
Yearbook “The Gillespian”

Ms. Kirk

Purpose: To capture your awkward phase and publish it for everyone to see ☺

Meetings: Every day – 1st hour

Main Events:

- 1) Sell business sponsorships
- 2) Take pictures at school events
- 3) Conduct student/teacher/coach surveys

Best Aspect: Taking pictures; designing pages

Future Farmers of America National “FFA” Organization

Ms. Wills

Purpose: Great youth organization to get kids involved with career development events as well as leadership skills/officer positions at the chapter, sectional, state and national levels.

Meetings: Once per month for all members and 2 to 3 times per month for officers on Thursday or Friday evenings or after school. We accommodate athletes playing sports.

Main Events: 1) Career Development Events- contests (Section, State, National)

- 2) Benefit cookouts for families/fundraisers
- 3) Concrete, landscape, cleanup work for city

Best Aspects: Leadership skills and competitions.

Students get to meet new people, travel, and make money.

Drama Club

Mrs. Stoecker, Ms. Williamson
& Ms. Kirk

Purpose: Provide students with an outlet for showcasing their creative talents

Meetings: During 8th hour (frequency varies)

Main Events:

- 1) Daily announcements
- 2) Assist with Ben-Gil activities
- 3) Annual Spring Variety Show and/or Play

Miners Preparing & Caring for Teen Decisions (MPACT’D)

Mrs. Brown

Purpose: To encourage our students to not make destructive decisions

Meetings: Once a week or more. Meetings are also held during 8th hour and lunch if we are planning an event.

Main Events: 1) Safe driving day 2) WE Service learning 3) Dome shift

Best Aspect: Being a part of getting to plan fun experiences for GHS students.

Student Council

Mrs. Brown

Purpose: To engage school spirit, encourage school pride and be a voice for the student body

Meetings: Once per week, generally Wednesdays at lunch.

Main Events: 1) Homecoming 2) Blood drive
3) Student activities

Best Aspect: Homecoming

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Mr. Burns

Purpose: To share the good news of Jesus Christ through sports.

Meetings: 2 times per month during lunch

Main Events:

- 1) Ministry to coaches and athletes in need.
- 2) Fields of Faith
- 3) Bell ringing for Salvation Army and are in the process of raising funds for the Coach Andy Easton Scholarship.

Best Aspects: Fellowship during our huddle meetings at lunch.

Scholastic Bowl

Mr. Herron

Purpose: To compete! We are an IHSA sanctioned activity where we compete against other area teams.

We play for tournament, conference, county and state championships.

Meetings: We play over 40 matches per season.

Most matches are on Tuesdays and Saturdays

Main Events:

- 1) SCC Conference Tournament
- 2) Masonic Scholastic Bowl Tournament
- 3) IHSA State Tournament Series

Best Aspect: The competition between other schools and the chance to earn recognition for their play.

National Honor Society (NHS)

Ms. Kirk & Mrs. Prange

Purpose: To honor scholastic achievement- for juniors and seniors. NHS membership is an elite honor earned by those students who exemplify qualities of excellence in scholarship, leadership, volunteer service and character. NHS is recognized across the United States and assists its members with college scholarships, as well as other post-secondary applications.

Meetings: Monthly during lunch

Main Events: 1) Banquet 2) Service projects

3) Leadership as needed

Best Aspects: Recognition as an outstanding leader

Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)

Mrs. Smith

Purpose: The GSA is an all-inclusive club aimed to educate lgbtq and straight students on the bases of sexuality, gender identity and tolerance. We aim to create a safe and all-inclusive space for students.

Meetings: Every other week during lunch

Main Events: Day of silence

Best Aspects: A judgement free space is provided for all students.

— Opportunities Outside of GHS! —

Big Brothers Big Sisters

BenGil Elementary School

Purpose: Our Vision: All children achieve success in life.
Our Mission: To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Meetings: Mondays, 3-4pm

More Information: See Mrs. Erwin for an application if you are a freshman interested in mentoring throughout high school.

Best Aspects: The "Bigs" (HS students) will help the "Littles" (elementary students) with their homework for the first part of the hour, and then they will play board games or play in the gym or outside. Sometimes we have a craft or other activity, but the main goal is to develop a trusting friendship with a child and make them feel valuable and special.

Contact: Jami Koniak, jkoniak@frontiernet.net

Hands on Healthcare

Memorial Hospital in Springfield, IL

Purpose: To explore various careers in the healthcare field.

Meetings: Once per month

More Information:

<https://jobs.choosememorial.org/students/hands-on-healthcare/>

High School 2 Healthcare

Carlinville Area Hospital

Purpose: To explore various careers in the healthcare field.

Meetings: Weekly for approximately 8 sessions. Students can either apply to attend the Fall or Spring session.

More Information: The Student Services office will have applications to apply for the program.

Contact: Tanya Kessinger, tkessinger@cahcare.com
(217) 854-3141 ext. 373

Law Enforcement

Explorers

Alton Police Department

Purpose: To explore various careers in the law enforcement field.

Meetings: Once per month on Saturday days.

Best Aspects: Active shooter training, police canine training, accident investigation. Students are allowed to do "ride-alongs" after consistent attendance in the program.

More information: Contact Doug Schaefer at 618-463-3505

Engineering Explorers

Springfield, IL

Purpose: To explore various careers in the engineering field.

Meetings: Once per month

Best Aspects: Tour various facilities such as engineering firms and bridge design projects. Sessions also include learning about computer science and coding.

More information: email dot.eep6@illinois.gov

Facebook Page: Engineering Explorers Post 6

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