

**CARLE PLACE
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE
2017-2018**



(For Middle and High School Students)

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WHY JOIN A CLUB ...

There are many reasons why you should consider joining a club:

- First, it is a great way to meet new people and work at something, outside of your classes, that you enjoy.
- Second, colleges do look at your experiences inside and outside of the classroom.
- Third, this is an excellent opportunity to learn and develop skills in both individual and group settings.
- Finally, some clubs are community oriented. This provides you with an opportunity to give back to Carle Place. (Again, this looks great when you're applying to colleges!).

If you would like to investigate further, please see a club advisor or your school counselor for more details.

Clubs 2017-2018

Builders Club

Advisor: Ms. Vasilakopoulos
7th – 8th grades

Builders Club is an international student- led organization providing members with opportunities to perform service, build character and develop leadership. Builders Club focuses on teaching members core values in the following areas:

- Character building- the ability to do the right thing, even when it might be the unpopular choice.
- Leadership- The ability to listen, communicate, serve and guide others.
- Inclusiveness- Accepting and welcoming differences in other people.
- Caring- The act of being concerned about or interested in other people or situations.

Chamber Orchestra

Advisor: Mr. Stein
9th- 12th grades

Chamber Orchestra is an audition group that meets one evening per week. We concentrate on intricate music and a variety of styles. NYSSMA Level III or better is recommended for try-out.

Chess Club

Advisor: Mr. Espinal
7th - 12th grades

Is not just chess! This club will allow you to improve your chess skills and partake in various chess tournaments throughout the year. It will also give you the opportunity to play many other activities and board games in an exciting and social atmosphere.

Class Officers

9th - 12th grades

Want to become pro-active with your grade? Run for election of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. Attend Class meetings, even if you're not an officer. Go see your class advisor!

Class Advisors

Middle School: Mr. Bello & Ms. Kelly
Freshman Class: Mr. Breslin
Sophomore Class: Ms. Buffalino
Junior Class: Mrs. Pullan
Senior Class: Mrs. Caliendo

Cultural Diversity Club

Advisor: Mrs. Sullivan
9th - 12th grades

This is a wonderful club for students who are curious about others and interested in meeting new people. This club meets weekly to develop a cohesive group of members interested in the education & understanding of cultural, gender, age and developmental differences.

Culture Vultures

Advisor: Mrs. Gisondi

9th – 12th grades

Join Culture Vultures for an exciting new adventure each month. Excursions include: Broadway shows, museum tours, NYC ballet, restaurant visits, walking tours, historic sites, and ice skating in Bryant Park. See Mrs. Gisondi in room 120 to get on our e-mail list so you'll be sure to get announcements and permission slips for our upcoming trips.

DECA

Advisor: Mrs. Foufas

9th-12th grades

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. To learn more about the club visit www.deca.org.

Drama Club

Producer

Mrs. Russo

Scenery Advisor

Mr. Krause

Costume Design Advisor

Mrs. Scardino

7th - 12th grades

This club is perfect for those who want to be actors, artists interested in building sets and fashion guru's interested in costume design. Whatever your forte – there are many different responsibilities in the drama club.

Ensemble Singers

Advisor: Dr. Brett

9th - 12th grades

For boys and girls who like to sing, this select vocal ensemble rehearses one evening each week and participates in various performances throughout the school year. Auditions are held each June for the following academic year.

Environmental Action Club

Advisors: Mrs. Nicosia & Mrs. Ramsawak

7th- 12th grades

E.A.C., the Environmental Action Club, promotes environmental awareness through responsible action in our school and community.

FIRST Robotics Competition

Advisors: Dr. Leffler & Mr. Tonner

9th - 12th grades

Students learn to design and build a working robot and compete with it against other schools in local competitions.

Helios: The Creative Voice of Carle Place

Literary & Art Magazine

Advisor: Mrs. Klatsky

9th - 12th grades

Students publish a magazine of student created poetry, short stories, photography, and art.

High School Newspaper, *Crossroads*

Advisor: Mrs. Menuzzo

9th - 12th grades

Join *Crossroads*- the news site of Carle Place High School! Do you enjoy writing and reporting? Taking photographs or videos? Creating original art? Join our staff as a columnist, photographer/videographer, or artist! We need YOU to share the stories of our school and report on news around the world. Write about your interests! Share your thoughts and opinions! Interview students and staff members! The opportunities are endless! Check out our news site at cphsnewspaper.weebly.com and submit your work today!

High School Yearbook - *Carillon*

Advisor: Mrs. Perifimos

9th - 12 grades

Students have an opportunity to work with faculty to create this book of memories. This involves tremendous responsibility and yearlong tasks as well as meeting deadlines imposed by the publisher. Staff members work on layout, copy and photography, as well as advertising and fund raising. It is advisable that students with sufficient time (and not encumbered by other obligations) join this club.

High School Yearbook Business Manager

Advisor: Mrs. Arata

12th grade

The Yearbook business staff is comprised of seniors only!

