Park School

Student Activity Guide

2018–2019

**ADAPT (formerly P.A.C.E.D.- Park's Awareness Club for Education on Disabilities)**

*Brief description*

A club that will bring disabilities and mental illness into the conversation about diversity at Park. We're open to everyone, not just those with disabilities! Because we want to educate the students and faculty, get people to think critically about how Park approaches disabilities both in and out of the classroom, and then take action to actually make changes in how we do things. We provide a safe space to talk and learn within the club, and help make Park into a safer and more comfortable place for students.

*Past achievements*

The club was founded last year (under the name P.A.C.E.D). Two students spoke at an assembly; one student spoke about her experience with anxiety and the other about her experience with a learning disability.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Spread the Word to End the Word- A campaign to eliminate the use of the word “Retarded”
* Strike out Stigma Month- hold activities as part of a disability awareness month
* Share your story night- A night for students and faculty to share stories about their experiences either having disabilities

**Admissions**

*Brief description*

The purpose of the Student Ambassador Program is to support the Admission Office with many of its functions and operations. Student Ambassadors provide support by participating in programs and activities that promote Park School in the community. Activities include hosting prospective students, giving tours of the school, attending school fairs, and sharing personal experiences of Park's values, philosophy, and community with prospective families. The Student Ambassador Program is looking for anyone who has a positive attitude about our school and would like to share this with people interested in Park.

*Past achievements*

While most years in the past have been reasonably similar when it comes to Admissions Ambassadors, one of our many special accomplishments, with strong help from our hosts and tour guides, is that this year’s freshman class is adding more new students than in any of the past several years.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Continue our strong performance from last year.

**Annual Fund Club**

*Brief description*

The Annual Fund Club is a great opportunity for students to develop fundraising skills by assisting the development office with the Annual Fund. A win-win situation! What could be better than helping Park and learning useful fundraising techniques for yourself? Pizza and snacks... (but don't worry, we have that too)

What we do in meetings varies on a weekly basis. We ask for donations over the phone, plan events, work on projects (such as videos and thank you cards), and make care packages for alumni in college. However, we are not limited to these activities. We are always open to new ideas as we hope to make the biggest impact that we can on the Park community.

*Past achievements*

Two years ago, we planned Be A Bruin Day, raised $16,000 for the annual fund, created, signed, and mailed

600+ thank you cards to alumni donors, packed 200 care packages for Park alumni in college, created a video promoting Be a Bruin Day, and were able to achieve 100% senior participation in annual fund donations.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

While continuing what we have done in years past, we hope to expand Be A Bruin Day and make it an all school event, raise more money, give tours to alumni, spread awareness of our club and its goals, and eat more pizza!

**Asian Culture Club**

*Brief description*

This club introduces students to the Eastern side of the world through music, food, fun and games. A major project that we do is to organize a school-wide Lunar New Year Festival.

*Past achievements*

Watched “The Cat Returns”, planned the Lunar New Year Festival and invited students to taste dumplings while answering questions about Asia. Did a presentation in assembly about the stereotypes that Chinese have on Americans, specifically teenagers.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*:

* More assemblies to inform upper school about current events
* More people to participate in Lunar New Year Festival
* More activities, including making food, watching movies, and teach Asian languages (Chinese, Russian, Japanese...)

**Beekeeping Club**

*Brief description*

Beekeeping Club is primarily focused on harvesting and selling honey. We also make candles, lip balm, and other beeswax and honey based products.

*Past achievements*

* Harvested and sold honey.
* Acquired a new hive.
* Made candles.
* Bought T-shirts.
* Made Lip balm.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Harvest and sell honey.
* Make candles, lip balm, and other products using beeswax and honey.
* Teach new students about beekeeping.

**Black Female Forum**

*Brief description*

Black Female Forum is a safe space for Black females at Park. In this club, we share personal thoughts and issues, and we also discuss current events that affect Black females (and Black people in general). We meet on Wednesdays during X Block.

