2019-2020 Clubs & Organizations

Be Involved! Pinkerton offers over 60 clubs, organizations, intramurals, and athletics you can join!

ACT Student Aides- Mr. Conley ~ Assist ACT teachers and ACT students in the classroom. They are positive role models and provide ACT students more opportunities to work with their regular education peers. The student aides volunteer their studies to help out Monday-Friday.

Academy Mentor Program- Mrs. Matrumalo, Ms. Raudonis ~ Seeking involvement from upperclassmen with leadership abilities to help in the transition component of the Freshmen Seminar. The actual seminar mentoring starts 1st semester, 2 days/week. Mentors will earn one-quarter credit after completion of the full program.

Art Club- Ms. Epaul, Mrs. Root, Rm. 514 ~ Provides students an opportunity to gather after school in a relaxed atmosphere to engage in a variety of arts/crafts activities: tie-dye t-shirts, printmaking, outdoor landscape drawing, clay, and more! Meetings are held twice/month on Mondays. Students can join at any time during the year. Dues: $10 for supplies.

Astro Striders- Ms. Chaplin, Rm. 336 ~ Promotes running as a positive outlet for young women and is for all abilities of runners (including those who have never run before). We will provide training runs, resources, and gently-used running gear. Meetings include discussion and information on strength training, stretching, nutrition, personal care, and hygiene. On occasion, guests will share how running has been a positive outlet in their lives and also provide cross-training opportunities.

Astros United (Pilot)- Ms. Mancinelli, Rm. 321 ~ Coordinate a variety of fundraising events to benefit local community causes. Interested students should see Mr. Mancinelli.

Classical Drawing Club- Ms. Epaul, Rm. 518 ~ Open to all students interested in working on artwork in a supportive studio setting. We meet every Tuesday after school until 3:30. Students will have access to drawing materials, Adobe Photoshop with graphics tablets, and join a passionate and creative group of young artists.

Classical Society- Mr. Olkovikas, Ms. V. Smith, Rm. 20 ~ Annually produces the Stylus & Strigil, a newsletter about Pinkerton's Latin program, and maintains and augments its Antiquarium, an in-school museum of artifacts from the ancient Mediterranean, as well as a Librarillum, a specialized, Classics-oriented library. The Society enjoys films about Antiquity, takes part in Classical trivia contests, and engages in myriad other activities, such as spoken Latin sessions, ancient Roman coin restoration and study, and papyrus-making. Classical Society historians research and document the history of the Society itself and members engage in outreach to middle school communities about the benefits of Latin study. Announced whole-Society meetings are held on Mondays and otherwise on an ad hoc basis. Participation in three or more events annually is required for basic membership. Membership is open to all students of the Academy. Dues: $5.

Computer Club- Mr. Eno, Mrs. Eno, Rm. 5211 ~ Open to all students and faculty interested in computer gaming, programming, hardware or networking. A variety of peer-to-peer games are played on a LAN, such as World of Warcraft, Counter Strike, and Starcraft. Adobe Flash, VB, Game Maker and Alice are some of the tools you can use to create your own game. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month from 2:20-3:20 p.m. This is a student-run club.

Critic (Yearbook)- Mr. Cain, Mr. Cremone, Rm. 415 ~ Pinkerton’s yearbook staff meets during the day and after-school hours. Students primary responsibility is to design, layout, photograph, and report on the school year through a comprehensive, thematic presentation. The meetings are also open to those students who cannot fit the course into their schedules but want to contribute. Membership is open to anyone interested.

Dance Club- Ms. Harms, Rm. 502 (Black Box Theatre) ~ The club is an inclusive dance performance organization that welcomes any student who loves to dance. Meetings/rehearsals are held on Mondays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. and we produce a major dance performance in April. Dance Club is a student-centered, student-driven organization that also does fundraising/community outreach.

