



New Westminster Secondary School Clubs and Activities

New Westminster Secondary has numerous clubs and activities that international students are welcome and encouraged to join. International students can make new Canadian friends, improve their English and become involved in the school community. Many international students said that joining and participating in a club was the best experience of their time in our school.

Clubs and activities may meet once or twice a week. They may meet at lunch or after school. Students are welcome to join more than one club and activity.

Please note that the list of clubs may change from semester to semester and from school year to school year. For the most up to date list of clubs please visit <http://www.nwss.ca/> and click on the extracurricular tab.

Please view the list of clubs beginning on page two below.

At New Westminster Secondary School there is something for everyone! Come and join a club today!

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3D print club- To provide high school students with a platform for designing and printing everyday items and learning the intricacies of 3D painting.

Room 159 - Thursday 11:26-12:06 pm

Sponsor – Mr. G. Pattern

After School Film Program- To create award winning student produced films. This club creates short length films ranging in themes. The goal of the club is to share student stories with the community.

Room 232- Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 pm

Sponsor- Mr. G. Forsythe

Amnesty International – Amnesty International strives to promote awareness of current issues and events across the world that need to be dealt with. Our primary focus is to emphasize the importance of equality. In order to have an impact on various dilemmas, Amnesty club takes action by sending in petitions signed by students for notable causes. In addition, fundraisers by our club support the entirety of Amnesty International, to make a positive influence in the world.

Room 127 – Thursdays at 11:40am

Sponsor: Mr. B. McCloy

Anime Club – Students of different backgrounds will learn to appreciate Japanese pop culture. The club also provides a social group for fans of Anime and Manga.

Room 257 – Thursdays and Fridays at 3:00 pm

Sponsor: Mr. L. Rhead

Art Club – We are establishing an active art community for the school. We would like to have a year-end show or produce a public mural. We will invite many people to participate in the painting of the mural.

Room _____ Time _____

Sponsor: Ms. MJ Hunt

ATHLETICS – A variety of extramural teams. Foster healthy competition and develop athletic skills. Teams offered vary depending on the season.

Room 191

Athletic Director: Mr. P. Battistin

Badminton Club – To make up for the short and selective nature of the Badminton Season, the club aims to provide gym time for students of all grades from all levels to drop by and enjoy badminton. We will also try to provide valuable training for those who are looking to tryout for the team. We will provide birdies for the drop-ins. School rackets are available but we encourage bringing your own.

Pearson or Massey Gym – Wednesday afterschool

Sponsors: Mr. J. Meville

Bead for Life – Bead for Life intends to market and sell beads and products (bracelets, necklaces) made by the impoverished women in Uganda. Our goal is to help raise awareness of women rights and education rights. We hope our contribution would bring women in Uganda out of poverty.

Room 160A – Wednesday at lunch

Sponsor: Mr. J. Janz

Because I am a Girl – The goal of this club is to raise awareness about gender equality in underprivileged countries. We work to fundraise and support families in second and third

world countries while educating students about the poverty cycle. We also explore potential solutions to ending these problems.

Room 149 – Wednesday at 11:30am

Sponsor: Ms. B. Kobabe

Bike Club- The NWSS Bike Club will strive to promote cycling culture in our school and increase awareness about cycling as a feasible means of transportation and bicycle maintenance/ building.

Room 155- Tuesdays, Thursdays at 3.15-5:00 pm

Sponsor: Mr. D. Lee

Board Games Club –The goal of Board Games Club is to provide a safe and inviting place for board games enthusiasts to meet new friends and have a good time.

Room 161- Friday 3.15- 5.00 pm

Sponsor: Ms. Johnston

Breakfast Club – Free healthy breakfast! This is a positive environment to study, connect, and have breakfast. Funding for this club is proudly provided by the 6th & 6th Save-On FOODS, the District Parents Advisory Council and various community members.

Massey Cafeteria – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7:45-8:15 am

Sponsor: Mr. R. Wingerak, Ms. S. Glavin

Canadian Cancer Society School Club – Students will learn about cancer and how to prevent it. This club will engage students in a meaningful way in fundraising activities for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Room 160A – Monday at lunch

Sponsor: Mr. J. Janz

Chess Club –Aims to develop an individual’s logical reasoning and intuition. It is a great opportunity for fellow chess players to interact as well as share their experiences. Participants become more creative and skilled as they are paired up with students of similar skill level, or can simply enjoy a game with their friends. This club is suitable for interested players of all skill level.

