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CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

The following list includes the current co-curricular offerings at Mount Greylock. During the school year, additional organizations are often added through student proposal or removed due to lack of interest. There are a few groups in need of an advisor so not quite ready to begin.

There will be a <u>CLUB FAIR</u> on Tuesday, September 17th during all lunches to help students learn more about both the existing groups and any new offerings.

Sign up online: *https://www.familyid.com/programs/performances-clubs-2019-2020* *Denotes a great opportunity for Middle School students.

Performing Arts Opportunities

Shakespeare Performance (Fall Festival)*

Shakespeare's plays provide a unique opportunity for artistic exploration and expression. This is a nine week program that allows Greyock students to not only peform for their families and peers, but also collaborate and interact with nine other area high schools. Students have the opportunity to be actors, stage managers, or on the technical or publicity crews. Auditions for Shakespeare Cast and Crew will begin on September 25th and performances will be held Novemeber 14th & 15th. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to perform during the Fall Festival of Shakespeare in Lenox, MA with other local schools the last weekend of November. Middle School Students are able to participate, though will not be placed in lead/large roles.

Director: Tom Jaeger, Shakespeare and Company (mt.greyffs@gmail.com)

Middle & High School Musical*

Each year, the students at Greylock present a musical play carefully selected by Musical Director, Jeff Welch to highlight student talent. Students have the opportunity to be actors, to play in the Pit Orchestra, or to be crew members. Past performances have included "*Guys & Dolls*", "*Oklahoma*", and "*Wonderful Town*". Rehearsals begin after December break, and the performance will be held in early March (likely March 5-7th).

Advisors: Jeff Welch (jwelch@mgrhs.org) and Lyndon Moors (Imoors@mgrhs.org)

Spring Drama Performance*

The third performance at Greylock requires no experience and no musical ability. Students work together to produce and perform a creative production. Recent performances have included "*Dearly Departed*", "12 Angry Jurors", and "*Pass the Butler*". Rehearsals begin in mid March after the completion of the School Musical and students will peform for two evening in late May (likely May 20th & 21st). Middle School Students are able to participate, though will not be placed in lead/large roles. *Advisor: TBD*

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Leadership Organization Opportunities

National Honor Society (NHS)

A national organization comprised of students who have achieved a high academic standard and who have displayed excellence in character, service and leadership in their community. After an application process, students are selected by a faculty council based on academic records, character and leadership traits, and faculty evaluations. Members assist with transitions for 8th graders, juniors, and seniors as well as volunteer with community service programs. *Advisor: Crystal Williams (cwilliams@mgrhs.org)*

Student Council

A group of 5 elected students from each class who work together to better serve the school. They serve as a bridge between students and administration bringing ideas to and from the school community. The Student Council is always working to improve the high school experience for all students by bringing a unique and holistic voice to discussions and improvements at Mount Greylock. *Advisor: Jessica Casalinova (jcasalinova@mgrhs.org)*

Students Organizing Change (SOC)*

This organization is the one of the few clubs designed specifically for Middle School students. Based on an all-inclusive philosophy, members work together to organize community spirited activities (dances and spirit days) and to arrange community service projects. *Advisor: Liza Barrett (lbarrett@mgrhs.org)*

Student Governance

Student governance gives students the opportunity to get involved in our school's legal, administrative, and financial activities as representatives of the Mount Greylock student body. Student candidacy signup sheets are distributed in the spring semester to those wishing to run for student governance offices for the following school year. Each student candidate must collect the signatures of twenty-five members of the student body who approve of his/her candidacy in order to be eligible to run. In addition, candidates may be expected to speak at a class assembly. A secretary, treasurer, president, and vice president are elected from each high school class. These officers organize and run fundraising activities such as school dances and community events. While these officers work to enrich their class' entire high school experience, they must meet the overall objective of raising enough money to fund senior-year class trips and events.

Advisors: Class of 2020 – Lynn Jordan (ljordan@mgrhs.org), Class of 2021 – Crystal Williams (cwilliams@mgrhs.org), Class of 2023 – TBD.