*Past achievements*

We worked in conjunction with Black Male Forum to:

* Prepare and present an assembly to promote the Baltimore Student Diversity Leadership Conference
* Organize a conversation-provoking die-in
* Prepare and present and assembly to address diversity and #BlackLivesMatter

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

More assemblies to promote awareness of issues affecting Black people in America, community service, a dance, fundraisers, more bonding with Black females in the lower and middle schools

**Black Male Forum**

*Brief description*

Black Male Forum is a club in which we talk about being a black male in society today. Discussions range from day to day banter, to intellectual debates about race, class, and even politics. We also plan assemblies, events and even protests. Black Male Forum is not an exclusive club, anybody and everybody is welcome.

*Past achievements*

With the assistance of Black Female Forum, we coordinated and executed a die-in, along with an upper school assembly, to spark conversation about the deaths of this many black lives that were lost over the course of the school year.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

We strive to offer a safe and comfortable environment, not exclusive to the Upper School’s black males. This involves discussing matters of social identity, including but not limited to race, gender, socioeconomic class, and various other subjects. Inside and outside of our scheduled meeting time, we hope to build a network of interdependence for the Upper School's black males, and support each other, as it may be hard to feel comfortable as a minority at a predominantly white school such as Park.

**Brownie**

*Brief description*

Brownie is responsible for the design, material, and publication of the school's yearbook. We photograph the student and faculty body, compile spreads, and write segments, altogether making the school's most important publication of the year.

*Past achievements*

Past yearbooks which were on time photographing everybody and everything

Fundraising for necessary equipment

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* The 2018-2019 Yearbook
* Maintaining our status as the school's most valued and sentimental publication

**Bruin Athletic Council**

*Brief description*

Bruin Athletic Council serves to encourage student athletes on campus to continue their athletic career throughout middle/upper school. BAC hopes to recruit new athletes each year onto all of our sports teams. We strive to make connections between our Middle School and Upper School teams to form a strong athletic community, and start developing stronger skills in our younger athletes. Our club also serves to strengthen school spirit by promoting athletic events and encouraging student turnout at games to support our student athletes.

*Past achievements*

Turf Field Opening. Program Night. Advertisement for playoffs. Athletic Breakfast/Montage. Rivalry Day. Increasing game turn outs.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Program Night. Advertisement for Playoffs. Athletic Breakfast/Montage. Larger Turnout at Games.

Growth in number of Student Athletes. Offseason Workouts.

**Ceramics Club**

*Brief description*

Ceramics club is a place for anyone interested in pottery to improve their skills and create with others. Knowing the basics of throwing is recommended, but not necessary. to learn and create.

*Past achievements*

* We create the club last winter
* We made several pots through the full process of throwing, glazing, and firing.
* We recruited some people without much ceramics experience who learned along with the experience potters.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Get more members and make lots of quality ceramics
* Exhibit our work at school.

**Circus Club**

*Brief description*

Have you ever wanted to learn how to stand on your head? Juggle? Ride a unicycle? Or anything else Circus? If so, this is a perfect club for you! We’re making it up as we go along and we’d love to have you be a part of it! The world needs clowns y’all!

*Past achievements*

1. We actually met and continued to exist for one whole year!

2. We bought some circus props!

3. We had one senior!

*Things that you hope to accomplish this year:*

We’d *like* to have a showcase -

**Comedy Club, for Cool People**

*Brief description*

Comedy Club® is a for-profit organization dedicated to bringing the joys of Comedy™ to the masses! To measure your Comedy™ levels a free joke session is provided to any interested parties, however to become a official Comedian™ member, a small $10 fee is required. Club activities include fundraising, scamming and waiting for our founding member Ben Doyle to return.