Design Club- Ms. Copeland, Rm. 512 ~ A student-founded organization to unite and encourage students interested in all aspects of the fashion and design industry. Monthly meetings are studio work sessions providing opportunities to focus on trend, illustration, and various design projects. Students are encouraged to create and display work for the annual Pinkerton Spring Art Exhibit. Dues: $10 for supplies.

Distributive Education Clubs of America- Mrs. Carlson ~ DECA's objective is to support the development of marketing and management skills in career areas. Programs and activities are tailored to the specific career interest of students and include technical skills, basic scholastic and communication skills, human relations and employability skills, and a strong emphasis on economics and free enterprise. Visit our website: [www.deca.org/aboutus_overview.html](http://www.deca.org/aboutus_overview.html). Monthly meetings are in one of the lecture halls. Dues: $30.

Elementary Spanish Club- Mrs. Mireles ~ Provides PA students an opportunity to use their language skills in the community as well as gives elementary students a little head start for language learning. It also helps PA students acquire leadership skills; they learn to have a voice as they gain confidence implementing the lesson they created. Moreover, ELS gives students the opportunity to learn to collaborate with peers and teaches them patience as they work with young children. PA students get to reflect on their lessons and learn from them. In turn, they begin to appreciate their own teachers. Participants must provide their own transportation.

Equestrian Club- Ms. Justice, Rm. 6329 ~ We welcome anyone who loves horses. Students share their knowledge of horses and teach others. Mini clinics are held and students learn about saddle fitting, farrier work, horse veterinarians, and rescue organizations. The Equestrian Team is separate from the club, but students on the team must be actively involved in the club. Each district has 3 shows/meets, and the top teams compete in the State Show. All riding disciplines are welcome and encouraged to participate. The Equestrian Team fee varies from $15 for Spirit to $150 for riders for the whole season. Students do not need to own their own horse to be on the team. Meet monthly. Dues: $10.
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America- Ms. Brown, Ms. Cabral, Rm. 300 ~ A national career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. FCCLA members participate in local/state/national activities that provide opportunities for community service and leadership. Activities may include the Blood Drive, Homecoming, College Fair; provide holiday gifts for needy children, and Valentines for nursing home residents; NH FCCLA Fall Rally and Spring Conference, FCCLA National Leadership Meeting. Meetings are held on Thursdays.

Foreign Language Honor Society- Mrs. Farley ~ The purpose of FHLS is to acknowledge excellence for 3 years of foreign language study. The purpose of FHLS is to acknowledge excellence for 3 years of foreign language study in one language. Students qualify by earning a 90 or better for each of their 3 years of language study. It is not a club that students can join, but rather an honor that students receive. Meetings are held as needed. Students are required to perform 10 hours of community service before they graduate. Students must take a 4th year of study in that language after their induction to wear an honor cord at graduation.

Future Business Leaders of America- Mr. T. Smith, Foster Ball Lecture Hall (Academy Bldg.) ~ To bring business and education together through leadership and career development programs. There are a variety of activities that this organization participates in throughout the year. Members meet once a month. Currently about 200 members. Dues: $35.

Future Farmers of America- Ms. Garvin, Ms. Hartlen-Mooers, Mrs. Mize, Rm. 4102 ~ A national organization that promotes premier leadership through agriculture education. Open to students interested in agriculture and career success. Students learn vital skills through participating in Career Development Events and Supervised Agriculture Experiences that are related to the students’ agriculture interests. State & National competitions such as Job Interview, Environmental Science, Prepared Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Food Science, Dairy Science are combined with community service projects that focus on the environment. Students compete at the Deerfield Fair and can qualify for The Eastern States Exposition. Meetings are held every Tuesday, 2:20-3:00. Visit wwwffa.org. Dues: $20.

Garfield Club (Pilot) - Ms. Barros- Rm. 6303 ~ Garfield Club is a society where all students can gather in order to share their love for the iconic orange cat, Garfield. Throughout the year, we will partake in a variety of activities such as watching movies, analyzing comic strips, creating arts and crafts, and investing time into community service projects. Come join the fun! Meetings are held on one Monday/month from 2:15-3:15 p.m.