Room 225 – Monday at lunch

Sponsor: Ms. B. Kwok

Conversation Corner – Our goal at the Conversation Corner is to assist in the development and improvement of spoken English amongst international students. It presents a bright opportunity for students to make new friends and have fun. And ultimately improve their grammar and pronunciations. This in turn will help students reach their full potential with the English language. This club is open to all students.

Room 163 – Thursday at 3:10-4:00 pm

Sponsor: Ms. B. Johnston

Cosplay Club- We intend to practice Anime Cosplay with the intent of competing in a Cosplay competition in May/June. Cosplay is a style of performance that involves simple dance and drama movements and incorporates anime story lines and characters.

Room 100 Dance Studio – Monday/Tuesday at 3:00-4:00 pm

Sponsor: Ms. L. Waldner

Cross Country Team/ Track Team – To help students develop the qualities of physical and mental strength and endurance, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Mercer Stadium – Monday at 3:00 pm

Sponsor: Mr. B. MacMaster

Cultural Club – Culture Club will give you the knowledge you need to understand different countries in the world. You will learn basic words/phrases in different languages; learn about the most beautiful and interesting places; and eat the most delicious traditional

foods. Also, we will do fun quizzes to quiz your knowledge about the different countries and you will have a chance to win prizes.

Room _____ Tuesday, Thursday at 11:30-12:10 pm

Sponsors: Ms. L. Jones, Mr. T. O'Rourke

Debate Team – The New Westminster Debate Team focuses on logic, persuasiveness, and confidence in public speaking, encouraging critical thinking skills and teaching argument formation. The lifelong friendships and valuable organizational lessons that every debate will gather are endless, and extremely important for improvements on quick thinking and social skills. All are welcome to train for regional, with the possibility to advance to provincial and national competitions. Our goal is to produce eager and experienced members to represent NWSS and make our school proud.

Room _____ - Monday at 3:00-4:30 pm

Sponsor: Mr. R. Wingerak

Doctor Who Club – To foster a love of Doctor Who. We watch classic and new Who and play Who related games.

Library – Monday at 3:10-4:30 pm

Sponsor: Ms. S. Wethered

Doctors Without Borders

Sponsor: Ms. J. Simpson

Dodgeball – If you can dodge, if you can throw, if you can catch or if you can do none of those things but want to come out and have some fun, join NWSS Dodgeball. Here you will play in a co-ed team of players to climb the ranks of the league. Google “NWSS Dodgeball” for more information,

Small Massey Gym- Monday/Friday at 3:15-4:30 pm

Sponsor: Mr. S. Ha

Engineering Club – This is a place for students interested in robotics and engineering to pursue their interest in a creative, hands-on environment.

Room 159 – Wednesday at 11:30 am

Sponsor: Mr. A. Martin

Environment Club – Educates students about the importance of a sustainable environment while exploring various facades of involvement throughout the community. We have started initiatives, most notably aspens paper compost and ‘save the bees’. We also hold fundraisers and donate the money to local, non-profit organizations, helping create a better tomorrow.

Room 176– Tuesday at lunch

Sponsor: Ms. J. Nathan

First Aid Club – The First Aid Club’s mandate is to teach high school students valuable first aid and leadership skills.

Room 160 – Tuesday at lunch

Sponsor: Mr. J. Janz

Free the Children – Our goal is to raise money for the “Free the Children”charity. We participate in various campaigns such as “We Scare Hunger” and “We are Silent”. We work as an organization lead by youth dedicated to helping youth in third world countries.

Room 187 – Tuesday at lunch

Sponsors: Ms. C. Vit, Ms. K. MacDonald

Garden Club – The purpose of the gardening club is to raise fresh produce, grown locally and organically as well as to educate the surrounding community on the importance of healthy eating and a sustainable lifestyle. We work with senior citizens, elementary school students, and high school students to implement these ideas.

