



## BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL CLUB LIST

**ACADEMIC CHALLENGE:** Academic Challenge is one of the longest running locally produced shows in television history. The mission of Academic Challenge, where students are the stars of each show, is to shine the spotlight on academic excellence and the importance of education in all of our communities. Each week, students representing schools from all around Northern Ohio use their brains to battle toward the season championship. Three teams compete for points by answering questions covering such topics as math, science, history and current events. At the end of each program, the points are totaled and at seasons' end, the three highest scoring teams return for the Championship match. Moderator, Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Whitbred

**ART CLUB:** meets in the Art Room and provides an opportunity for students to give back to Benedictine using their artistic talents. Students will make posters or banners for blood drives, sports rallies, art week and similar activities. Students will help to develop and organize the program for Fine Arts Week. During times when there are no service needs, students will work to develop portfolio pieces and personal artistic expression. Moderator, Ms. Shannon

**THE BHS INVESTMENT CLUB:** Your Fantasy Stock Market Game! Have Fun and Manage Your Own Portfolio. Moderator, Mr. Horvat

**THE BENNET:** is the official student newspaper of Benedictine High School, in its 81st volume. The newspaper provides a voice and a forum for students as it tries to present relevant news items, features, sports and opinions on a variety of topics. Students can be writers, editors, photographers, cartoonists or work on computers in designing the look of the paper. Staff members work on the newspaper after school and on weekends. Moderator, Mr. Francioli

**BLOOD DRIVE:** This club coordinates and manages several blood drive events throughout the school year. This gives the students and staff the opportunity to donate blood and save thousands of lives. Each school year there are 4-5 blood drives. Moderator Mr. Van Dyke

**BOOK CLUB:** Book Club gives students the opportunity to read something that they find interesting or fun that wouldn't normally be assigned in class. Students from all grades come together and choose a book to read in their free time. Each meeting students and moderators will have read a few chapters of the chosen book and talk about their favorite parts or characters. The club gives students a chance to connect over a text that they've all decided on and interact with the story in a different way than they would in a classroom setting. Moderators, Mrs. Mihalik and Mrs. Rozman

**BROTHERS OF BENEDICTINE: Back by popular demand!** The Brothers of Benedictine is a club where young and intelligent future Men of Benedictine have an opportunity to bond and build relationships. We use the love of sports to bring both new and old faces together as a unit. This also creates an opportunity for some people who may not be familiar with their peers or other clubs to be a part of something. The club has always been a big part of bringing African Americans as well as the many other races we have walking our school together. With good and ambitious leadership, we hope to bring culture back in the club, by unifying the students of our school as well as bringing in Alumni throughout the year to speak and inspire the people participating. Moderators, Mrs. Mihalik and Mrs. Perrotti

**CHESS CLUB:** For those who play or want to learn to play chess, this is the club for you. Chess club meets every week. Boards are also set up in Mr. Reeves' room 205 for practice before or after school. The school Chess Team is chosen from club members to compete in local and state tournaments. Dues are \$5 to join for used for equipment and help sanction team players. Moderator, Mr. Reeves

**CULINARY CLUB:** The Culinary Club exposes our young men to the big broad world of foodies! It's all about cooking, tasting, preparing and learning about food with the emphasis on deliciousness. From cooking techniques to sampling exotic fruits and vegetables to using spices and seasonings to presenting a beautiful plate- nothing is off limits! Students take a hands-on role in preparing and presenting methods and ideas to their peers. Moderator, Mrs. Shannon

**DRAMA CLUB:** Each year the Drama Club puts on one full-length play in February or March. Auditions take place in October and practices start in early November. We meet Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays after school. We also team up with girls from local schools so that female roles can be filled, so students have an opportunity to meet people from other schools. If you have any interest in acting or tech (such as lighting or sound), Drama Club is the perfect place to learn a new skill or meet like-minded friends! Moderator, Mrs. Mihalik

**ENGINEERING CLUB:** Our Engineering club works with MAGNET and the Cleveland State University FENN Academy to host speakers from the local community in different fields of engineering, sponsors field trips to local companies, executes hands-on engineering challenges and is in the process of having students design and deliver manufactured goods as a service to the Benedictine community and their families. Moderator, Mrs. Schiffer

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB:** The entrepreneurship Club at Benedictine is an exciting program. The entrepreneurship club is part of the Veale Youth Entrepreneurship Forum. The mission of the forum is to enable high school students to recognize their full potential by experiencing all facets of entrepreneurship. The Forum delivers on that purpose through high-value learning experiences and connections to the real-world of entrepreneurship. Funded by The Veale Foundation, the Forum is a growing network of high schools in Northeast Ohio that was founded in 2012 with the assistance of the Young Entrepreneur Institute at University School. The Forum currently reaches some 3,000 students annually at 22 different private and public high schools that are invited for participation and uses its resources to equip students with an entrepreneurial mindset and essential skills. The Forum sponsors annual business and pitch competitions, enabling students to develop ideas, deliver presentations, create business plans, and found new ventures. Student participation in summer internships, entrepreneurship camps, and the Young Entrepreneur Market are also supported. The Forum introduces students and their teachers to Northeast Ohio's entrepreneurial ecosystem, providing students with a network for kick starting their professional lives in a place where entrepreneurs are nurtured and supported. Over the past three years Benedictine has had multiple winners in Pitchfest, the Teen Pitch Tank, and the Veale Venture Challenge. Our students have started and run businesses that have grossed over \$50,000 in sales. Moderator, Mr. Stircula