*Past achievements*

1. Was in yearbook.

2. Made someone laugh.

3. Killed comedy.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Be stupid.

**Computers for Kids (CFK)**

*Brief description*

Computer for Kids helps Baltimore by refurbishing computers and providing them to Baltimore schools, non-profits, and families. You can help Computers for Kids if you love working with other passionate people to help give computers to families and organizations who can use them or if you just enjoy working with technology. No technology experience is required, and there are plenty of non-technical roles.

*Past achievements*

1. Repaired and refurbished many computers

2. Delivered to Montgomery County Public Schools, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, Youth Empowered Society, and many families.

3. Coordinated donations

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Broaden our outreach in both acquiring computers and delivering them.

**Cooking Club**

*Brief description*

Looking for a taste of victory? Join Cooking Club on Wednesday’s at X block! Every week, we vote on and then cook new dishes both to sell and for our club members to enjoy! Our club is a great way to unwind and cook something delicious!

*Past achievements*

1. Hosted bake sales selling out homemade food

2. Made many kinds of food such as pasta, muffins and cookies

3. Raised money for future projects

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

We hope to sell more food to the Upper School community and continue to raise money for future projects. We also want to continue to expand our range of cuisine and invite new ideas for foods we could create.

**Debate Team**

*Brief description*

On the Debate Team, students will learn several important techniques that are useful for debate and public speaking, practice debating important issues and compete with several other schools statewide, in the “Catholic Forensics League”.

*Past achievements*

1. Competed against several other school debate teams around the state.

2. Debates regarding current events and other various topics.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Our main hope is to improve people’s public speaking and argumentative skills, as well as to succeed in regional competitions

**Eye to Eye Club**

*Brief description*

Gallery Committee is involved with the art exhibitions at park—setting up the space, installing work, painting walls, and making decisions about themes and artists involved in the shows. We help to select the resident artist each year and the theme for the all school show. We take at least one trip to galleries or studio spaces around D.C. and Baltimore every year. Art experience is not necessary.

*Past achievements*

1. Working with Make Studio for one of the art shows at park

2. Giving an assembly to expose more people to art in the world

3. Helping setup and take down the gallery shows over the year

*Things that you hope to accomplish this year*

Trip to DC museums and galleries

Giving an assembly

Bringing more art into the upper school

**Film Club**

*Brief description: A group for people who love film*

*Past achievements*

* We Started.
* We watched 3 good movies.
* Everybody enjoyed at least one of them.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Watch at least 4 good movies. Enjoy at least 2 of them.
* Start going to see movies with the club outside of school.

**Filmmaking/Media Club**

*Brief description*

The filmmaking/Media Club works together to create films and shorts of different genres.

*Past achievements*

Created *All Toasters toast toast* (a short film)

Took on two clients

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Watch at least 4 good movies. Enjoy at least 2 of them.
* Start going to see movies with the club outside of school.

**Free Speech Forum**

*Brief description*

A place where students can share their political & social views without crude judgement. The club will meet on Thursdays at X.

*Past achievements*

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* We hope that Park will gain a new political safe space.

**Gallery Committee**

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*Past achievements*

1. Working with Make Studio for one of the art shows at park

2. Giving an assembly to expose more people to art in the world

3. Helping setup and take down the gallery shows over the year

*Things that you hope to accomplish this year*

Trip to DC museums and galleries

Giving an assembly

Bringing more art into the upper school

**Hiking Club**

*Brief description*

The Hiking Club takes at least two multi-night trips on the Appalachian Trail each year: the first in October to enjoy the glories of fall and the second in February to take delight in the beauty of winter. The club also does some day hikes during the year. Students choose routes, trek, build

fires, cook meals, and generally have a wonderful time outdoors.

**ISAMR**

*Brief description*

The International Student-led Arctic Monitoring and Research (ISAMR) club is a group that conducts original research in the sub-arctic. There are two main research trips each year: one in August focusing on the permafrost, and one in October focusing on Polar Bear whisker prints. During the year members of the club process the data from the research in Churchill to present through scientific papers, at conferences, and to the school community. Time is also spent learning about the culture of the indigenous people in our study area, the Sayisi Dene. ISAMR as a program includes a wide variety of students, from other students in Baltimore to Junior Canadian Rangers who live in the sub-arctic year round to other Canadian high schoolers. ISAMR is great for you if you're interested in science, want to learn about other cultures, or just like cool adventures.

