grades, experience levels, and interests. Published online at wohspioneer.org, Newspaper club provides students with opportunities and responsibilities unique to student journalists.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The indoor Percussion Ensemble features only percussion instruments in an artistic indoor presentation. Each year the ensemble performs different pieces of music that are performed at concerts and festivals around the state. The ensemble features all variety of percussion instruments ranging from drums, toms, and timpani to marimbas, xylophones, and even piano. The ensemble begins rehearsing in January and continues until the Spring. Students of all grades are welcome to join. Experience from concert band or marching band is preferred but not necessary.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY CLUB

The Photography and Videography Club is for students interested in the visual arts of photography and videography. Our meetings cover various topics, such as workshops on using the basic functions of a camera, working under different settings, and editing photos and videos. We also highlight opportunities for students to volunteer to take photos or videos for school events. From time to time, the club hosts photo contests covering different themes so students can participate in honing their craft. The club is open to all students, from beginners who have only used smartphone cameras to advanced photographers who have experience with DSLR, mirrorless, or film cameras.

PIT ORCHESTRA

The pit orchestra is an exciting way to be a part of the spring musical! This instrumental ensemble features woodwinds, brass, strings, piano/keyboards, and percussion instruments, depending on the musical each year. Students can be invited to be a part of the pit orchestra and to play alongside professional musicians. Rehearsals are held in March prior to the musical week in March or April.

ROYAL STRINGS

Besides the orchestras that meet during the school day, there is another exciting group for you to be a part of. The Royal Strings is a select string chamber group. Participation is by audition, and/or recommendation only. The award-winning Royal Strings Orchestra has performed at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center in NYC, and the West Orange Faculty Scholarship Concert which awards a scholarship to a graduating senior who is pursuing undergraduate studies in music education. In addition, Royal Strings students often perform at civic functions such as the annual Mayor's Breakfast for the West Orange Chamber of Commerce, West Orange Rotary Club for St. Patrick's Day, and perform yearly at the Essex County Education Association's Pride in Education EXPO which features over 100 performing groups from Essex County.

SCHOOL STORE

The school store is a student-driven business whose mission is two-fold. The store provides valuable, real-world business experience to those students in the School Store Management Club who assist in every aspect of running the store, including but not limited to such tasks as purchasing, marketing, sales and customer service. The Mountaineer Shop is also committed to providing West Orange students and enthusiasts with quality merchandise, both on-site and online. Students can expect to learn/practice important employable skills like: time-management, communication, teamwork, problem-solving, planning, organizing and analytical thinking. Participation in The School Store Management Club is a sure way to have any resume or college applications stand out from the rest!

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Selection of Members

Membership in the Science National Honor Society (SNHS) is a prestigious recognition of your achievement in Honors and AP level science courses. As an active member, you will organize and be involved in peer-to-peer tutoring support, as well as science programs within the school and larger community. There are opportunities to network with other students, professionals, and learn about the wide range of career possibilities in applied science and engineering by interacting with several Guest Lecturers each year.

Membership in the SNHS is contingent on the following: you must be a junior or a senior, enrolled in at least 2 years of honors or AP science classes, have a 4.0 WOHS average in science (equivalent to an A- average) and an overall school average of 3.0 or better. Members must have taken, or be enrolled in one of the following 2nd year AP science courses: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, or AP Physics (i.e., 1, 2, or C). Interested students may petition to join the SNHS by completing the application shared with our school community at the beginning of each academic year.

Indicating that you are a member of the SNHS on your college applications will provide a clear indication to your selected schools of your sincerity and achievement in scientific or technical pursuits, as well as your commitment to utilize your understanding in the service of your community.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The Science Olympiad is a nationwide competition, with teams of students competing in a range of 15-20 categories in science and design engineering. Successful teams have dedicated students drawn from a wide range of science and engineering disciplines. Examples include chemistry lab, anatomy, building a helicopter, building a support tower and other similar topics. Competition begins at the Regional level against 20-25 other schools, with winners advancing to State and National levels. The West Orange team is limited to 15 students drawn from grades 10-12 and is highly motivated to succeed in a challenging, academic, and fun environment.

SCIENCE TEAM

The Science Team offers competitive Biology questioning on content and skill. Students currently enrolled, at West Orange High School, in Honors Biology courses are invited to compete in the meets. Beginning in January, tests are given on the last B-day lunch of each month with the year finishing in May. Students compete in groups of 2 or 3 and placement certificates are awarded to the groups who take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall to recognize their outstanding achievement. All students who fully participate will also receive a letter of completion.

SCREENWRITERS SOCIETY (WOHS FILMMAKERS WORKSHOP)

Workshop provides a forum where like-minded individuals can develop their craft in a fun and supportive environment. We wrestle with all aspect of the filmmaking process: writing, directing, acting, editing, and production. Members are encouraged to start with the screenwriting process as we watch, analyze, and discuss relevant films and TV shows during meetings. Club members also practice pitching their ideas, creating loglines, and revising their work based on notes from other members. Each student-written screenplay receives a table read, so writers can hear their work performed out loud by their peers. Students critique submissions, provide constructive criticism, and support each other through the process. Members are always encouraged to enter their work into internal and outside competitions. The Filmmakers Workshop, launched the WOHS Short Film Festival in 2022, and many submitted work that became actual short films presented to the community. Students with an interest in film, writing or communications are encouraged to join.

SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL

The Senior Class Council is a group of students dedicated to planning senior class activities. Each year the Senior Class plans numerous events through committees, including Senior Fun Day and the Senior Prom. The senior class also conducts fundraisers such as car washes, pizza and bake sales to support these activities. All seniors are welcome to participate.