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB:** is a Benedictine organization helping make the world a better place. The Environmental Club is divided into 3 parts, Recycling, Plant Life, and Public Service. Our current recycling consists in collecting the school recyclables and taking them out to the bin in the parking lot. With Plant life we take care of plants throughout the school and make the world greener one plant at a time. We plant plants outside to grow, and the occasional group meeting, or hike through an ecosystem. For Public Service we spread awareness of the planet we call home. Finally, the environmental club is also a way to meet other students and develop friendships. Moderator, Mr. Salem

**THE FILM CLUB:** meets once a month during the meeting period and sometimes after school and on weekends. Its purpose is to encourage study and viewing of great films. The club may organize a trip to see a current movie or show a classic one at the school. Moderator, Mr. Francioli

**LATIN CLUB:** is open to all students, and is highly recommended to Latin and Greek students. The Latin Club offers movies, outings and cultural and religious events to promote the study of Latin and Greek in particular and Classical Culture in general. Trips to the newly opened Museum are a regular occurrence as are social and academic outings with Beaumont's Latin Club. There are no fees or fund raisers involved in this club. Thank you for your attention and consideration. Moderator Fr. Bede OSB

**THE ITALIAN HERITAGE CLUB:** is open to any student who would like to learn more about the language, history, art, food and vulture of Italy. The club meets once a month during the meeting period and sometimes after school. Often a guest speaker will make a presentation. The club marches in the Columbus Day parade and works at the annual dinner-dance, the Festa. Moderator, Mr. Francioli

**JAPANESE CULTURE CLUB:** Japanese Culture Club- This club explores all aspects of Japanese culture including language, customs, food and popular culture. Club activities include trivia contests, creating Japanese art and a field trip to a Japanese restaurant. The goal of this club is to enhance our understanding of a culture different than our own. Moderator Mr. Corsaro

**JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA:** On high school campuses across the country, there are students concerned with what is happening around them -- students who are interested in politics and government, foreign affairs, the law, and education. The Junior State of America (JSA) was created by and for these students. Since its inception in 1934, more than 500,000 student members have become active, informed citizens through the Junior State. The Junior Statesmen mission is to strengthen American democracy by educating and preparing high school students for life-long involvement and responsible leadership in a democratic society.

What makes JSA so unique is that students organize every aspect of the organization, all the way from the chapter level to state and national administration. Our student leaders, elected by their fellow JSA members, plan and execute all of the conventions, conferences, and political awareness events held by the Junior State.

JSA allows for an exchange of ideas through stimulating student debates, thought talks, problem solving, and a variety of simulations; by participating in these activities, each member gains a more intelligent and informed viewpoint. JSA also provides a wonderful chance to meet and make friends with scores of other bright, involved students who have similar interests. It's an experience that you don't want to miss. Moderator, Mr. Corsaro

**KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL:** is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. It is a student-led organization whose goal is to teach leadership through serving others. Key Club International is a part of the [Kiwanis International](#) group. Each local Key Club is, in turn, sponsored by a local Kiwanis club. Benedictine's Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Shaker Square. The organization was started by California State Commissioner of Schools Albert C. Olney, and vocational education teacher Frank C. Vincent, who together worked to establish the first Key Club at Sacramento High School in California, on May 7, 1925. Female students were first admitted in 1976, eleven years before women were admitted to the sponsoring organization, Kiwanis International. Moderator, Mr. Gallagher

**KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR:** are volunteers who offer time and talent to serve as minor ministers at our Eucharistic Liturgies at BHS and St. Andrew Abbey. Just sign in if you would like to serve Mass or read at a Liturgy. You must be Catholic to do this, thank you so much! Moderator, Fr. Bede OSB

**LITERARY MAGAZINE:** is the official literary magazine of Benedictine High School. It is published once a year, in the spring, and displays a variety of student creative writing--poems, short stories, essays-- and art and photos. Students can help with editing, typesetting and designing. Staff members work after school and on weekends. Moderator, Mr. Francioli

**MAGIC CLUB:** For those who play or want to learn to play MAGIC THE GATHERING, this is the club for you. The Magic club meets every week. Magic is a collectible card playing game. Students bring their own decks to play. The club does have some basic decks to teach students how to play. We try to run 4 different tournaments a year within the club. There are no dues. Bring your cards and have fun! Moderator, Mr. Reeves

