

PORT WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



2023-24 ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES

Port Washington High School faculty and administration define extracurricular activities as any activities outside the regular established curriculum. Activities carry no academic credits and may require the students to pay user fees or dues.

Clubs		Boys Athletics	
Best Buddies	REDgen	Baseball	Track
Boys Volleyball	Ski Club	Basketball	Wrestling
Book Club	Science Club	Cross Country	
Chess Club	Spanish Club	Football	
Crow's Nest Press	Student Council	Golf	
Cheer Club	Three Act Play	Hockey	
DECA	United for Youth	Soccer	
eSports	Women's Vocal Jazz	Softball	
Focus A Capella	Yearbook	Swim & Dive	
Forensics	Young Authors	Tennis	
Gaming Club	Pep Band	Girls Athletics	
GSA Club		Basketball	Track
Key Club		Cross Country	Volleyball
Math Team		Dance Team	
Men's Chorus		Gymnastics	
Mountain Bike Club		Hockey	
Musical		Soccer	
National Honor Society		Softball	
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ozaukee County		Swim & Dive	
		Tennis	

****The above clubs may or may not be offered due to staffing and participant numbers****

CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

****List is subject to change based upon advisor availability****

Best Buddies Advisors - TBD

- Port Washington High School is a chapter member of the Best Buddies non-profit organization. The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. In high schools, Best Buddies operates as a student-run friendship club, which creates buddy pairs between students with and without disabilities. Members meet with their buddy on a regular basis and attend group outings throughout the year. This is a great way to share the gift of friendship.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ozaukee County: Melissa Parchim-Program Coordinator

- Port Washington High School has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee, a non-profit mentoring organization. The mission of BBBS is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. High School Students, "Bigs" mentor an elementary or middle school aged child, "Little" at the Little's school once a week during a resource/free period for 30-45 minutes for the duration of the academic year. Help with academic work, play games, play sports, or just chat during your time together! This is a great way to show a child you care!

Book Club Advisor - Laura Lauderback

- Book Club will be open to all interested students in grades 9-12. Book Club selections will be voted on by members from suggestions of titles by members of the club, the librarian and teachers with final approval from the advisor. There will be a secure Haiku Book Club page online for the Book Club members. The full Book Club will meet in the PWHS Library once per month from 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Chess Club Advisor - Curt Sauer

- Chess Club is a social organization for all levels of players to meet and play chess. It provides a great way to develop critical thinking, problem solving skills and improve one's game. It will meet on Tuesdays after school throughout the school year. This activity is open to all high school students.

Crow's Nest Press - *Not currently offered*

- *A creative writing club where students can write, meet other writers, share their writing, and learn more about the craft and how to get published. *Important note: this is not meant for students who are academically struggling in writing, but rather for those who are passionate about it.*

DECA Advisors - Mark Bichler & Leeann Wellenstein

- DECA is an organization of students involved in high school marketing and business courses. Students have the opportunity to enhance classroom and workplace experiences through student competition at the regional, state, and national level! Within PWHS, students have opportunities for community service, running events such as our 6th Man Night for basketball, Mr. PHS, and several more. In addition, being a DECA member allows you to work in the school store, The Captain's Quarters.

Students who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in business are strongly encouraged to participate and gain this valuable real-life experience.

eSports Advisors - Jeff Wojcik

- The eSports team is a competitive group of students in all grade levels who like to play Overwatch, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Rocket League, or League of Legends. Each game will have a varsity team and multiple JV teams. Members will be expected to compete once a week after school against other Wisconsin high schools over a 9-week period. All competitions will be held online at the high school, with the exception of the State Championship.

Focus A Capella Advisor - Dennis Gephart

Forensics Advisors - Shelly Uttke & Katie Gengler

- Forensics is an activity that will provide an opportunity to study speech techniques and apply these to various competition events. Students are required to attend competitions and practice at least once a week. There will be a full team practice offered each week, as well as specific event and individual practices

Formula Racing Advisors - Ryan Volke and Taylor Last

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German Club Advisor - Ingrid Pfeiffer

- German Club is a social organization that supports German curriculum through a variety of group activities. Although most students are students in German classes at PWHS, the club is open to all students interested in the German language and culture.

GSA Club Advisor - Katie Gengler

- GSA is an inclusive space for LGBT+ students and allies to get together for support and camaraderie. We meet every week on Mondays after school until 3:30. Meetings alternate between student led discussions on LGBT issues and less structured activity meetings.

Key Club Advisor - Kristen Cook

- Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. It is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through service to others. Members of the Kiwanis International family, Key Club members build themselves as they build their schools and communities.

Math Team Advisor - TBD

- Math team is an organization, which competes at various math competitions throughout the year. This activity is designed to enhance the regular classroom experience. Competitions start in October and end in April and are open to all PWHS students.