Room 236, school gardens– Monday from 11:26– 12:06 pm
Sponsor: Ms.C. Gurba

Grad Committee – The committee will plan activities and the Grad Dinner Dance for grade 12 students. It will also help to provide free tickets to the Grad Dinner Dance for students who otherwise would not be able to afford the event. The committee will also arrange the sale of souvenir clothing for the grads.

Room 263 – Thursday at 11:35 am
Sponsor: Ms. L. Mast

Honour Society – Honour Society is a club at NWSS raising money for the Canadian Harambee Education Society (CHES), which helps to educate girls in Kenya and Tanzania. Our aim is to improve the life and education of females by offering scholarships to girls meeting academic standards, but lacking funds required to attend high school. This club works to raise awareness about global education issues while promoting opportunities for leadership and community service as we work to sponsor 2-3 girls per year.

Room 279 – Wednesday at lunch
Sponsor: Mr R. Wingerak

Hyack Teen Read Book Club – To foster a love for reading. We read all of the Hyack Teen Read Award books and then vote on them. We also choose next year's nominee.

Library – Last Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am
Sponsor: Ms. S. Wethered, Ms. L. Jones

Hyackeysack Club – Toward the pursuit of excellence in defying gravity with respect to all things HACKNEYSACKIAN in nature this club seeks to overcome adversity in life through these endeavors. Team spirit and physical co-ordination are developed and encouraged.

Band room – Friday at lunch
Sponsor: Mr. S. Clements

Improv Team (Junior & Senior) – The teams compete in the Canadian Improv Games Lower Mainland Tournaments.

Drama Room – (Junior) Monday at lunch & 3:00 pm
- (Senior) Wednesday at lunch & 3:00 pm
Sponsor: Mr. T. McKean

Initiative for Neuroscience and Dementia – the Initiative for Neuroscience & Dementia is a youth-run non-profit organization which aims to heighten community awareness about neurological disorders and diseases (like dementia and other mental health problems) and raise funds for research and advocacy. As a part of the IND club, students will have countless opportunities to gain leadership experience and volunteer hours planning and realizing our projects, all while learning about issues that affect millions world-wide.

Room 160A – Thursday at lunch
Sponsor: Mr. J. Janz

Interact Club – Looking to make a difference? This is a service club sponsored by the Royal City Rotary and New Westminster Rotary. Students will have the opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects to support local and international causes.

Room 215 – Wednesday at 11:30 am
Sponsor: Mr. T. O'Rourke

Knitting Club – To learn to knit and make items for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Library – Monday and Wednesday at lunch
Sponsor: Ms. S. Wethered, Ms. L. Jones

Lego Club – To play with Lego and use our imagination.

Room: Library – Friday at lunch

Sponsors: Ms. S. Wethered

Library Club – Assist with the operations of the library and make friends.

Library – Everyday at lunch

Sponsor: Ms. S. Wethered, Ms. L. Jones

Martial Arts Club – To provide students involved in martial arts clubs outside of the school with an opportunity to train with students of a similar age. Activities may include pad work, forms / kata and light sparring. Protective gear must be worn, but is not provided.

Massey Gym – Friday at lunch

Sponsor: Mr. S. Watkins

Math Club – The purpose of this club is to prepare teams of students for the Math Challengers competition. Puzzles, problem-solving, and many non-curricular problems will be learned. The club also helps run the Vancouver Math Olympiad, a multi-city math competition.

Room: 272 – Thursday at 3:10 pm

Sponsor: Mr. S. Ha, Mr. P. Ha

Math Leadership Society – The Math Leadership society is a club dedicated to bringing students together to organize events for NWSS students and beyond, with a focus on math competitions. Club members will work together to plan out and execute events from beginning to end, while improving their mathematical abilities at the same time. Over the course of the school year, members will develop their skills in creating math problems for competitions and curricular activities, and learn how to teach mathematics to elementary, middle and high school students.

Room 272 – Tuesday at lunch and 3:15 pm

Room 160 A Monday at lunch and 4:15 pm

Sponsor: Mr. P. Ha, Mr. S. Ha

Mental Illness Awareness Club (MIA Club) – To raise awareness and spread positive message throughout the school to help reduce the effects of mental illness, as well as hold fundraising events for organizations such as the Youth Mental Health Association of Canada. We will also be holding events such as mental Health Awareness Days to further raise the stigma of mental illnesses.