Honor Societies:

National Junior Honor Society

Advisor: Mrs. Lorandini

8th-9th grades

National Honor Society

Advisors: Mrs. Jacoby & Dr. Leffler

10th-12th grades

Italian Honor Society

Advisor: Mrs. Arata

10th-12th grades

Spanish Honor Society

Mrs. Perifimos

10th-12th grades

Math Honor Society

Advisor: Ms. Kimmons

10th-12th grades

Music Honor Society

Advisor: Mr. Stein

9th-12th grades

Jazz Choir

Advisor: Dr. Brett

9th - 12th grades

A select vocal group that sings a variety of music, including Broadway and jazz standards. The choral director determines the choir based on judgment of tone, projection and stage presence. Members must be active in Ensemble singers and high school chorus.

Jazz Band

Advisor: Mr. Kavanagh

9th - 12th grades

This activity stresses the practice of specific instruments, which the student chooses. Members who excel in their area are selected to participate.

* Note – Middle School students should see Mr. Kavanagh about the Middle School Jazz band.

Key Club

Advisor: Ms. Buffalino

9th - 12th grades

Key Club is a service learning organization that aims to impact the local community and the world at large. Dues are required for this club. This organization works together with the Kiwanis Organization. This club co-runs Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause. This club also participates in charitable fundraising events, volunteers at the soup kitchen and Boys and Girls Club, and runs the student-teacher annual Fashion Show.

Marching Band

Advisor: Mr. Kavanagh

9th - 12th grades

These musicians play at Carle Place High School Football games.

Math Team

Advisor: Mrs. Pullan

9th - 12th grades

Interested and talented math students, please join! Six competitions are held annually, including teams from across Nassau County.

Middle School Newspaper - *The Path*

Advisor: Ms. Cavallaro

7th - 8th grades

“The Path” is the Middle School newspaper, which is published twice a year. It is proud to have received a 1st Place Award by Newsday!

Middle School Yearbook/Web Club

Advisor: Ms. Kelly

7th - 8th Grade

Students will help construct the layout and design of the middle school yearbook.

Mock Trial

Advisors: Mr. Breslin & Ms. Vasilakopoulos

9th - 12th Grade

Students will prepare arguments as lawyers and witnesses to compete against other schools at county-wide competitions. Each “mock trial” is based on a real-life court case and is presided over by a Nassau County judge. Competitions take place at the Nassau County Courthouse. This club is for students who foresee a career in law, politics, history, teaching, or even theater!

Outdoor Activity Club

Advisor: Mrs. Claeson & Ms. Goldberg

7th - 12th grades

This club is for students who enjoy physical activity in an outdoor setting. We hope to provide students with a positive way to spend their time and to challenge themselves through outdoor activities. Activities include, but are not limited to, hiking, horseback riding, ice-skating, biking, fishing and rock climbing.

S.A.D.D.

Advisor: Mrs. Dietz

9th - 12th grades

This organization will create awareness about good decision making in our everyday life, both in school and in the community among students. It will create a healthy partnership with home, school and community while addressing social issues, as well.

SPARC/ Interact

Advisor: Ms. Habashzada & Mrs. Chiarelli-Shay

9th - 12th grades

The SPARC/ Interact Club is dedicated to helping youth to become citizens who are contributors to their local and global communities. Students work together with students of other schools, countries and backgrounds. Some activities include serving in NYC soup kitchens, building for Habitat for Humanity, environmental projects, visiting a children’s hospital, snow shoveling for senior citizens, making Thanksgiving and spring baskets for local food pantry, and services to US soldiers and veterans.

Student Organization (S.O.)

Advisor: Ms. Fallik

Central Treasurer: Mrs. Lorandini

11th - 12th grades (Officers)

This is your opportunity to be active in the organization of your school. Eleventh and twelfth graders hold official positions, read the daily announcements over the loudspeaker and oversee all student government activities in the school. All officers work on the organization of homecoming, dances, battle of the classes, student elections and the senior citizen luncheon.

Women’s Jazz Choir

Director: Dr. Brett

9th - 12th grades

For girls who like to sing, this select vocal ensemble rehearses one evening each week and participates in various performances throughout the school year. Auditions are held each June for the following academic year.

Getting A Job

Teenagers who are 14 and older may work legally in the United States, as long as they have filled out the proper working papers. There are certain guidelines that companies must adhere to in order for you to work in their place of business that follow New York State child labor laws. These are listed below:

Guidelines:

Working Papers are available at the High School attendance office.

Additionally, your parents must complete a parent consent form, agreeing that you may work.

Where can I find out about job openings?

- There is a bulletin board between the attendance and guidance offices that lists job opportunities in our area. Take a look – there may be something of interest to you.
- AP Seniors – Please see Mrs. Tsibidis-Foufas about internship possibilities.
- Many employers post jobs online. For example www.monster.com and www.indeed.com