German Club- Ms. Schlachter, Rm. 5325 ~ To give interested students who are taking or have taken German an opportunity to expand their knowledge of the German language and culture. We hold fun activities to help experience German as a living language. See Frau Schlachter for information, meeting days, and times. Meetings are every two weeks on Fridays after school starting October 13. Some outings and activities will require a nominal cost.

Girls Off-Season Strength Training & Conditioning (Pilot) - Ms. Abbott, Ms. Barner ~ Please see Ms. Abbott in Room 432 after school on Tuesdays for more information.

Harry Potter Club- TBD ~ The Harry Potter Club is Pinkerton’s gathering spot for Harry Potter fans! We meet twice a month on Wednesdays to discuss the books and movies, make themed crafts, play games, and earn house points. Students will be sorted into their Hogwarts houses to compete for the house cup, awarded at our end-of-the-year party. Come join in the magic!

Health Occupation Students of America- Mr. Earle, Ms. Gore, Rm. 6334 ~ A student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and enhance the delivery of quality health care. PA HOSA’s annual plan of work includes fundraising for the HOSA National Service Project (Build a Better You!). Students raise money for HOSA scholarships, have team-building activities, participate in competitive events relative to healthcare activities and knowledge, and in community service activities such as the PA HOSA / American Red Cross Blood Drive. Students can participate in community-planned disaster drills due to their experience/interest in emergency services and community wellness. HOSA students have General meetings on second Tuesday/month, and Officers Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Dues: $30.

History Guild- Ms. Doherty, Rm. 6303 ~ We will meet on Thursdays. History Guild is for people who like history and government! We watch historical movies/documentaries, students present on historical topics they are interested in, and we discuss and learn about exciting things in history and current events. At the end of the year, students can participate in National History Day, where students compete with other students around the state by creating a history project.

International Club- Mr. Levesque- Rm. TBD ~ To promote good will towards an interest in people of various cultures by participating in cultural events, guest speakers, geography/cultural games/discussion groups. A popular activity each fall is the International Dinner/Dance. The club sponsors an outreach project to provide funds/supplies to needy people around the world. The club meets the third Thursday/month. Officers meet on the second Tuesday/month. An outing/cultural event is planned for each month. Members are expected to participate in club fundraisers.

Intramural Athletic Program- TBD ~ Provides an opportunity to participate in extra-curricular athletic activities without the commitment of an entire athletic season. The program offers approx. 25 different events throughout the year, including the ever-popular school-wide Dodgeball tournament. All Intramural events are open to ALL Pinkerton students.

Just Like Us (JLU)- Ms. Barros, Mrs. Johnston, Rm. TBD ~ JLU creates a truly inclusive environment for all students involved. Our goal is: “To create and raise social acceptance and awareness for students with developmental disabilities at Pinkerton Academy.” Students both with and without disabilities interact together to create friendships and positive self-esteem. Members plan social as well as Pinkerton events such as Homecoming, Unified Field Day, Special Olympics, and other sporting events.

Leadership Council of Athletics (LCA) - Ms. Buskey, Mr. Sojka ~ The council is a group of 30-40 athletes whose mission is to promote athletics along with healthy lifestyle choices. The full council meets once/week during lunches. There are other events and meetings for individual sub-committees. Applications for the council are taken in the spring.

LGBT Alliance- Mr. Gagnon, Ms. Putnam, Rm. 400 ~ To provide a fun, non-judgmental, confidential place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and allies who wish to discuss current events/topics affecting the gay community. LGBT strives to promote a higher standard of tolerance and awareness in the community. LGBT meets twice/month on Mondays; everyone is welcome to join.

Lunch Buddies- Mr. Conley ~ The lunch buddies eat and socialize with ACT and resource students during their lunch and half studies. With the lunch buddies, the students with special needs are fully included in one more aspect of their school day. Lunch buddies talk and/or help the students through the lunch line. The commitment is Monday-Friday.