*Past achievements*

* In year 11 of a 30-year study.
* Presented posters annually at international scientific conference for arctic researchers.
* Three scientific papers in progress.
* Presented at AIMS to give teachers at other Maryland independent schools to share what is happening in ISAMR and the power of international student groups.
* Secured funding from the Canadian government that covers ½ the total costs of the program.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Publish three scientific papers
* Present at two conferences
* Continue our Dendroclimatology work
* Get the NSERC Canadian grant renewed for another three years
* Figure out the DNA of microbes (bacteria) methodology so it can all happen at Park
* Continue to bring as many Park students to the North as possible

**Israeli Culture Club**

*Brief description*

In Israel club, we will be exploring different aspects of Israeli culture by cooking, discussions, activities and more! We also hope to invite guest speakers to provide more of an in depth outlook of Israeli culture. Everyone is welcome so just stop by whenever.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Fundraisers to support Israeli causes, large participation from the student body

**KIPP Tutoring**

*Brief description*

On Tuesday afternoons, from about 3:15-5:15, the club goes to the KIPP Charter School and tutors 5th grade students in a variety of different subjects. Park students are grouped with one or more KIPP students, and it is encouraged that the same students meet together each week in order to build lasting connections. In terms of academics, the main goal of our club is to help the KIPP students complete as much of their homework as possible, and help them in subjects they may be having difficulty with. Looking ahead, we have also talked with KIPP faculty about adding reading instruction as well, but we have yet to see how this will be incorporated into the current curriculum.

*Past achievements*

We solidified a small base of committed tutors, many of whom are now leaders; provided tutoring to KIPP partners every possible Tuesday; and offered an opportunity to help KIPP teachers and administrative staff during Park’s day of service.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

In the coming year, we hope to attract more Park students to the program, get a significant number of these students to commit to being tutors for each trimester, and organize more recreational and extracurricular activities for KIPP students.

**Medical Science Club**

*Brief description*

We invite a range of doctors to come share their experiences in the Medical Field and hopefully intrigue students. We will also watch various medical programs and surgeries. Food will always be present ;)

Very excited for everyone to come join discussions. Everyone is welcome and the door is always open. Hope to see you there!

*Past achievements*

Recruiting doctors for discussion and substantial growth in club size

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

More club members and doctors/ speakers, partner with a hospital and raise money for a specific unit, share knowledge with lower schoolers, take in club members suggestions.

**Latino Hispanic Coalition**

*Brief description*

The Latino Hispanic Coalition is open to all students who identify as Hispanic or Latino and we work towards offering a community and space for students to talk about shared identities and advocate for greater Latino presence in our community.

*Achievements from the 2016-2017 school-year*

Formation of the club. Family gathering events. Assembly on immigration issues. Communicating with outside school Latino Clubs.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Creating a strong Latino Community with other independent schools. Community Service. Continued Family events

**Literary Magazine**

*Brief description*

In the Literary Magazine, students not only have the opportunity to have written pieces published for the entire school to enjoy, but also to engage in a community of fellow writers. Within meetings, we participate in writing exercises, games, and free writing activities. Each semester, a collection of selected pieces is assembled and published in the form of a literary magazine. Pieces featured in the magazine are peer-edited during meetings by other members. Works of poetry, short fiction, cultural criticism, and personal essays will be included in the magazine, as during meetings we experiment with all different styles as we try to move out of our writing “comfort zone”.

*Past achievements*

We have published two issues of McGuffin with writers spanning all four grades, and we have hosted a winter Reading Night, where authors shared pieces in front of an audience from the Park Community

*Things that you hope to accomplish this year*

We want to publish two more issues of the magazine, as well as be a safe, fun, and productive environment for the community for committed writers at Park to share their work.

