



# McQuaid Jesuit Clubs and Activities

Read through the variety of clubs and activities McQuaid has to offer!  
See or email the club moderator(s) for more information on getting  
involved with any of these clubs.

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# Whole School Student Clubs and Activities

(These clubs are open to BOTH High School and Middle School)

*\*If interested in any of these clubs, please contact the moderator!*



## St. Benedict the Moor Black Student Union

The Black Student Union brings together students concerned about issues that impact the Black students in our community. This group focuses on how we can uplift the entire community through education and building empathy.

**Meeting Details:** No set schedule, but meets in Room 128.

### Club Moderators:

Mrs. Martinez | [jmartinez@mcquaid.org](mailto:jmartinez@mcquaid.org)

## Chess Club

Come play chess with other McQ students. Throughout the year there will be opportunities to compete with students from other schools. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Meeting Details:** Wednesday at Flex in Room 051

### Club Moderators:

Mr. Smith | [csmith@mcquaid.org](mailto:csmith@mcquaid.org)

Mr. Whelehan | [mwhelehan@mcquaid.org](mailto:mwhelehan@mcquaid.org)

## Club Italianissimo

Club Italianissimo is for anyone interested in the Italian language and culture. Knowledge of the Italian language is not required. Some meetings will include the following: homemade Italian food (not all meetings), movies, cultural activities, speakers from Italy, Italian card & board games, visits to restaurants (TBD).

**Meeting Details:** One Monday a month at Flex as scheduled by moderator in Room 060

### Club Moderator:

Mrs. DeLuca | [ldeluca@mcquaid.org](mailto:ldeluca@mcquaid.org)

## Computer Club

One of this club's goals is to refurbish discarded computers so that schools and people without access to computers can have them. The interests of the club members can also guide the club into new areas.

**Meeting Details:** Every Thursday at Flex in Room W204

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Simkins | [ssimkins@mcquaid.org](mailto:ssimkins@mcquaid.org)

## Fishing Club

The McQuaid Fishing Club gives students the opportunity to learn new fishing techniques from guest speakers, share fishing experiences with other students, and even compete against one another in virtual tournaments. This club is meant to help all levels of fisherman learn more about fishing, meet classmates with similar interests, and overall grow their love for the sport.

**Meeting Details:** Once a month, to be determined by the moderator/group.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Blake | [ablake@mcquaid.org](mailto:ablake@mcquaid.org)

## French Club

We explore aspects of French-speaking cultures.

**Meeting Details:** See or email the moderator to be added to the Schoology group for meeting details.

### Club Moderator:

Ms. Hickman | [shickman@mcquaid.org](mailto:shickman@mcquaid.org)

## Investor/Business Club

The Business Club offers an investing competition, guest speakers, simulations, and DECA.

**Meeting Details:** At Flex as scheduled by the moderator and group.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Purtell | [jpurtell@mcquaid.org](mailto:jpurtell@mcquaid.org)

## Jazz Band/Ensemble

Intended for musicians interested in performing Jazz music.

**Meeting Details:** Weekly rehearsals during Flex or after school

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Karnisky | [kkarnisky@mcquaid.org](mailto:kkarnisky@mcquaid.org)

## Kennings

*Kennings is McQuaid's Art and Literacy magazine that highlights the work of talented writers and artists, of all kinds, within the McQuaid community. Members may also learn how to create individual Zines! Zines are handmade creative works of personal interests. All students are welcome to join and help decide the direction of this year's publications. Any student looking to learn how to publish a magazine should join. No artistic or writing experience is necessary.*

**Meeting Details:** The group will decide when and how often we will meet to get a publication done. Meetings are in Mr. Lendeck's room, 209.