Room 272 – Thursday at lunch

Sponsor: Mr. J. Janz, Mr. C. Ho

Model United Nation Club – The Model United Nations Club helps develop students' public speaking abilities as well as diplomatic skills, all while learning about important global issues, international relations, and how the United Nations works. Students attend weekly meetings as well as day-long and weekend conferences.

Room 224 – Monday at lunch

Sponsor: Ms. B. Bigras

Movie Club – Make friends while watching movies.

Library – 2nd and 4th week of month at lunch

Sponsors: Ms. S. Wethered, Ms. L. Jones

Newton's League (Physics Club) – Prepares students for physics competitions at national and international levels. (Pre-requisites: Physics IB11 and/or Physics 12)

Room 175 – Thursday at lunch

Sponsor: Ms. M. Birsan

NWSS Hyack Cheer Team – NWSS Cheer encourages leadership through the sport itself, mentorship to all ages, student coaching and team management opportunities, and delegation tactics to bring the best out of each athlete. We are a well structured program

encouraging athletes to have a deep commitment, true dedication, health awareness, and unity among all. We embrace kindness as a rule, and always stick together to support one another, and our community. We strive to build strong athletes and strong people!
Massey Small Gym–Thursday from 3:00 – 6:30 pm
Sponsors: Ms. R. Schieman, Mr. D. Lee

Peer Tutoring Club – Run by students for students. This is a club where anyone, no matter the grade or age, can come for help on their daily school courses. We encourage an inviting atmosphere for any drop-ins and new member. Tutors will assist students in need every Tuesday and Friday for around one hour after school. This is a place to seek help on various subjects, quietly finish school work and make friends. This is also where students who wish to provide help can earn volunteer hours for the effort they make to help others.
Room 163 – Tuesday and Friday at 3:10 - 4:00 pm
Sponsor: Ms. B. Johnston

Pen Pal Club – Our purpose is to connect students abroad with our local students and help both groups become more enriched in each other’s culture. Our goal is to give students the opportunity to form international friendship. We hope that students abroad would improve their English writing skills and reading skills by communicating with local students through sending letters.
Room 163 – Monday at 11:40 am (monthly)
Sponsor: Ms. B. Johnston

Ping Pong Club– This is a welcoming place to play Ping Pong and make new friends. Anyone can drop in on Friday afterschool and play. All skill levels are welcome. There will be school competitions where you can participate voluntarily and test your skills. Dedicated members can tryout for our school ping pong team. The team will have an extra practice and will participate at the BC secondary school table tennis championships. Last year, our girls’ team placed 2nd in the province.
Massey Cafeteria – Friday at 3:10 – 4:30 pm
Sponsor: Mr. B. Woo

Programming Club – We encourage the study and implementation of popular programming languages such as C++ in daily life by designing and creating smart phone apps as well as simple and elegant desk top games.
Library - Monday and Thursday at 3:00 pm
Sponsor: Ms. S. Wethered

Project Pulse – Our club intends to fundraise for the BC Children’s Hospital while promoting Project Pulse. We intend to create awareness for the health sciences through community events. This club is an opportunity that allows individuals to explore the many aspects of our community.
Room 227 - Monday at 11:30 am
Sponsor: Mr. J. Meville

Read Aloud – Reading is the foundation to success. With inadequate reading abilities, it is essentially impossible for one to reach their full potential. Therefore, we strive to fulfill these needs by providing a positive environment to read with a “reading buddy”. With persistence, this may do wonders to improve one’s fluency and literacy.
Room 163 – Tuesday and/or Friday – 3:15 – 4:30 pm
Sponsor: Ms. B. Johnston

Red Cross – This is a service club that promotes and facilitates various humanitarian projects and initiatives with guidance and organizational support of Canadian Red Cross. Our goal is to inspire and empower the students of NWSS to become active, caring and responsible citizens within our local community and around the world.
Room 267 - Friday at lunch
Sponsor: Mr. F. Seto

Rubik's Cube Club – Our purpose is to teach and learn techniques to solving the Rubik's Cube (and other similar puzzles), and to enjoy it.

Sponsor: Mr. J. Janz

Salsa Caliente Dance Club – Students learn the Latin dance of Salsa. Beginners are encouraged to come to learn, participate or just watch.