*Time Commitment* Come when you want; we’ll be glad to see you! To submit, you do not need to be a member of the club - but if we are doing in-club editing of your piece, we expect you to be there.

*Maximum number of participants* No maximum

**LJF Outdoor Club**

*Brief description*

Do you need a place to discuss outdoorsy things? Do you want to geek out about the military, radios, large trucks, small trucks, toy trucks, the fire department, hiking shoes, camo, knives, fire, lumberjacks, electronics, dovetailing, flannels, fine leather upholstery, high-power flashlights, sound, plants, acronyms? Are you rough & tumble? Did you read everything in my long list? Great, join the club!

People in Parksingers won’t be able to come to meetings but we can certainly keep you in the loop and you can join us on a weekend excursion!

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Camping trip, hiking trip, canoeing, hiking in the woods

**Mentors**

*Brief description*

The O'Neil Peer Education Program (AKA Mentors) is a program that allows Upper School students to teach topics pertinent to middle school lives and foster relationships seventh grade students. We cover a wide range of topics, peer pressure and bullying as just two examples, in the hopes of providing the seventh graders with important life skills and to preparation for the Upper School. Classes are team-taught and each lesson touches on a theme that we feel is necessary for a Middle School student to understand

*Past achievements*

* We put on a very successful "Fun Night" for the 7th graders, where we talked openly about broad issues they might be facing, and had gender separate time for questions.
* We had some really great speakers come and speak to the upper school in assemblies, and the feedback we got was very positive.
* Overall, we think we reached the students in one way or another, and hopefully provided them an ally for life.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Bring in more speakers to not only the middle school, but the upper school as well.
* Broaden the group we are trying to reach-- parents, sixth and eighth graders, and the upper school.
* Try to stay focused on making this about the learning for them

**Mock Trial**

*Brief description*

Mock trial is an intellectually stimulating and extremely rewarding activity. Every year we closely study and discuss a sample legal case and prepare to defend both sides. Students take on attorney and witness roles to present an authentic case in real courtooms in front of judges and lawyers. Hours of discussion, team collaboration, and the expert guidance of Tony Asdourian and local attorneys create strong arguments and a close-knit group.

*Past achievements*

The Park School Mock Trial team has won the Maryland state championship three times, including back-to-back wins. We have won many county titles as well, and are the reigning 3rd circuit champion. Many team members have also received All-Star awards from the Citizen Law Related Education Program.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

We hope to build a strong, close-knit team of dedicated people who truly love the experience of mock trial.

**Model United Nations**

*Brief description*

Model United Nations is an exciting opportunity to learn about world events and attend MUN conferences- simulations of the U.N. At conferences, our school represents a country and by forming alliances, blocs, and writing resolutions, progress can be made. If you enjoy debates and simulations in history class, then you'll love competing with students around the world for the interests of your country.

*Past achievements*

In the past we have attended conferences at Rutgers, UPenn, Johns Hopkins and William and Mary, and the Park delegation did an amazing job. Most students were able to be a part of a resolution (a document that outlines a plan of action that will be taken by the countries represented in the committee). We all learned a lot and had a great time at the conferences and in discussions that we held about the U.N. and world events.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

We plan to attend 1-2 conferences each year, and we hope that all club members will be able to attend at least one conference because they are great opportunities.

