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Extra-Curricular Opportunities 2007-2008

<u>Academic Challenge Team</u>	Advisor: Mr. Egan
	The purpose of this activity is to allow students to compete in academic contests with schools in the Westchester area. Weekly meetings allow students to sharpen their academic abilities in preparation for academic contests. The team meets on Fridays for one hour in room 109. Students in grades 9 – 12 are eligible to participate in this activity.
<u>After School Homework Program</u>	Advisor: Ms. Watson
	The After School Homework Program is designed to offer after school academic assistance. Supervised by an AHHS faculty member, this program meets four times per week from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. In addition to faculty assistance, National Honor Society members also serve as peer tutors.
<u>Athletics</u>	Athletic Director: Mr. Holst
	Alexander Hamilton offers a number of Varsity, Jr. Varsity, and Modified sports. The program offers sports under the supervision of a certified coach in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Students in grades 7 and 8 participate in Modified Sports. Students in grades 9 – 12 may participate on Varsity and Jr. Varsity level. Participants must be academically eligible and in good standing in order to represent Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School.
<u>A.V. Club</u>	Advisor: Mr. Benben
	The A.V. Club is a service organization created to assist the school district with a wide range of functions and activities. Club members work behind the scenes at assemblies, concerts and ceremonies. They provide equipment, supplies and services to teachers and receive training in the use and care of A.V. equipment. The club is open to all students in grades 7-12.
<u>Chess Club</u>	Advisor: Mr. Egan
	Open to all students in grades 7 -12 the chess club meets on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 – 3:15. No prior knowledge of chess is necessary to join.
<u>Fitness Center</u>	Advisor: Mr. Disbrow & Mr. Watson
	The Fitness Center is open every afternoon for the entire year. Proper work out attire is required. The Fitness Center has fitness machines and weights for students to improve their strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance. Students 7 -12 may use the Fitness Center.
<u>Guitar Club</u>	Advisors: Mr. Murphy & Ms. Sclafani

	The guitar club meets every Thursday in room 113 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. October through January. No guitar or prior experience is necessary to join. Students in grades 7 -12 are eligible to participate in the guitar club.
<u>History Club</u>	Advisor: Mr. Budzynski
	This is an organization open to seniors and juniors. This club gives students an opportunity to learn about their own government and other governments as well. The students may attend the Princeton Model-Congress in November. In the Model Congress students stay in Washington D.C. and participate in the mock-sessions of Congress where bills are introduced by the students and are voted on by the students. A total of twelve students in grades 10 – 12 participate in this worthwhile educational experience.
<u>International Club</u>	Advisor: Ms. Osswald
	The International Club is open to all students in grades 9 – 12. Its aim is to promote a global experience for all members. The club meets during fifth period every other week and after school on a day TBD. Each month a culture is highlighted followed by a film and discussion about those characteristics that make the culture unique.
<u>Internet Club</u>	Advisor: Mr. MacLeish
	The club digitally records and photographs school events and activities. The club is open to all students grades 7 -12. Interested students should contact Mr. MacLeish.
<u>Intramurals</u>	Advisors: Mr. Aiello & Mr. Disbrow
	During the months of September through November students grades 7 - 12 meet after school and participate in running and fitness activities. In the warmer months of the spring students participate in paddle ball. The emphasis of intramurals is participation and enjoying recreational activity.
<u>Key Club</u>	Advisor: Ms. Watson
	Key Club is the largest high school service organization in the world, and one of AHHS' most popular organizations. Key Club is a service organization sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. Past activities have included the American Diabetes Association Bike-A-Thon, the Christmas visit to homes for special children, and the Muscular Dystrophy Fund-Raiser. The club meets once a month during the 5 th period. Students in grades 9 – 12 may participate in the Key Club.
<u>Library Club</u>	Advisor: Ms. Watson
	The library club meets during fifth period once a month. The club sponsors book talks, guest speakers and journal writing. Web research and group discussions are also activities Library Club participants enjoy.
<u>Literary Magazine</u>	Advisor: Ms. Brenna