Room 265 – Friday at lunch

Sponsors: Mr. P. Ha, Ms. C. Aoyama

Science Challengers (Jr & Sr) – The NWSS Science Challengers provides NWSS students with opportunities to compete in both theoretical and experimental science events across Greater Vancouver.

Room: 177 – Wednesday at lunch

Sponsor: Mr. B. Woo, Ms. J. Nathan

SewMate – SewMate is a club in which students make handmade toys, stuffed animals, ornaments, accessories and donate the proceeds of their sale to the BC Children's Hospital as well as other organizations. Our goal is to bring happiness to people through our handiwork. We will teach each other the skill of hand sewing and have fun together!

Room 231 – Wednesday at lunch

Sponsor: Ms. A. Buljan

Ski and Snowboard Club – Provide opportunities for students of all level, from first timers to the most advanced, to explore skiing or snowboarding at one of the biggest ski resorts in the world, Whistler/Blackcomb. Please contact any of the following sponsor teachers for information and forms for trips or follow us on FACEBOOK. All meeting take place in Room 235 (organizational meeting to take place at lunch before each trip, please listen for announcements).

NWSS Club/Staff Coordinators:

Mr. C. Oatway coatway@sd40.bc.ca

Ms. K. Harbick kharbick@sd40.bc.ca

Mr. G. Pattern gpattern@sd40.bc.ca

SLAM Poetry

Sponsors: Ms. M.J. Hunt, Ms. J. Simpson

Star Wars Club -The purpose of the Star Wars Club is to have a place where Star Wars fans can come to hang out.

Library - Thursday 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Sponsor: Ms. S. Wethered, Ms. L. Jones

STEM Club - The STEM Club is a group of students who are interested in learning and competing in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Club members can look forward to having heated discussions about current science news, participating in a variety of fun competitions such as JPEC (Junior Physics and Engineering Competition) as well as in-school competitions hosted by the STEM Club.

Room 176 – Friday at lunch

Sponsor: Ms. J. Nathan

Swim Team – The Swim Team is for all swimmers who can swim 100 meters. There are three divisions for the competitions (Swim Meets). A Winter Club Swimmers B – Summer Club and former Winter Club Swimmers C – Novice Swimmers. The season has three meets for B and C swimmers, one regional meet and one provincial championship meet in November.

Canada Games Pool – Monday and Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sponsor: Mr. P. Hughes

UNICEF – This club focuses on helping children in underdeveloped countries. We also contribute to other causes such as disaster relief, gender equality, and much more. We fundraise and campaign to provide support and seek to help make the world a better place.
Room 225 – Tuesday at 11:30 am
Sponsor: Ms. B. Kwok

University Application Club – This is a service club that provides detailed information about post-secondary applications, major selections and campus life. We are aiming to assist and empower students to get into their ideal school and to teach students effective skills that will help them apply successfully. We also provide additional volunteer and extracurricular opportunities to students who are looking for service hours.
Room 172 – Thursday 11:30 – 12:06 pm
Sponsors: Ms. H. Mangat, Mr. C. Smialek

WSR (Women's Shelters and Rights Club) – Our goal is to raise awareness and help women in battered women shelters. In addition, highlight the rights of woman in the world and educate our community about the major issues against women in our community and in the world.
Room 182 - Thursday 11:30-12:05 pm
Sponsor: Ms. R. Desrochers

WWF (World Wildlife Fund) Club – Our goal will be to spread awareness of endangered species as well as fundraise for the World Wildlife Fund. WWF works to conserve the natural habitats of endangered animals.
Room 176 – Friday at lunch
Sponsor: Ms. J. Nathan

Youth Initiative – At Youth Initiative we act on issues that matter. Every member can be a leader and together we all contribute towards change. This is the opportunity to get involved in your community and make connections with organizations and programs outside of school.
Room 127 – Friday – 11:30 – 12:05 pm
Sponsor: Mr. B. McCloy

Yugioh Club – The Yugioh Club provides NWSS students with the opportunity to experience and play the card game, Yugioh. We also will have Yugioh tournaments for our members to improve their Yugioh playing skills. Most of all, we seek an environment in our club where our members can freely play and enjoy the card game Yugioh, and most of all, have fun.
Room 272 – Friday at lunch
Sponsor: Mr. S. Ha