SKILLS USA CLUB

At WOHS, the SkillsUSA club serves as an aid for students to improve their college (and professional) credentials in order to stand out to admissions officers and employers. We provide exclusive experiences in community service, leadership, scholarship, and national level competition in different areas of career technical education. All of which help our members explore their passions and attract the attention of prestigious schools and companies. Our SkillsUSA members grow as individuals and discover new abilities by setting goals, electing officers and planning and carrying out projects within our school chapter. Visit www.skillsusa.org for a complete description of the organization.

SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY- RHO KAPPA

Rho Kappa, the Social Studies Honor Society, is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. The aim of social studies is the promotion of civic competence—the knowledge, intellectual processes, and democratic dispositions required of students to be active and engaged participants in public life.

Students that are inducted into Rho Kappa will serve their community, help tutor students and promote the content and relevance of good social studies education, and what it means to be civic-minded. Inductees must maintain a certain minimum grade point average in the discipline of Social Studies (B average in Honors or Advanced Placement classes, A average in non-honors) and an overall 3.0 grade point average.

SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL

The Sophomore Class is involved in many fundraising activities throughout the year which may include: pizza and candy sales along with car washes, all of which add to the class treasury. Social functions may include class socials such as pizza and ice cream parties. All sophomores are encouraged by the class advisors to join committees and become contributing members of their class.

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

WOHS students are nominated and inducted into the Spanish Honor Society in their third year of study in Spanish during an evening ceremony in the spring of each school year. The goal is to promote interest in the study of Spanish, to reward high scholastic achievement, and to create enthusiasm for an understanding of Spanish-speaking culture and civilization. Students having completed 2 ½ years of Spanish studies with an "A" average in Spanish and a "B" average overall are eligible to be included into the Spanish Honor Society. Membership to a language-related activity such as the Spanish Club is a requirement. The Spanish Honor Society meets B days during the second part of the lunch, where members provide tutoring to those students who need help in their Spanish classes.

STEP TEAM: BOYS'

The Boys' Dance/Step Team is a club organized to develop and display musical, rhythmic, and creative dance talents of young men. The group is a member of the former "NJSSA" and currently YOUTH STEP Org. and competes in several competitions during the school year. They have amassed several first place awards and accolades since the formation of the group. The group also participates in Athletic Events, the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade, and other community and school functions. The mission of the group is to bring together male students of diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council consists of four elected officers and representatives from various grade levels in the school. The Student Council plans a number of school-wide social and service events including NJASC events, the Annual Black History Month Scholarship event, several Spirit Weeks, Special Education Inclusion Dance, Senior Citizens' events and other community service projects. All students are encouraged to participate in these events.

TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA)

The Technology Student Association uses Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to promote personal growth, leadership and competition opportunities. Students use design and problem-solving skills learned in Technology and Engineering classes, and apply them to real world applications. Students are encouraged to enter competitions that will allow them to show their work to others around the state. TSA helps students understand their technological world and to assist students in taking their place in that world.

THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY (INTERNATIONAL)

The International Thespian Honor Society is a worldwide honor society for high school students who participate in theatre and dramatic events. Drama Club members who earn at least ten points and participate in two full length productions as both performer and crew, are eligible for induction into our troupe 1530. They are then eligible to attend and compete in the NJ State Festival and the International Festival, as well as compete for theatre scholarships to colleges. Thespians nominate the Board who organize fundraisers, workshops, and Coffeehouse productions. Thespians also produce and perform the student production every year in the Little Theatre.

THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING CLUB – 3D PRINTING CLUB

The West Orange High School 3D Printing Club welcomes all students who are interested in computerized 3D prototyping and printing. Students will be using 3D modeling programs to solve real-world problems. In solving problems, they will collaboratively and individually create products that may aid the individual student, the high school community and the West Orange community. As a team, we will be venturing out into the community and our high school to provide our services as "Problem Solvers" through 3D printing design. Students can learn to design and 3D print models based on their own individual interests and needs. We also offer the community 3D design and printing models that they might have a need for as well.

TRI-M (MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY)

The goal of Tri-M is to increase student and school involvement with music and to make a stronger and more unified school music program. The new West Orange High School chapter has about 60 active members and meets once a month. To be eligible for the Music Honor Society, students must currently have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, be enrolled in a music class with a grade of "A", and be in grades 10, 11, or 12. Each month music students have the opportunity to serve the community through ushering performances, assisting with music events and other service to the Fine Arts Department.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB

Ultimate Frisbee is a team sport in which players seek to score points by passing a Frisbee to a teammate over the opposing team's goal line. As a club, we practice from September to the end of November, and from March to the end of the school year. We compete in tournaments throughout the state. Even if students do not know how to play, we will help them learn one of the fastest growing sports in the world. We will help the students with throwing techniques and game strategy. The club is open to anyone who is interested in the sport or would like to improve their skills.

UNITY CLUB

Unity Club of West Orange High School is dedicated to promoting unity within our school community by increasing our understanding and acceptance of diverse cultures and IDEAS. Unity Club has about 40 active members, and many more who attend specific club events. Executive Officers meet every Thursday, and general meetings take place on alternate Thursdays.

Unity Club activities include:

- Civil discussions of controversial issues that arise in school, in pop culture, in American society, and in the world.
- Community service projects
- Community Events that celebrate cultural diversity

All these activities help bring together students of many backgrounds, to work together and get to know each other, and make a positive contribution to our school and community.

YEARBOOK (THE MOUNTAINEER)

The Mountaineer, West Orange High School's yearbook, chronicles each school year with special emphasis on the senior class and its academic, co-curricular and social activities. As both a journalism class and co-curricular activity, yearbook provides an excellent opportunity for experiential learning. Each student is assigned a specific staff responsibility while learning the latest techniques in photojournalism, copy writing, editing and graphic design. Yearbook is an application-based class for seniors (who must apply and be accepted during Junior year).