**Neighborhood Revitalization Club (formerly Habitat for Humanity)**

*Brief description*

The Neighborhood Revitalization Club (NRC) is a student-led group that works with community partners to help build healthy neighborhoods in Baltimore. We work with both Civic Works and neighborhood residents to transform vacant areas into green spaces. Upon completion, NRC and Civic Works hand over the responsibilities of maintenance and regular upkeep of the space to neighborhood residents. The Neighborhood Revitalization Club was formerly affiliated with Habitat for Humanity, but now only partners with Civic Works’ Community Lot

*Past Achievements*

* Raised $8,000 for the Barclay community lot
* Successfully helped write and apply for a $15,000 grant for the Barclay community lot
* Held a fundraiser and silent auction at R. House to raise money for “Seniors Rock Urban Garden” (our project in the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello neighborhood)

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Complete our “Seniors Rock Urban Garden” lot project
* Find a new vacant lot project through Civic Works
* Hold monthly build days throughout the school year
* Fundraise to meet our goal of $5,000 to support our project

**Ojala - Spanish Literary Magazine**

*Brief description*

Ojala works during 2nd semester to put together Park's Spanish literary magazine. We get to review, select, and edit a variety of Spanish students’ written pieces and artwork, and we publish a collection of our favorites.

*Past achievements*

We published the Spring 2017 edition of *Ojala* completely in Spanish, and we held a celebration for the 20 artists and writers whose work was featured.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

We'd like to publish another edition of *Ojala*, in which we hope to include more pieces from students from all levels in Park Spanish.

 **(PAL)Park and the League for People with Disabilities**

*Brief description*

The purpose of the PaL Partnership is to raise money for The League for People with Disabilities and to visit The League and spend time with participants. PaL has raised over $15,000 in scholarship money for League participants to attend Camp Greentop, a summer camp for people with mental and/or physical disabilities. Each of the last three years, PaL has hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament fundraiser and run a fantasy football league for Park students. PaL members have also volunteered at events at The League and held fantasy football drafts at Park with League participants.

*Past achievements*

* Raised over $15,000
* Held annual 3-on-3 basketball tournaments
* Ran three fantasy football leagues with League participants

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Raise more money for The League than we did last year
* Have opportunities for Park students and club members to go to The League, and have opportunities for League participants to come to Park
* Educate the Park community about the great things that The League does
* Sports drafts
* Bi-weekly visits

**Park Arts**

*Brief description*

Park Arts is a group of students with serious interest and participation in at least one performing art. Park Arts is responsible for all aspects of putting on Cabaret and Goldsoundz. These shows are each held four or five times per year in the Macks-Fidler theater. We are also obligated to crowd up the US Music Room and to generally have the swag.

*Past achievements*

Responsible for putting on Goldsoundz in October, December, February, April, and June in the 2014-

2015 school year.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Putting on Goldsoundz in the same months as 2014-2015 for the upcoming school year. We also hope to increase membership for this coming year!

*Time commitment* Come when you want; we’ll be glad to see you.

**The Park Podcast**

*Brief description*

Like to tell stories? Talk to new people? Listen to the radio? Play with gear? Join Park’s new podcasting club for a chance to do all this and more. Founded by three members of Park’s first podcasting class, the club will give a wider group of students the chance

 to tell stories with sound, to and about the wider Park community.

*Past achievements*

* Experience with audio and editing software
* All leaders have made full length podcasts
* Faculty Leader has worked for NPR

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

**Park Service Club**

*Brief description*

Park Service Club is devoted to helping out the communities that we are a part of as Park students--be that the Park community or the greater Baltimore City community. As a group, we also try to involve the rest of the Park student body in the work with other local organizations, both in fundraising and volunteering. PSC is a great way to get involved outside of school by participating in meaningful projects or volunteering in new places. Generally, the club plans a new project or fundraiser each month, and also provides opportunities for students to volunteer locally.

*Past achievements*

* Raised money to provide clowns for patients in the children's hospital
* Organized fundraising activities to encourage high schoolers to bring in Viva House, also raised money and bought food for Viva House
* Halloween goody bags for children in hospital
* Volunteered at Our Daily Bread
* Baked treats for faculty members on Valentine's day

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Continue to volunteer serving lunch at local soup kitchens
* Decide where to establish a permanent and frequent volunteering connection with a help center such as
* Paul's Place, My Sister's Place, or the Franciscan Center
* Research new volunteering opportunities

**POWER (Parks Organization for Women’s Empowerment and Rights)**

*Brief description*

Park’s Organization of Women is a group that provides a safe space for women to discuss, plan and take action in the Park community. During our weekly meetings, we are either having a conversation about issues that we are passionate about, listening to speakers, or planning projects that benefit the school.