Men's Chorus Advisor - Dennis Gephart

- Men's chorus is a non-auditioned chorus that meets every Friday morning at 6:45am to explore literature for all male choirs. The group performs several times throughout the year and also performs at district and state solo and ensemble. Although many men are members of a curricular choir any male student may participate.

Mountain Bike Club Advisor - Jeanne Kasza

- Mountain bike club meets July-October. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:15 at Pleasant Valley mountain bike trails in Cedarburg and optional Saturday mornings at various locations. There are 5 optional races in September and October, though racing is not a requirement to be in the club. Our focus is on fun, adventure and bike handling skills. Open to all PWHS students with a mountain bike, adventuresome spirit and a love of the outdoors!

Musical Advisor - Nancy Hart Nancy.Hart@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- The all school musical is an opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to be involved in a musical production by singing, dancing, acting, lighting and sound, stage crew, and pit band. Auditions take place on the first week of school and practices run until the beginning of November when the performance takes place. Practices for musicals depend on the role given but are usually Mondays thru Thursdays.

National Honor Society Advisor - TBD

- Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, and character by which they were selected.

Pit Band Advisor - Chris Clouthier

- Pit band is a group of instrumental musicians that perform for the musical.

Science Club Advisor - Ralph Perez

- A broad focus on science related topics that will involve more students, promote an interest in science and increase the knowledge base of students in the club. To have fun in a warm, welcoming environment. To help students develop a scientific way of learning. To develop students' awareness of and concern for scientific issues in personal, social, environmental and technological contexts.

Ski Club Advisor - Steve Hellman

- PWHS Ski Club encourages every student, from beginners to experts, to join us on ski outings. We receive discounted rates at local ski hills and ski or snowboard several times a year. Look for posters in the hallways announcing our trips.

Spanish Club Advisor - Jeanne Kasza

- Spanish Club is a social organization that supports Spanish curriculum through a variety of group activities. Although most students are students in Spanish classes at PWHS, the club is open to all students interested in the Spanish language and culture.

Student Council Advisors - Sophia Piotrowski and Abby Graf

- Student Council is an organization, which represents the student body of PWHS. Members of council organize a variety of events including Homecoming events and dances, as well as providing a great deal for our community. Involvement is year round with a few events taking place during the summer. Elections for sophomores through seniors take place in spring the prior year. Officer elections for freshmen take place when school starts with applications due on the Freshmen First Day. Aside from elected positions in each class and representatives to the student council, interested students can serve as members at-large in the organization.

Three Act Play Advisor - Nancy Hart Nancy.Hart@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- Runs the last week of February. This winter activity is offered to all students 9-12 students who wish to be involved in a dramatic performance. The play focuses on honing a student's acting ability as well as opportunities for set construction/sound. Auditions will take place the first week back from winter break.

United for Youth Rachel Bierterz

- This is a community based group that includes high school students, parents, staff and community members. United for Youth meets once a month to work on projects such as the development of the disc golf course at a county park and the development of an award to recognize area businesses that are teen friendly. This organization is open to all students.

Women's Vocal Jazz Advisor - Dennis Gephart

- This activity is an ensemble of 15-30 women who wish to enhance their musical experiences at PWHS. The group will focus on women's show choir literature and will perform many of their pieces with choreography. Practices are after school every Tuesday. This activity is open to all PWHS female students. The group will perform at several school concerts, local events and district and state solo and ensemble.

Yearbook Advisor - Megan Jacoby

- This activity is year round. Interested students will be responsible for working with the advisor to create the annual. Some specific jobs include but are not limited to design, photography, and development of the pages. Students involved in this activity are able to produce a product that will be viewed for years to come. Expectations for students are to meet with the group or check in once a week with the advisor for progress and updates. Leadership positions are available for those who qualify. Dependent upon the level of commitment and completion of requirements, students may earn a 1/2 credit (one semester) or a full credit (year) for their involvement. Open to any interested students.

ATHLETIC DESCRIPTIONS

Port Washington High School is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and competes in the North Shore Conference. Some sports have tryouts and others do not. Tryouts may be used to determine the level at which the student will be placed. The numbers of students who make the rosters are based upon skill level, number of spaces available at each level and numbers of students trying out. Levels offered for a particular sport are based upon the numbers of students participating and can vary from year to year

Boys Baseball Coach - David Snieg david.snieg@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- This team sports activity is open to all boys grades 9-12. The baseball schedule runs from the middle of May through the end of July. Baseball will hold tryouts for freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

Basketball Boys Coach- Garrett Hoffmann garrett.hoffmann@pwssd.k12.wi.us

Girls Coach - Jake Wahl jakob.wahl@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- This winter team building sport begins in November and runs until the state tournament in March. Tryouts start the first week of practice and cuts are made at all freshman, junior varsity, and varsity levels if necessary. The basketball program's goals are to strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment. The program encourages the highest standard of conduct, scholastic achievement, and competitive sportsmanship.

