BEREA-MIDPARK HIGH SCHOOL
Clubs and Activities
2019-2020

A.F.S (American Field Service):
AFS provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more peaceful world. AFS provides opportunities for students and their families to host an exchange student during the school year and for students to study abroad for two weeks to a full year. Scholarships are available. **BMHS Chapter Chairperson:** George Gardner @ George.gardner@afsusa.org Meeting Dates: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in Room 210.

Academic Challenge:
Students compete against teams from the Southwest Conference in academic-based trivia competition in a quest to win the conference championship and a berth in the state tournament. Students also appear on the Academic Challenge television program. **Advisor:** James Stevens, jstevens@bereaschools.org. **Meeting Dates:** as designated by advisor.

Alateen:
Anyone who is worried about a friend or family member with an alcohol or drug addiction can attend this “anonymous” meeting. This small group provides a safe and confidential place for students to talk about tough situations with addiction, but this provides a judgment-free place for us to talk about our common experiences and feelings. **Advisor:** Sarah Kolis @ skolis@bereaschools.org. Meetings will take place every other week during the school day on a rotating basis, i.e. one week during second mod, one week during third mod, etc.,

Anime Club:
A club open to all students who follow the Japanese art form of Anime (animation). It is similar to a comics club. **Advisor:** Mrs. Schmuhl, Librarian, @ gschmuhl@bereaschools.org. Meetings take place every second and fourth Monday after school in the library.

Book Club:
This is a club for students who have a love for reading. **Advisor:** Mrs. Schmuhl @ gschmuhl@bereaschools.org. **Meeting dates:** as designated by advisor.

Camp Mi-Bro-Be:
Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors may apply to be Camp Mi-Bro-Be Counselors. Consideration will first be given to upper classmen to be counselors. Camp counselors supervise a cabin group of sixth graders during their week at camp. Camp counselors provide 24-hour supervision for the campers. Campers and counselors begin the week on Monday and return on Friday. See Mrs. Huszai in the Activities Office. **Meetings:** A required summer meeting is held at Berea-Midpark High School in August prior to the school year.
Chess Club:
Chess Club is an informal meeting of students/teachers/community members who enjoy the game of chess. Meetings will be held in the BMHS Library every Wednesday between November and March. Beginners to expert level players are all welcome. Meet new people while playing a game you love. Advisor: Mr. Bill Boone @ wboone@bereaschools.org.

Class Advisors:
Freshmen Class: Julie Ritchie @ jritchie@bereaschools.org; Sophomore Class: Patrick Meyer @ pmeyer@bereaschools.org Junior Class: Charles Salata @ csalata@bereaschools.org Senior Class: Jeff Fudale @ jfudale@bereaschools.org. Executive Board Members are encouraged to join and become involved each year. Classes conduct fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of the Senior Prom.

Drama Club:
Drama Club casts and produces two, sometimes three, productions each school year. Membership is open to all students. Advisor: Marj Sirocky, bcsdav@bereaschools.org Dates: Daily during play production, otherwise as designated by Advisor.

Environmental Club:
This club helps to promote the school’s natural environment and spread greener living throughout the district and communities. Students manage gardens and feed the wild life. All are invited to join. Advisor: Mary Draves at mdraves@bereaschools.org. Meetings: as designated by advisor.

Fit For the Fun of It:
Fit For the Fun of It is intended to meet the personal training / fitness goals of non-athletes who want an opportunity to exercise and do something physically good for themselves without being intimidated by others who are competitive and possibly more fit. Learn how to exercise the right way using little or no equipment. Whether you want to learn how to exercise the right way, lose weight, just get some fitness / toning or burn off some stress in a positive way, Fit For the Fun of It is for you. Make exercise FUN. Take the WORK out of working out! Advisor: Barb Hunter at bhunter@bereaschools.org. Meetings: as designated by advisor.

Gay Straight Alliance:
We work to make Berea-Midpark High School safer and more affirming for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. We bring LGBT youth and allies together in a safe space. Advisor: Dr. Dawn Ruebensaal at druebensaal@bereaschools.org. Meetings: as designated by advisor.

International Club: The International Club shares information, games, activities and cultural traditions from many different lands. We meet and interact with the BMHS international students which we host each year. Materials about study abroad can be shared and discussed. Everyone is welcome to be a part of International Club. Advisor: Ms. Darlene Lyon at dlyon@bereaschools.org. Meetings are twice a month.
Junior State of America (JSA):
JSA is a nonpartisan national organization which is student run here at BMHS. Debate discussions are held and you choose how much you want to participate. You may lead the debate or just sit back and listen. Opportunities are available to participate at the chapter level as well as the state level. There are three weekend conventions students may choose to pay to travel to, participate in and spend the night debating and interacting with students from the region and country. Opportunities include travels to Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., and Columbus. Through JSA you can become more informed, strengthen beliefs on issues, while altering stances on others, build your confidence, meet other people with similar interests, develop leadership skills, build your resume and have fun! Advisor: Mr. Dan Watt at dwatt@bereaschools.org. Meetings are every Tuesday at 2:45 in Room 205.

Key Club:
Key Club is a co-educational high school service club sponsored by the Berea Kiwanis Club. The primary purpose is to do service projects for the school and community, however, leadership training and social activities round out the club's functions. Advisor: Melissa Lash at mlash@bereaschools.org. Meetings as designated by advisors.

Model United Nations: Model United Nations is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. While playing their roles as ambassadors, student “delegates” makes speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts and navigate the Model Un conference rules of procedure all in the interest of mobilizing international cooperation to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world. MUN is similar to Congressional Debate in Speech and Debate. Advisor: Dan Watt, dwatt@bereaschools.org.