*Past achievements*

1. Worked with the school to secure funding for pads and tampons in all of the bathrooms throughout the school.

2. Ran a letter drive for students to express their feeling and what they care about to MD representatives.

3. Had frequent conversations about the different experiences of being a Park School student.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

This year, we hope to build on the momentum that we built up last year and continue the great work that we started. In addition, we hope to begin a relationship with the middle school through a mentorship program and volunteer with Sharebaby, an organization in Baltimore that provides diapers to women who may not be able to afford them otherwise.

**Partners at Park**

*Brief description*

Partners at Park is an all-school club that pairs younger students of diverse backgrounds with upper school mentors. We work to broaden the discussion of diversity at Park, and to create strong student bonds across grade levels.

*Past achievements*

* Our annual Thanksgiving and End of Year parties
* Many successful partner pairings

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Create even more successful partner pairings
* Make partners well known through the Park community, and make it a club that many people are interested in joining
* Broaden discussion of diversity at Park

**Politics Club**

*Brief description*

In Politics Club we learn about, discuss and debate current news stories and political issues.

*Past achievements*

We fostered constructive debate in a variety of different subjects, welcoming and encouraging diversity of opinion.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Our goal is to continue to have interesting and passionate conversations about a broad range of relevant political and social issues in a welcoming environment.

**Postscript**

*Brief description*

Our mission is to create a newspaper to inform the Park community by writing news, sports, arts, culture, commentary, and features, arts, and sports articles. We provide an opportunity for students to develop writing and editing skills.

*Past achievements*

We have received gold and silver medals from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

We hope to continue to inform the Park community and to train new writers and editors.

**Rainbow Alliance**

*Brief description*

This group has two main purposes. One to provide a safe space for the park LGBTQ+ community to converse openly without fear of discrimination. Two, to raise awareness for the certain injustice the LGBTQ+ community outside of our school faces, and to lend a helping hand to them however, and whenever we can.

*Past achievements*

* Providing a safe space for over 12 students
* Providing meals through the movable feast program
* Raising money for the transgender law center

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Continue providing a safe space for all students
* Continue our partnership with the movable feast programs
* To participate in other charity's that involve our mission
* To raise money for more charitable organizations like the transgender law center.

**Reporters Club**

*Brief description*

If you love being on camera, conducting interviews, filming video, or writing behind the scenes, we would love to have you in the club. You will be responsible for either writing articles that will be posted on our blog, going out into the Maryland area to conduct interviews, or accompanying the interviewer to the event and filming the conversation. There are three areas for members to join: reporting, filming, or writing a brief summary of the interview on the blog.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Starting a popular and engaging blog
* Sharing our interesting interviews with the Park community
* Getting people interested in our club

**Robotics Team**

*Brief description*

Each year, the Robotics Team designs and builds a robot to compete against other teams in large-scale tournaments. We get six weeks starting at the beginning of January to build, and during that timeframe, we meet after school and on weekends. We are looking for members to fill both technical roles, such as programming and mechanical design, and non-technical roles, such as fundraising and graphic design. Previous experience is not at all necessary; all you need is a desire to learn.