Manga (Library Activity)- Mrs. Roddy, Library ~ Meets after school one day per week. The club has manga book discussions, drawing classes, anime viewing, LARPing, and other manga-themed games and activities.
Sign Language Club- Mr. Otterson, Mrs. Palmariello, Rm. 5326 ~ Students assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses in a court case. They investigate the case, create direct/cross examinations, deliver testimonies, give opening statements and closing arguments, and conduct the trial. Groups of up to 12 students compete against other NH high schools for the State Championship. State champions go on to compete at the national level. In a fun, creative, and exciting environment, students will learn important skills such as critical thinking and public speaking. Meetings are held 2x/week; time to be determined. Fundraising may be necessary. Dues: $20 for travel/competition costs.

Mock Trial Club- Ms. McGarty, Rm. 6302 ~ Students assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses in a court case. They investigate the case, create direct/cross examinations, deliver testimonies, give opening statements and closing arguments, and conduct the trial. Groups of up to 12 students compete against other NH high schools for the State Championship. State champions go on to compete at the national level. In a fun, creative, and exciting environment, students will learn important skills such as critical thinking and public speaking. Meetings are held 2x/week; time to be determined. Fundraising may be necessary. Dues: $20 for travel/competition costs.

Model United Nations Club- Mrs. Cavedon, Rm. 6307 ~ Pinkerton's Model United Nations (PA MUN) Club is a club in the Social Studies Department, focusing mainly on debate skills, leadership, and global issues. Model UN provides an awesome opportunity for like minds to gather together to experience what the United Nations is like, coming up with solutions, making decisions, and drafting resolutions just like what the United Nations does. PA MUN competes with students from all over the world in formal conferences during the year. Meetings are every first and third Thursdays/month.

National Honor Society- Mr. Gaucher, Rm. 3 (Pinkerton Hall-downstairs) ~ NHS was founded in 1921 to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Through service activities, (candy sales, supporting the Derry News Santa Fund, individual service projects, assist administration with Freshman Orientation Day/Course Night) members maintain and extend the qualities that earned them selection. Officers meet regularly as required; member meetings are held for newly selected juniors and seniors in the fall; other meetings are held prior to induction in spring. The NHS Aspen page and email are the main sources of communication. Eligible juniors and seniors are considered for membership by the Faculty Selection Committee in the fall; students do not apply for membership. Dues: $10.

National Technical Honor Society- Mrs. Untiet, Stockbridge Theatre ~ Provides the opportunity to recognize and reward a group of students with outstanding character, commitment, and accomplishment whose academic prowess is best demonstrated in the career & technical laboratory. Activities include assisting with the open house and helping with the Career Awareness Night. Members must maintain a minimum weighted GPA of 80 in all classes with a 90 average or above in the career and tech programs after 5 quarters. Visit www.pinkertonacademy.org/cte. Dues: $35.

Outing Club- Mr. Hodgkinson, Mr. Sackmann, Rm. 5114 ~ Fun, outdoor activities where members will learn a variety of outdoor skills (snowshoeing, camping, etc.). Dues: $10 plus any additional travel costs.

PA Book Club (Pilot)- Ms. Pollari, Rm. 104 ~ Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, once or twice a month.

PA Car Club- Mrs. Kraves, Rm. 5109-Auto Dept. ~ The Pinkerton Academy Car Club is for anyone interested in the car culture. We have many events (go-carting, car meets) along with a project car to work on. Meet every Monday after school.

PA Key Club (Pilot)- Ms. Iacuzio, Rm. TBD ~ Student-led service based organization open to all students with a goal of promoting leadership and helping the community. Key Club is the largest and oldest service organization for teens present in many schools globally and officially recognized by the Kiwanis service organization. Bi-weekly meetings/ Mondays after school. Dues: $15.