### Club Moderators:

Mr. Lendeck | [glendeck@mcquaid.org](mailto:glendeck@mcquaid.org)

## Model Train Club

*The McQuaid Model Train Club creates train layouts and discusses various types of model trains, the history and operation of trains, and the use of trains in modern times.*

**Meeting Details:** Meets one or two times a month in the middle school media room, on Fridays at Flex

### Club Moderator:

Ms. Joelle Mendola | [jmendola@mcquaid.org](mailto:jmendola@mcquaid.org)

## Modern History Club

*This is a student led group that presents and discusses history topics most often missed in Social Studies classes. Most times the more modern (last 60-70 years or so) of history doesn't get covered in class. So this is the chance for students who love history to explore topics not covered in class.*

**Meeting Details:** Usually Thursday or Friday at Flex in Room 157.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Varrasso | [dvarrasso@mcquaid.org](mailto:dvarrasso@mcquaid.org)

## Curling Club

*The club involves one or two trips to the Rochester Curling Club to understand the physics concepts of momentum, friction and vectors while having fun. Each trip is preceded by a meeting at flex to review rules, strategies, and concepts.*

**Meeting Details:** TBD as scheduled by moderator.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. DeBaise | [bdebaise@mcquaid.org](mailto:bdebaise@mcquaid.org)

## Photography Club

*The Photography Club is open to grades 6-12. We photograph people and things while working on camera technique.*

Meeting Details: TBD as scheduled by moderator.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Luciano | [lluciano@mcquaid.org](mailto:lluciano@mcquaid.org)



## Pride Alliance

*The Pride Alliance is a club where students can discuss issues relating to gender and identity.*

**Meeting Details:** Every other Tuesday during flex in room 055.

### Club Moderator:

Jennifer Martinez | [jmartinez@mcquaid.org](mailto:jmartinez@mcquaid.org)

## Ski & Board Club

*McQuaid Jesuit's Ski and Board Club travels to Bristol Mountain on six consecutive Friday evenings, typically when we return from Christmas break. The club is open to all students.*

**Meeting Details:** 6 consecutive Friday evenings, typically starting after Christmas break. Students meet in Keenan Hall after school, and the bus leaves at 3:15pm. Students need to be dropped off by a parent in the morning, as we store all the ski gear in the field house.

### Club Moderators:

Mrs. Sheffer | [asheffer@mcquaid.org](mailto:asheffer@mcquaid.org)

Mr. Pierri | [cpierri@mcquaid.org](mailto:cpierri@mcquaid.org)

## Spanish Club

*We discuss and learn about various culture aspects of Spanish-speaking countries as well as celebrate some holidays. We also may do a field trip to a Mexican restaurant this year and maybe plan a fundraising event for a local Hispanic-related charity.*

**Meeting Details:** Meets various days as scheduled by moderators.

### Club Moderators:

Mrs. Bucukovski | [vbucukovski@mcquaid.org](mailto:vbucukovski@mcquaid.org)

Mrs. Hickman | [shickman@mcquaid.org](mailto:shickman@mcquaid.org)

## Stage Crew

*Intended for students interested in theatre but don't want to act. We learn hands-on skills in set construction, lighting, and sound for both drama and musical productions at McQuaid.*

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Karnisky | [kkarnisky@mcquaid.org](mailto:kkarnisky@mcquaid.org)

## Art Club

*Art club is a casual club for students in grade 6-12 interested in creating Art.*

**Meeting Details:** Fridays at Flex

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Galambos | [ggalambos@mcquaid.org](mailto:ggalambos@mcquaid.org)

# High School Clubs and Activities

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## Accolade (Yearbook)

*We produce and distribute the annual yearbook. This is a service to our community and the senior class in particular.*

**Meeting Details:** Thursdays at Flex in Room W205

### Club Moderators:

Mr. Maxwell | [jmaxwell@mcquaid.org](mailto:jmaxwell@mcquaid.org)

Mrs. Galletto | [agalletto@mcquaid.org](mailto:agalletto@mcquaid.org)

Mr. Blake | [ablake@mcquaid.org](mailto:ablake@mcquaid.org)

## Admissions Ambassadors

*The Admissions Ambassador Club is open to 9-12 graders. Admissions Ambassadors are the face of the school for prospective students. It is the job of the Ambassador to assist the Admissions office with various events through the year. By joining the club, you will grow as a leader in the McQuaid community. You will gain public speaking skills and have the opportunity to share your experiences as a Knight with incoming families.*