**MARKETING/ADMISSIONS CLUB:** This club assists the school's Admissions and Marketing team to plan the open houses for prospective students and their parents and various marketing events. The club president organizes the committees needed for each event and the committee chairs report to the marketing club members. The club seeks new and creative ways to attract students to BHS. Moderator, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Stircula and Mrs. Szabados

**MEN of BENEDICTINE MEDICINE:** The Benedictine Men of Medicine is a club for students who have aspirations to be in the medical field. We want to expand the knowledge of medical careers in Benedictine. We would like to explore the different health careers by visiting different locations we will get a better understanding of the different professions in medicine. Students will come to share an interest in medicine while having tons of fun. Moderator, Mr. Kobylinski

**MUSIC TECHNOLOGY CLUB:** 20 state-of-the-art Digital Audio Workstations on MACs. Uses garageband, and protocols 11. Students explore music through composing, editing, mixing, producing, and performing music. We offer students a chance to express themselves musically by using the Digital Audio Workstations to complete recording, editing, mixing, and producing projects throughout the year. We meet weekly during the first meeting period on Wednesdays. Other topics include: song writing, mastering, synthesis, and sound engineering. We take various field trips to studios to watch live recording sessions, and we bring in sound engineers and producers to run workshops. Moderator Mr. Chenoweth

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB:** Objective of the club is to take the DSL camera off point and shoot. We will also put camera in manual mode and explain f-stop, shutter speed and iso settings. By changing any one of these it renders a different picture of the same subject. We stress to them now to experiment. Idea is not to teach but to have fun and creative. Moderator, Mr. Jim Lucsik

**PRO LIFE CLUB:** The Benedictine Pro-Life Club supports all efforts to raise awareness and protect the sacredness of all human life but especially the life of the unborn. We participate in the National March for Life in Washington, DC and local gatherings and events that promote the Gospel of Life from conception to natural death. Moderator, Fr. Gerard

**SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB:** This club meets once every two weeks. Our club tries to raise awareness of social justice concerns. We discuss injustices that are occurring in our world, and what are possible solutions to the injustice. We will try to encourage the Benedictine community to get involved in fighting injustice. Students will be asked to volunteer for justice causes throughout the year. We hope to take at least one field trip during the school year to inform ourselves about specific injustices, and we will work with other schools to create more sensitivity to injustices. Moderator, Mr. Gallagher

**THE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM:** offers students an opportunity to compete in interscholastic tournaments from November to March, and sometimes later. There are a variety of speeches and debates held at local schools each Saturday. All competitions are held on Saturday, and practices are after school. Students may enter a contest alone or as part of a team. Moderator, Mr. Francioli

**SPORTS MEDIA CLUB:** The Sports Media Club is a group of students who have a love of sports. In the club we send students to sporting events for our school (mostly Varsity events) and they take video and/or pictures of the games/matches/meets. Afterward, the students are tasked with editing the videos they took to make 2-3 minute highlight films of the game. They are encouraged to find music that matches the feel of the video, to play with different types of transitions, try to use slow-mo, and play with black-and-white versus color shots. Learning to use our HD and 4K video cameras and the video editing programs is an integral part of this club. In the end, the resulting videos are posted to YouTube under the Benedictine High School Sports Media page. Moderator, Mr. Ryan

**SUNSHINE CLUB:** The Benedictine Sunshine Club was created during the 2014/2015 school year. The club's mission is to perform random acts of kindness in and out of the school. We also acknowledge all staff and faculty birthdays with cards and gifts. We also vote on one faculty or staff member, that we feel may be under appreciated, to do something extra for each month. During the Lenten season we collect donations of gift cards, cash, candy and small toys to make Easter baskets for children and teens who may be in the Domestic Violence and Children's Advocacy Center. Our hope is to make our school and the world a better place, one kind act at a time. Moderator Mrs. Perrotti and Mrs. Mihalik

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB:** The purpose of the Ultimate Frisbee club is to foster communal and personal growth through the playing of the sport. In this club, students develop interpersonal skills such communication, sacrifice, hard work, and striving toward a common goal, while simultaneously fostering a spirit of healthy competition. In the words of St. John Paul II, "Sports contribute to the love of life [and] teach sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person." The skills that students develop on the playing field are meant to translate into the other aspects of daily life so that each person can live fully as God created him to be. This end is achieved through the playing of the sport, as well as in the communal prayers we say. Moderator Mr. Parker

**THE YEARBOOK CLUB:** is the organization which creates and designs the yearbook. The school yearbook is a very important tradition at Benedictine High School. Being a member of this club gives you the ability to put together a yearbook which you and your fellow classmates will look back on years from now and which will enable you to remember all the great memories that you experience throughout your time at Benedictine. Being a member of the yearbook club is fun, but it requires work and time. It also requires time outside of school, like at home, to reach certain deadlines. It is very rewarding to see the final outcome, something to be proud of. The yearbook club is always looking for new members to join and we hope that you will consider this opportunity to take an active part in the production of the YEARBOOK! Moderator Mrs. Alflen

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