PALS- Mrs. Crowley, Ms. Doherty, Ms. Iacuzio, Academy Lecture Hall ~ Pinkerton & Little Students is an organization that pairs up high school students with elementary students from Derry elementary schools. There is an application process to join. Students must make a commitment to the club and to their elementary school buddy. Sign-ups are in September. Meetings are held at each school (E. Derry, Derry Village, South Range, Grinnell, and Barka) once a month. Full club meetings are held monthly. Dues: $15.

Philosophy Club- Mr. Heavey, Rm. 436 ~ Students meet and discuss philosophy and issues that we face in society today. For a meeting schedule, students should see Mr. Heavey.

Photography Club- Ms. Parenti, Mrs. Root, Rm. 514 ~ Provides students with an outlet to experiment with photography and a resource to gain more knowledge. The club creates an annual fundraising calendar of photographs taken by members. They also engage in a variety of activities including photo “scavenger hunts”, nature walks, workshops, guest speakers, and field trips. Meetings are twice/month on Wednesdays (17-18 meetings total). Approx. 35-40 members.

Pinkerton Players- Mr. Cahoon, Mrs. Tartarilla ~ An organization for all students (9-12 grade) who like any aspect of theatre: acting, singing, dancing, directing, designing costumes, doing makeup, being a stage manager or a technical director, building a set, doing lights or sound. The Players offer workshops, fun activities, field trips, and its most important mission, producing the fall play, winter play, and spring musical. Every other year, the Players compete in the NHETG theatre festival. Join and enjoy a complete theatrical experience! Pinkerton's Ski Club- Mr. Frank, Mr. Konstant, Mr. O’Neil, Rm. 6203 ~ Mogul Monsters is a club for boarders and skiers, novice to expert, that travels to the larger mountains in New England to enjoy the snow! The club typically goes on 3-5 trips a season on Friday nights in January/February, and often goes on an overnight. There are several meetings held in the fall to choose officers and trip locations, and discuss the overnight trip.

Positive Action Committee (Pilot)- Mrs. Donovan, School Counseling Office ~ Do you wish you could make positive changes on our campus? Do you care about making Pinkerton a safe and happy place to be for everyone? Are you looking for a group to join that you can help to start from the beginning? If you said “yes” to any of the above, the PAC is for YOU! Members will create solutions by developing positive actions, and will participate in important National Initiatives (Red Ribbon Campaign, Alcohol Awareness, Positive Vibes) for positive change and more. Meetings are on Wednesday a month at 2:30 p.m. Contact Mrs. Donovan with any questions, idonovan@pinkertonacademy.org.

Quiz Bowl- Ms. Carlsten, Rm. 106 ~ A statewide academic competition where teams compete in different regional meets to qualify for a state championship/tournaments. The team also competes in the Granite State Challenge competition aired on NHPTV. The team is open to all Pinkerton students. We currently meet once a week for competition news and practice.

Science Society- Mrs. Hanlon, Mrs. J. Roy, Rm. 308 ~ Provides an opportunity for students to get together and explore different science experiments outside the classroom. At monthly meetings, students discuss an experiment they would like to conduct, develop a plan, and carry out the experiment under the watchful eyes of the advisors. Dues: $10 for supplies.

Sign Language Club- Mr. Otterton, Mrs. Palmariello, Rm. 5326 ~ Promotes a fun way to learn and use American Sign Language outside of the classroom. Students do NOT have to be taking ASL to join the club. We sponsor several events, fundraisers, do community service, and help organize the annual ASL Workshop and a Signing Social. We play ASL games, watch ASL videos, and discuss Deaf Culture in a fun, relaxed environment. Currently 10 active members. Dues: $5.
SkillsUSA- Mr. Eno, Mrs. Eno, Rm. 5211 ~ CTE and college-bound students interested in competing in their program area or a leadership area need to join SkillsUSA. Beyond competing and winning prizes/scholarships, students gain leadership experience and make community connections via community service. This is a great way to network with businesses for future careers. Optional monthly meetings are on third Tuesday/month, 2:20-3:00. Membership is 100+ CTE students and faculty. Students must be members to compete. Dues: $35.