**Meeting Details:** Members of the Admissions Ambassadors Club must go through an interview process for approval, followed by training. Ambassadors are required to help with a minimum of three admissions events throughout the year, as well as serve as tour guides at both the Fall and Spring Open House.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Parker | [cparker@mcquaid.org](mailto:cparker@mcquaid.org)

## Alumni Career Forum

*We connect students with alumni to inform them of future career and educational paths. We bring in speakers to talk about their careers and the possibilities after high school and college. It entails networking, leadership, and public speaking.*

**Meeting Details:** Group meets as scheduled by the moderators.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. MacLaren | [cmaclaren@mcquaid.org](mailto:cmaclaren@mcquaid.org)

Mr. Grifa | [jgrifa@mcquaid.org](mailto:jgrifa@mcquaid.org)

## The Biodiversity Project

*The Biodiversity Project works to bring students into a partnership with the natural world. Focusing on good stewardship through activities designed to educate members about interconnected systems and understand their place within those systems. The Bio-Diversity Project deals with environmental and social justice issues through the various works chosen by the projects participants. Members also continue working with ongoing project endeavors such as care for McQuaid's beehives and garden.*

**Meeting Details:** We try to find a day each week that works for as many members as possible.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Lendeck | [glendeck@mcquaid.org](mailto:glendeck@mcquaid.org)

## IgKnights

*The McQuaid IgKnights have been showing their tricks in First Robotics Competition for over a decade! Students design, build, program and drive advanced robotic solutions for state and national competition. Alongside adult mentors from various business, engineering and manufacturing industries in Rochester, the IgKnights explore a wide range of specific and soft skills building up to competition in early Spring. IgKnights are welcoming new members and are always excited to test and prove their latest robotic accomplishments.*

**Member Responsibilities:** The IgKnights require many different skill sets. We have meetings for training, design and building. We also have non robot needs in multimedia, graphics and business development. We also do volunteer activities which mostly center around STEM.

**Meeting Details:** Every Tuesday and Thursday evening in STEM Lab W112, and some Saturdays during competition.

**Other Details:** For more information about FIRST see <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc> or <https://www.igknights.org/>

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Schnittman | [aschnittman@mcquaid.org](mailto:aschnittman@mcquaid.org)

## DECA

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Hershel | [dhershel@mcquaid.org](mailto:dhershel@mcquaid.org)

## JETS

Team of eight juniors/seniors compete in a one-day engineering competition versus other schools in New York State. The competition is run by TSA TEAMS (<https://tsaweb.org/teams>).

**Meeting Details:** Meet in Room W117. Teams will be chosen in early 2022. Meeting times TBD.

### Club Moderator:

Mr. DeBaise | [bdebaise@mcquaid.org](mailto:bdebaise@mcquaid.org)

## The Lance

We are McQuaid's official student newspaper dedicated to covering all the news in current events, arts and culture, sports, and more that students, faculty, and parents are interested in learning and reading about.

### Website

### Club Moderator:

Mr. Hershel | [dhershel@mcquaid.org](mailto:dhershel@mcquaid.org)

## Mental Health Awareness Club

*This club aims to change the stigma surrounding mental health, particularly in men. It provides a supportive platform for the student body to discuss sensitive topics.*

**Meeting Details:** As scheduled by moderator.

**Club Moderator:**

Ms. Bucukovski | [vbucukovski@mcquaid.org](mailto:vbucukovski@mcquaid.org)



## Mosaic Club

*The Mosaic Club is a place for all students to come as they are and discuss important social justice topics that impact McQuaid and the rest of the world.*

**Meeting Details:** Not on a current schedule.

**Club Moderator:**

Ms. Martinez | [jmartinez@mcquaid.org](mailto:jmartinez@mcquaid.org)

## Cinematique Critique Club

*The Cinematique Critique Club is for any high school student who enjoys viewing and critiquing films. A parent permission slip is required, as well as permission from the moderator to be added to the club Schoology group.*