National Honor Society (NHS):
This honorary organization recognizes student excellence in scholarship, citizenship, leadership, character and service. Students who are eligible must petition for election into the society. The induction is held in February in an evening assembly. Advisors: Scott Piesen @ spiesen@bereaschools.org and Kitty Pinter @ kpinter@bereaschools.org. Meetings: as designated by advisors.

Peer Mediation:
Peer Mediation allows trained student mediators to help other students resolve their conflicts with peaceful resolutions. This group also acts as a support group to those students needing help or guidance. These students are in conjunction with our P.R.I.D.E. group. Advisor: Sherri Fox, sfox@bereaschools.org. Meetings: as designated by advisor.
Peer Tutoring:
Students can sign up to be a Peer Tutor and help fellow students. Students on the Peer Tutoring list are a resource for students that are struggling with academics or organization. We look to match up the student in need with a Peer Tutor based on common times of availability and willingness to help in the subject area. Tutors are able to volunteer in only the areas they feel comfortable and at times they are available. Advisor: TBD

Project Embrace:
Are you interested in health professions? Would you like to collaborate with medical professionals? Do you want to encourage healthy living amongst the student body? If so, check out Project Embrace! Project Embrace is a student-led club affiliated with NEOMED, or Northeast Ohio School of Medicine. Advisor: Jane Darrow, jdarrow@bereaschools.org. Meetings: take place on Monday after school in Miss Darrow’s office (across from Room 145).

Realizing Your Potential (RYP):
Realizing your Potential (RYP) is a voluntary program that provides active support and resources that enable and empower our district’s underrepresented males to identify and actively realize their potential in academia and social settings. RYP offers meaningful academic and cultural opportunities designed to improve academic motivation, self-confidence, and enrich social relationships for its members. Advisor: Susan Malone, smalone@bereaschools.org. Meetings: As designated by Advisor.

Robotics Team:
The Berea-Midpark Robotics Team is open to all students who have an interest in designing, building, operating, and maintaining a robot and then taking this robot to regional and national competitions. Advisor: Michael Giroski @ mjgiroski@gmail.com. Meetings as designated by Advisor.

S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
Social awareness and responsibility are fostered in Students Against Destructive Decisions Chapter. Open to all students. Advisor: Julie Ritchie, jritchie@bereaschools.org

Shakespeare Club:
Shakespeare Club is a group that works closely with the English-Speaking Union, an international organization. The main focus of this club is to prepare and perform and Shakespearean monologue for our annual Shakespeare Competition; through this activity, the students gain an appreciation of Shakespeare. Students are able to work with professional actors from Great Lakes Theater, too! Students will also be invited to attend performances throughout the year, as well as organize a school-wide Sonnet Slam. Students will also help organize and perform in our second annual Midsummer Night’s Gala at the Botanical Gardens during the summer. Advisor: Rebecca Papakonstantinou @ rpapakonstantinou@bereaschools.org.
**Ski Club:**
Organizes four to six ski trips each winter (weekly skiing/snowboarding takes place, weather permitting). Total costs of bus and lift tickets are the responsibility of each member. Open to all students. **Advisor:** TBD

**Speech & Debate:**
Students compete at the local, state and national level in speaking, acting, and/or debating events. Membership can be earned in the National Forensic League and Honor Society. Open to all students. **Advisors:** Ryan Peoples, rpeoples@bereaschools.org and Kathleen Bartlett, kbartlett@bereaschools.org

**Student Ambassadors:**
Student Ambassadors are students in grades 10-12 who enjoy helping others. Several new students enroll at Berea-Midpark after the first day of school. This can be a very stressful event which presents unique challenges to the high school student. An ambassador’s goal is to ease this transition, help out, and meet the needs of our “new” students. The four main objectives of the SAC are:
1. To help new students get acclimated to our school.
2. To serve as greeters, ushers, and guides at special school programs like New Student Orientation, Open House, etc.
3. To serve as liaisons with students from the junior high school to help the 9th graders prepare and transition into their high school experience.
4. To serve as hosts and have prospective students considering Berea-Midpark shadow us.
**Advisor:** Susan Malone @ smalone@bereaschools.org

**Student Council:**
Consists of an executive board of elected members and representatives from each of the three classes. Student Council works in cooperation with the administration, faculty, and staff for the promotion and betterment of Berea-Midpark High School, the improvement of school spirit, and the implementation of positive changes in programs and procedures. BMHS Student Council has a mission to promote leadership, community relations, and to have fun being a Titan. Open to all students. **Advisor:** Patrick Meyer @ pmeyer@bereaschools.org. **Meetings:** As determined by the Advisor.

**Titan Dance Team:**
The Titans Dance Team provides choreographed dance opportunities with professionalism, appropriate music, academic accountability and community pride. TDT currently performs at half time for BMHS home basketball games. Previous dance experience is not required. **Advisor:** TBD. Listen to morning announcements for tryout dates and times.
Titan P.R.I.D.E. Leaders:
(P)ersistence, (R)espect, (I)nTEGRITY, (D)iversity, (E)xcellence. This student body embraces and shares these core beliefs throughout the classrooms and entire school promoting positivity. Works in conjunction with the Peer Mediation group as well. **Advisor:** Sherri Fox, sfox@bereaschools.org. Meetings: as designated by advisor.

**Yearbook Club:**
Students work with the Yearbook advisor to create a memoir or keepsake for the school year. All students are welcome to organize and create the layout of the book. Students will attend various meetings set by the advisor to work on specific pages of the design. Students will learn the necessary program design for the procedure of the spreadsheet. Deadlines will be set accordingly throughout the year. **Advisor:** Mary Draves @ mdraves@bereaschools.org. Meetings as designated by advisor.

If you have any questions about any of the above groups, please see Mrs. Huszai in the Activities Office.