Spanish Club- Senora Alambillaga Matey, Rm. 50 ~ To provide exposure to Spanish culture, language, and experiences through social hours, restaurant and museum outings, and cooking classes. Monthly meetings are held in Rm. 50 or at an outing location. Membership is open to all Spanish students. Members are required to attend at least 4 events in order to have this club listed on their transcripts.

Spikeball Club (Pilot)-Mr. Sojka, Shepard Auditorium ~ Spikeball is open to all students and only requires that you are ready to play and have a good time. We meet every Tuesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Questions should be directed to Mr. Sojka in the Athletic Office.

Strategic Games Club- Mr. Gundrum, Rm. 325 ~ Provides a place where students can meet other interested students to play strategic games, including Risk, Stratego, chess, Axis & Allies, Diplomacy, Magic the Gathering card game, and role playing games (such as Dungeons and Dragons) to name a few. Meetings are every Friday afternoon (starting in mid-October after soccer ends) from 2:10 until 5:00 p.m.

Student Council- Mr. Breda, Rm. 306 ~ The objective is to set a good example of citizenship in the Pinkerton Academy community by providing a democratic forum for students to address the administration on school-related issues; provide general communication channels; and represent the student body in decision-making. The Student Council holds weekly meetings and offers social functions and community involvement projects for students as well as giving special recognition to outstanding students. Membership is based on class election.

Students for Environmental Awareness Club- Mr. Levesque, Ms. Mize, Rm. 115 ~ Members work on environmental activities through the school and community. Every year, the club volunteers for the national beach cleanup at Rye, NH, promotes recycling, and works on Earth Day activities. Meeting time will be announced.

Super Smash Brothers Melee Club (Pilot) - Mr. Kulik, Rm. 5422 (Low Bldg.) ~ All materials are provided to play Super Smash Brothers. Members meet every other Friday. No dues, but members would pay entry fee if club participates in a tournament.

Think Tank (Library Activity)- Ms. Warburton, Library ~ Designed to unite self-motivated students in collaborating on solving real-world problems or creating big projects, the club allows students to grow beyond the requirements of school work. Independent research provides more opportunity to study things that students are truly interested in and care about. Currently 62 members.

Tower Writer's Guild (Literary Magazine)- Mrs. Kneisley, Rm. 415 ~ Staff collects and reviews creative writing (poems, short stories, plays, essays) and visual art of Pinkerton Academy students, and creates a literary/visual magazine, the Tower, once or twice yearly, which is distributed/sold within the Pinkerton community. Meetings are held on Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Currently 10-20 regular members; enthusiastic creative writers / new members are always welcome! (Fundraising may be necessary.)

Transfer Mentor Group- Ms. Burt, School Counseling Office (Low Bldg.)

VEX Robotics- Mr. Biron, Rm. 4202 ~ VEX Robotics is the fastest growing robotics competition in the world with over 18,000 teams in over 45 countries. The 6 Pinkerton robotics teams each design and build a complex robot to meet changing game rules yearly, and compete in 5-6 competitions beginning in October with the goal of qualifying for one of the 500 high school spots at the Worlds event in April. Programming, building, organization, and engineering principles are all incorporated and a vital component to winning the highest awards. Meetings are in the Annex Building, every Tuesday & Thursday 2:30-5:00 p.m. Currently 55 members. Two fundraisers are held each year. Dues: $75 to offset competition costs and each member gets a Vex Robotics T-shirt.

World Affairs Council- Ms. Flint, Rm. 108 ~ A statewide academic competition where teams from all over New Hampshire compete to try and make it to the National Tournament in Washington, D.C. The team is open to all Pinkerton students. We meet every week for competition news, discussion, and practice questions.

Note: No dues required unless stated in description.

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