*Past achievements*

* Built two fully-functioning competition robots
* Most productive season and largest team size in team history
* Explored new technologies (e.g. 3D printing, Carbon Fiber) to build a more efficient robot

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Create a positive environment for learning and development
* Do well and win at competitions
* Increase and diversify team membership
* Prepare team to succeed in following years
* Make a positive impact in the community by expanding awareness of science and tech

**Rubik’s Cube Club**

*Brief description*

In the Rubik’s Cube Club, we will learn how to solve puzzles, practice new strategies and algorithms, and attend competitions. All experience levels are welcome.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

Grow the Cubing interest in the Park community

-Attend competitions

-Share new puzzles, strategies, and algorithms

-Eventually partner with another group/school

**Ski and Snowboarding Club**

*Brief description*

The Ski and Snowboarding Club offers any beginner or experienced Skier/Snowboarder the opportunity to learn a new sport or hit the slopes with some friends. With winter trips to Liberty Mountain Resort, the club will offer opportunities to gain athletic credits and to learn more about fundraising as well.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Three trips to Liberty Mountain Resort with the club

 To make the cost of the trip as cheap as $15 per person

**Stock Trading and Investment Club (STIC)**

*Brief description*

* Learn how to invest and trade stocks
* Get the hang of the stock market
* Have an opportunity to compete in stock trading competitions against other schools around the country
* Analyze stocks and create a virtual portfolio in preparation for these competitions

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

This year, we hope to join stock trading competitions aimed at high school students so we can have a chance to test out how our investing skills fare amongst other high school clubs. We also hope to teach others about investment strategies and the stock market in general.

**Student Government**

*Brief description*

"The purpose of the Upper School Student Government is to facilitate and organize communication between students, faculty, and the administration and to express and support student ideas and initiatives."

*Past achievements*

Awarded lots of money to student activities, held successful events, represented the interest of the student body in many facets including the principal search.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

We hope to continue granting money to clubs, to host many more events, to have better communication within our community and between Baltimore area peer schools, to expand beyond the Park bubble, to look at ways to reduce stress, and to support student in

**Students Taking Action for Immigrant Youth**

*Brief description*

STAIY works to help young, undocumented immigrants in Baltimore achieve legal status. Rommel Loria represents clients pro bono with student assistance. Club members conduct client interviews, write affidavits and other legal papers, and attend client court cases.

*Past achievements*

* Took on two clients
* Conducted client interviews and used those interviews to write and file legal papers in both their cases

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Attend court to watch both clients' cases
* Recruit more lawyers to expand the club
* Take on at least two more cases, and possibly take our current cases to federal immigration court

**Club members must be 16 and older to work on client cases due to Esperanza Center policy - younger students can see club leaders if they're interested in participating.**

**Tech Crew**

*Brief description*

We build the sets, design the lighting, and run the sound for all the plays. It's a lot of work, a lot of fun, and a great way to make some friends and try out some power tools.

*Past achievements*

All the plays

**TED-Ed**

*Brief description*

Ted-Ed will be a great space for anyone with any idea they want help growing and presenting. Whether you enjoy public speaking or simply enjoy becoming inspired by hearing people speak about something that excites them, Ted-Ed is right for you. With Connect Week we'll have the awesome opportunity to talk to similar clubs across the country and globe. See you there!

*Past achievements*

* Travelled to the first Ted-ed Conference in New York.
* Attended Connect Week.
* Presented talks at assembly.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Grow club.
* Watch more talks live.

 **World Soccer Project**

*Brief description*

World Soccer Project’s mission is to use soccer as the international language to break down barriers between various cultures.

*Past achievements*

Annual tournament

Gear drive

Fundraising

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

* Sponsor our annual tournament with Soccer Without Borders
* Gear drive Service trip Expand the club
* Make it more communal

**Programming Club**

*Brief description*

 This club is dedicated to programming. Either to learn it, practice or talk about it. All levels of experience are fine.

*Past achievements*

Getting a band of people interested in programming together.

*Things the group hopes to accomplish this year*

**UNICEF Global Leadership Club**

*Brief description*

*Past achievements*

*Things that you hope to accomplish this year*

We hope to bring students together

**Unusual Movie Club**

*Brief description*

Unusual Movies club is a no-commitment club, in which every few weeks we start a new movie and will watch it over a series of X-blocks. We watch a variety of movies, including classics movies, foreign films, and modern movies!

*Past achievements*

*Things that you hope to accomplish this year*

We hope to bring students together