	The primary goal of this organization is the publication of the school's Literary Magazine. A second goal is to encourage creative writing throughout the school. Members of the club write, collect writings from other students, evaluate, edit and illustrate contributions to the magazine. Materials are assessed for creativity, acceptability of topics and high standards of English. Meetings are held once a month. Many individual meetings are held especially before the magazine goes to press. There are usually ten to twelve members of the club. Written contributions are accepted from all grade levels.
Math Club	Advisor: Ms. Abbate
	The Math Club meets every Thursday during fifth period and is open to all students in grades 9 -12. Students begin meeting in October and continue through May in preparation for the Westchester Community College Spring Festival and Pace University's mathematics competition.
Rotary Interact Club	Advisor: Ms. Covert
	Interact is the high school division of Rotary International. Hamilton's chapter has been involved in raising money for the Polo Plus campaign and for local scholarships. Interact sponsors an annual Senior Citizens Holiday Brunch. Students grow through Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self." Students in grades 9 -12 may be members of the Interact Club.
Science Olympiad	Advisor: Mr. Segaloff
	The Science Club is an activity that is offered to all seventh and eighth grade students. The students who participate in the Science Club conduct experiments in the four major areas of science. These hands on experiences help reinforce many classroom activities. The Science Club meets once every other week for approximately thirty minutes November through January. From January through March the Olympiad team meets two times per week in preparation for the regional competition held at a local school.
Student Government	Advisor: Mr. Aiello
	The Student Government meets every other Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. September through June. Representatives from grades 8 -12 are elected in the spring and seventh grade representatives are elected in social studies class. A student may become a representative at large by attending five consecutive student government meetings.

School Newspaper	Advisor: Ms. Spargo
	Students who are members of the school newspaper have as their final goal the publication and distribution of four issues of <u>The Hamilton Harbinger</u> . While this is the end result, the process that leads to the finished product has several steps. All members decide what materials (columns, comics, issues and editorials) should go into a certain issue. The reporters gather the news and write it. The senior editors then revise and rewrite these articles to suit both the style and philosophy of the newspaper. Once the paper is typeset, the senior editors and students work on the overall layout and graphics. These sheets are printed and finally distributed to all students. Students in grades 9 - 12 meet during 5 th period on Thursdays on an as needed basis. Students in 7 th and 8 th grade meet after school.
Teen Learning Center (TLC)	Advisor: Ms. Brenna
	The goal of the TLC is to provide an area within the school building, outside of the regular school day, where students, grades 7-12, can go to get academic assistance. TLC is currently housed in the high school library and supervised by professional staff. TLC is open three mornings each week (Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. In addition to a coordinator, staff members are available in the areas of English, social studies, science and mathematics. Parents and teachers may refer students to the TLC and students are encouraged to walk in on their own for extra help. Transportation to TLC is provided by the school district.
Yearbook	Advisor: Ms. Abbate
	The aim of the Yearbook is to produce a meaningful record of each school year. Yearbook activities are varied. Students work very hard organizing the materials and are expected to participate in all areas of publication. These include typing, computer editing, copy editing, photography layout and design of the book. It is an arduous procedure but the rewards are great. Seniors are given first preference in staff selection. Underclassmen are welcome on a need basis, but must be willing to work. The yearbook staff meets every Tuesday during 5 th period.
Youth Leadership Conference	Advisor: Ms. Covert
	The purpose the Youth Leadership Conference is to assist students in developing their leadership skills. Selected students participate annually in the Westchester Youth Leadership Conference held at Pepsi Co. in Purchase. Students prepare for the conference by filling out questionnaires to determine some of their leadership strengths and weaknesses. On the conference day itself, students listen to speakers and participate in discussions to enhance their speaking, listening and leadership skills. Ideally, the goal of the conference is to help students become more active leaders within the school and local communities. This activity meets bi-monthly during 5 th period and after school from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
VAASA	Advisor: Mr. Disbrow
	Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse meets once a month after school. Membership is by application and limited to varsity athletes. VAASA members serve as role models and participate in presentations that exemplify a commitment to a drug free life style.
For more information contact the advisor by going to our website at http://www.elmsd.org/hamilton/contact.html	