Cross Country Boys Coach - Mark Pasten mark.pasten@pwssd.k12.wi.us

Girls Coach - Joe Adamak joe.adamak@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- Cross country is a fall running sport in which anyone can participate at the junior varsity level. The best runners get to compete at the varsity level. Practices are geared toward the 5km (3.1 miles) competitions, which usually are held on Saturdays. This activity usually begins on the 2nd Monday in August, with practices every day after school until the end of the season

Dance Coaches - Hanna Maehtle and Hailey Leiskau portdanceteam@gmail.com

- Dance team is a competitive group from grades 9-12 who incorporate dance, gymnastics and pom's together to compete in a variety of competitions throughout the year. Students may try out for the fall squad, the winter squad, and/or both squads. Practices will vary on the availability of space.

Gymnastics Coach - Gale Sigler gale.sigler@gmail.com

- Gymnastics is a sport which requires strength, agility, flexibility, speed and the desire to want to learn more and improve. This team and individual sport begins the second Monday in November and runs until early March. Practices are every day after school, and tryouts are used to place students onto varsity and junior varsity squads.

Boys Football Coach - John Bunyan john.bunyan@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- Football is a team/individual fall sport which runs from early August until the end of October. The sport is played by freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams with seniors and high ability students playing on the varsity squad. Although winning is important, building team chemistry and cooperation play an integral part in the teams' successes.

Golf Coach - Rory Palubiski Rory@feindesigns.com

- Golf is a spring team and individual sport, which runs from the end of April until the state tournament in the first week of June. During the season, the team competes and plays at all courses throughout Ozaukee, Milwaukee, and Washington County. Practices are every school night at various courses when we don't have a meet.

Hockey Boys Coach - Mike Driscoll mdriscoll@wbsd-schools.org

Girls Coach - Meghan Bailey m Bailey@cedarburg.k12.wi.us

- Hockey is a team sport that runs in cooperation with the West Bend School District. Teams are made up from students enrolled in both schools. With practices beginning in early November, this highly competitive sport focuses on teamwork and sportsmanship. For more information contact West Bend Schools at (262) 335-5570.

Soccer Boys Coach - Mark Burmesch mark.burmesch@pwssd.k12.wi.us

Girls Coach - Sandy Bennett sandy.bennett@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- This team sport is open to student athletes grades 9-12 composed of freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams. The boys season will take place mid-August and run through early November. The girls season runs from the middle of March until the second weekend in June with the state competition at Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee. Practices take place every Monday thru Friday when there is not a game. This activity will focus on building a winning team through building core fundamentals and teamwork.

Girls Softball Coach - Ben Navigato ben.portsoftball@outlook.com

- Girls softball is a competitive spring team sport that runs from March until late May. The emphasis is on teamwork and sportsmanship. Students try out for the varsity and junior varsity teams, with the highest ability students playing on the varsity team.

Swim & Dive Boys Coach - Brittany Roecker brittany.roecker@pwssd.k12.wi.us

Girls Coach - Danielle Peiffer dpeiffer@spectrumit.net

- This is a competitive swim program stressing hard work and competitive fun. This activity promotes team building as well as individual competition through swimming and diving. Practices are every day from 3-6pm and Saturday 8-11am. The girls practices begin in August and run through early November. Boys practice and season begins the middle of November and runs through the middle of February. Each season is composed of both dual meets, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as invitationals

held on Saturdays. Every meet has 12 different competitive events. No experience is necessary and all PWHS student athletes can join.

Tennis Boys/Girls Coach - Melonie Zielinski melonie.zielinski@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- Tennis is a team and individual sport that fosters hard work and competition. The girls fall season begins mid-August and completes early October. The boys spring season runs from the end of March until the first week in June. Students are placed onto a 20-member varsity squad and junior varsity squad based on ability and skill level. The varsity season includes a total of 14 team matches and the state tournament at the end of the season.

Track Boys Coach - Mark Pasten mark.pasten@pwssd.k12.wi.us

Girls Coach - Joe Adamak joe.adamak@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- Track is a team and individual spring sport that begins at the end of March. The season includes a total of 20 meets. There are 18 different track and field events for student athletes to try out for. The season will conclude, for those that make it to state, at the University of LaCrosse.

Volleyball Coach - Paul Junbauer pmjungbauer@gmail.com

- Girls volleyball is a team centered fall activity that is open to all girls' grades 9-12. Volleyball has three squads; varsity, junior varsity and freshman. The numbers of participants will determine levels offered and roster placement. Tryouts may be necessary if the participation numbers are large enough.

Wrestling Coach - Angelo LaRosa angelo.larosa@pwssd.k12.wi.us

- Wrestling is a winter sport that begins in the middle of November and runs until the middle of February. This activity competes with a freshman, junior varsity and varsity roster and is open to all students grade 9-12. The sport allows students to compete at both a team and individual level.