Student Athletic Advisory Council

One representative from each athletic program is selected to participate. Members will promote communication between the athletic administration and student-athletes at Mount Greylock by providing a voice within the department, discussing issues and concerns, providing feedback as necessary, and offering input on rules, regulations, and policies that affect the lives of student-athletes'. The Athletic Council will help facilitate discussions at the annual Fall Parent/Athlete Meeting. *Advisor: Lindsey von Holtz (lvonholtz@mgrhs.org)*



Publication/Writing Opportunities

<u>The Echo</u>

The school newspaper is a student run and student produced publication, which features articles pertaining to the school and its surrounding communities. Some popular features include: "1 in 650," a spotlight on a particular Greylock student who has something unique about them, the sports section, which offers updates on Greylock teams, and the news section with current information regarding school and community events and activities. In additional, an online version has been created and maintained by students at http://greylockecho.mgrhs.org. Advisor: Peter Niemeyer (pniemeyer@mgrhs.org)

Writing Club*

Get together and share ideas and writing with friends and students from Williams College in a relaxed, non-academic environment. This group meets once a week after school in the library. *Advisor: Liza Barrett (lbarrett@mgrhs.org)*

Yearbook

This committee works year-round to put together a book filled with memories that seniors and other members of the school can keep for the rest of their lives. Students spend meeting time working on theme and design ideas, page layout, and taking pictures to capture exciting school moments. Students receive training focusing on how to create a yearbook, task assignments, and meeting deadlines. *Advisor: Emily Leitt (eleitt@mgrhs.org)*

Language Organizations

Junior Classical League (JCL)*

A Latin association that operates on more of a state-wide scale, as opposed to a local scale. Every year members participate in various Massachusetts JCL events- most notably- the State Convention, a state-wide Classics competition. Additionally, Mount Greylock hosts the annual JCL Kick-Off Event. This year, this interscholastic event which includes Catapult, Certamen, Gladiator, and Hula-Hoop Contests will occur on October 26th.

Advisors: Christine Cope (ccope@mgrhs.org) and Alexander Davis (adavis@mgrhs.org)

Spanish Guitar Club*

Join a vibrant group of students who share an enthusiasm for Spanish language and culture awareness. The Spanish Club provides educational and cultural enrichment activities for students who study Spanish. Most recently, the club has focused on learning classical Spanish guitar. Advisor: Joseph Johnson (jjohnson3@mgrhs.org)

Additional After School Organization Opportunities

Dungeons and Dragons

This organization allows students with and without prior experience an opportunity to create their own characters and engage in game play. Play includes role modeling and statistical implications. Students take turns acting as Dungeon Master. *Advisor: TBD*

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Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA)*

A supportive group of Mount Greylock students, of all different orientations, that welcome anyone who wants to join. GSA aims to educate the student body and to foster a feeling of acceptance in the community regarding gender and sexuality. Members work to create awareness and foster activism. *Advisor: Danielle Nightingale (<u>dtenneson@mgrhs.org</u>)*

Mechanical Mounties Robotics Club*

The *FIRST* Robotics Competition gives students the opportunity to combine science, technology and sports. Challenged to design and build a robot with limited time, limited resources, and a common set of rules, students will create an industrial-size robot and compete in local and district competitions. *Advisor: Daniel Louis (dlouis@mgrhs.org)*

Model United Nations*

The society seeks to enable students to become part of the increasingly interconnected global community by giving them experience with public speaking, debate, and global initiatives. *Advisor: Rebecca Tucker Smith (rtuckersmith@mgrhs.org) and Hilary Green (hgreen@mgrhs.org)*

Multicultural Student Union (MSU)*

MSU helps to educate students and staff about diversity issues in today's society as well as destroy common stereotypes. In addition, this organization will provide the opportunity to learn from each other by providing educational and social forums to promote diversity and cultural awareness. *Advisor: TBA*

Off-Season Athletic Training (MGOAT)

Join this group of students to prepare for an upcoming athletic season or work to remain healthy and fit. Students will meet three days a week during the winter with the goal of reducing the likelihood of injuries, increasing agility, speed and strength, and ensuring proper form and technique during exercises.

Advisor: TBD

Outing Club

Get outdoors and enjoy nature while away from your phone and the stress of school and at the same time promote a healthy active lifestyle. Trips may include hikes, a bike ride or a camping excursion. *Advisor: TBA*

Register, Educate, Vote (REV)*

REV aims to foster participation in democracy through voter registration, voter education, and election enthusiasm. In addition to regular meetings, in which participants discuss current events, politics, and policies from all angles, REV has hosted voter registrations, a school-wide mock election, a spirit-raising event at the polls, and speakers with political backgrounds. REV also puts out a newsletter, Media Weekly, that provides readers with a variety of perspectives on the biggest news stories of the week. REV welcomes diversity of thought and encourages members of all political philosophies to join. *Advisor: Mary MacDonald (mmacdonald@mgrhs.org)*

Youth Environmental Squad (YES)*

Join this group to help Mount Greylock continue to be environmentally conscious. Members have recently implemented a community garden (used by our own kitchen), a composting and recycling station in the cafeteria, and have promoted "Turn-off Tuesdays," a movement to conserve energy. *Advisor: Lisa Mendel (Imendel@mgrhs.org)*

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