**Meeting Details:** Meeting times are posted in a club Schoology group. Meetings are in Room 159.

**Club Moderator:**

Mr. Vernetti | [rvernetti@mcquaid.org](mailto:rvernetti@mcquaid.org)

## Masterminds

*Masterminds is an academic competition that tests a person's knowledge of a variety of topics including History, Literature, Science, and Math. Teams consist of players in grades 9 through 12, competing at the junior varsity and varsity levels. Each team of four students battles against other teams to score points through 16 rounds of questions. Consider becoming part of a long standing McQuaid academic traditions*

**Meeting Details:** Once a month on Mondays from December to April, after school til 3:45 p.m.

**Club Moderator:**

Ms. Sikora | [psikora@mcquaid.org](mailto:psikora@mcquaid.org)

## Model UN

*Model U.N. is a student directed activity that replicates the format, committee meetings, and position papers of the United Nations. Participation and the level of that participation are determined solely by the student membership. In a typical year, three weekend conferences are attended. Membership is open to all students in grades 9 through 12.*

**Meeting Details:** We meet as needed.

**Club Moderator:**

Mrs. Soprano | [lsoprano@mcquaid.org](mailto:lsoprano@mcquaid.org)

## Pre-Med Club

*Learn about practices and professions in the medical field.*

**Meeting Details:** Meetings vary and are decided upon by the moderator and group.

**Club Moderator:**

Mr. Hochadel | [bhochadel@mcquaid.org](mailto:bhochadel@mcquaid.org)

## The Shield

*We're the brother publication to the Lance, which covers news and important aspects of life at McQuaid Jesuit; we give students the chance to express themselves on every topic under the sun, from film and video games, to sports and technology, to fiction and art.*

**Meeting Details:** Currently, we're only online.

**Club Moderator:**

Mario Morales-Bermúdez | [mmorales@mcquaid.org](mailto:mmorales@mcquaid.org)

## Youth and Government

*Students participate in and run a NY state wide mock NYS government.*

**Meeting Details:** Meetings are set as needed.

**Club Moderator:**

Mr. Wegman | [pwegman@mcquaid.org](mailto:pwegman@mcquaid.org)

## Additional High School Clubs:

STEM Solutions Club  
BASH & McQuaid Events  
Setters of Catan



# Middle School Clubs and Activities

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## **Knee Hockey Club**

6th and 7th graders play knee hockey in the classroom using miniature sticks that they bring from home. There are 2 players per team and teams rotate after approximately 10 minutes. Teams are selected by a random process and the members follow a Stanley Cup playoff model. Drinks and snacks are provided.

**Meeting Details:** Every Thursday at Flex in Room 025

### **Club Moderator:**

Mrs. Soprano | [lsoprano@mcquaid.org](mailto:lsoprano@mcquaid.org)

## **Maker Club**

The Maker Club is a space where students can go to build whatever creative project they're interested in and receive support by others with highly specific experience related to electronics, construction, and 3D design.

**Meeting Details:** Every other Tuesday at Flex in Room 222.

### **Club Moderator:**

Mr. Demers | [ddemers@mcquaid.org](mailto:ddemers@mcquaid.org)

## **Middle School Mission and Ministry Board**

The Middle School Mission & Ministry Board (M&M) is a student-led organization whose main focus is the spiritual growth of the middle school students at McQuaid Jesuit. In addition we focus on seeing providing along with multiple service opportunities. Open to all students in grades 6 through 8, the M&M leads a wide range of activities, including leading class Masses, the Middle School Walk for Justice, movie nights, various fundraisers for local organizations and shelters, and visiting nearby nursing homes.

**Meeting Details:** Mondays at Flex in Room 224

### **Club Moderator:**

Mrs. Hendrick | [jhendrick@mcquaid.org](mailto:jhendrick@mcquaid.org)

## **Additional Middle School Clubs:**

Newspaper Club

Boy Scout Troop 31