

# **Port Washington High School**



## **2014-2015 Activities Catalog**

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**The Case for High School Activities**  
**Unlocking the Secret of School Success: Activities**

There is a secret in America's high schools that need not be hidden any longer. The secret is that activities are not just a way to have fun or be with friends, they are a valuable educational tool. From interscholastic sports to music, drama and debate activities enrich a student's high school experiences.

Participation in high school athletics and activities are a much better indicator of overall college performance than other yardsticks.

*Educational Testing Service and College Board Study*

The one yardstick to predict "success" in later life (self-satisfaction and participation in a variety of community activities two years after college) is achievement in school activities. Not useful as predictors are high school or college grades, or high ACT scores.

*American College Testing Service (ACT)*

Nearly seven of ten Americans say high school sports teach students lessons about life they can't learn in a classroom. Nine in ten believe sports contribute to health and fitness.

*USA Today*

Extracurricular participation is a school's best predictor of an adult's success. "Fulfilling Lives - Paths to Maturity and Success"

*By Douglas H. Health, based on a 40-year survey*

Ninety-five percent of Fortune 500 executives participated in school activities.

*Fortune Magazine*

High school athletes have higher grades and lower dropout rates and attend college more than non-athlete

*Women's Sports Foundation Survey*

Student-athletes have a higher grade-point average than the average student and are absent from school less.

*Minnesota State High School League*

"High activity" students {those involved in four or more activities} average 3.05 GPA, while "low activity" students averaged 2.54 GPA.

*Indiana University study*

Student-athletes are 40% less likely to smoke than non-athletes.

*American Medical Association*

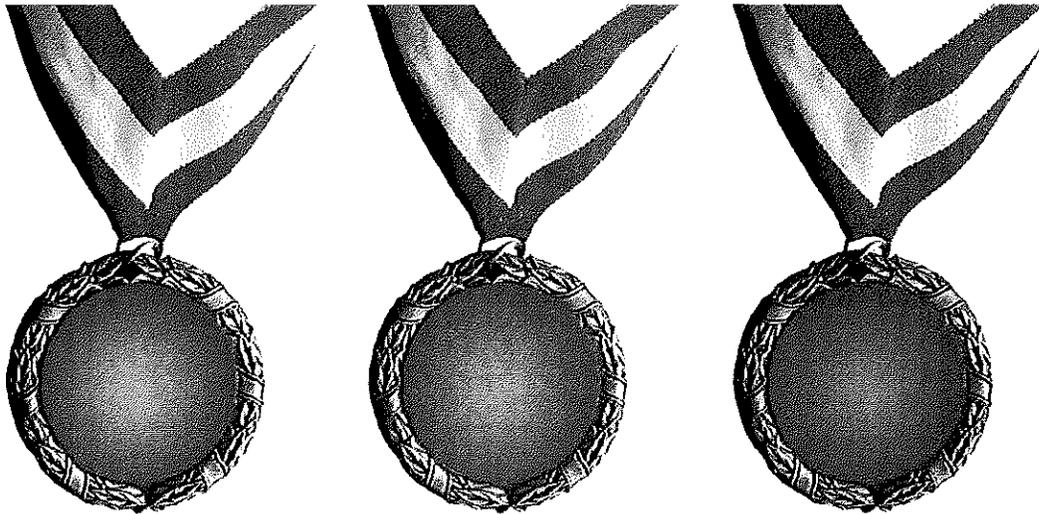
Athletes do better in the classroom, are more involved in school activity programs, and stay involved in the community after graduation. High school athletic participation has a positive educational and social impact on many minority and female students. Based on an analysis of data collected from the U.S. Department of Education's High School and Beyond Study, girls receive as many benefits from sports as boys, the "dumb jock" stereotype is a myth, sports involvement was significantly related to lower dropout rates in some school settings, and minority athletes are more socially involved than non-athletes.

*Women's Sport Foundation*

## ACTIVITIES PHILOSOPHY

We educate all children to reach their greatest potential. Accordingly, the activity programs (interscholastic and extracurricular) are a vital and integral part of the total educational growth experience at PWHS. For this reason, we offer students opportunities beyond the classroom to assist them in reaching their greatest potential. It provides an environment where the students may acquire and refine skills, test those skills through suitable competition or performance, and develop leadership and integrity. Students and spectators are expected to represent PWHS with dignity and respect at all events. While winning and losing are components of interscholastic sports and many extracurricular activities, both competition and participation are emphasized at PWHS with the following objectives in mind:

- To promote fair play, integrity and respect for others
- To foster an appreciation for teamwork and co-operation
- To develop school spirit, morale and loyalty
- To expose students to a variety of situations which will aid them in developing life skills, such as winning and losing gracefully
- To develop concepts of goal attainment through hard work and rigorous self-discipline
- To provide a positive outlet for students beyond the classroom



## ACTIVITIES

Port Washington High School faculty and administration define extracurricular activities as any activities outside the regular established curriculum. Activities carry no academic credits and may require the students to pay user fees or dues.

## Non-Athletic

Foreign Exchange Student Organization  
Art Club  
Auto Club  
Best Buddies  
Book Club  
DECA  
Debate  
Drama Club  
  
Fall Musical  
Forensics  
Games: Chess Club  
German Club  
Key Club  
LEAD  
Leo's Club  
Math Team  
Men's Chorus  
  
Model UN  
Moto HS Bike Build  
National Honors Society  
National Oceanographic Science Bowl  
Pit Band  
Poetry Out Loud Team  
Robotics  
Ski Club  
Spanish Club  
Student Council  
Three Act Play  
United for Youth  
Women's Vocal Jazz  
Yearbook

## Athletic

Boys  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Hockey  
Soccer  
Swim & Dive  
Tennis  
Wrestling

Girls  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Dance Team  
Gymnastics  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swim & Dive  
Tennis  
Volleyball  
Hockey

**\*\*The above activities may or may not be offered due to staffing and participant numbers.**

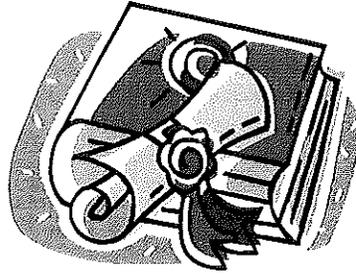
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It is the intent of the Port Washington-Saukville School District to comply with both the letter and the spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations and operations. Grievance procedures have been established for anyone who feels discrimination has been shown by the Port Washington-Saukville School District.

Inquiries regarding grievance procedures or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of the Port Washington-Saukville Schools, 100 West Monroe Street, Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074. Phone number (262) 268-6000.

## NON-ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES



### **Foreign Exchange Student Organization**

**Advisor:** Daniel Solorzano (Interim)

**Summary:** The purpose of the AFS Club is to promote international exchanges between our own students and students from other countries. This group usually has two fundraising events a year to support students coming here from other countries and traveling abroad. The AFS Club is a year round organization open to all PWHs students.

### **Art Club**

**Advisor:** Pam Higgins

**Summary:** The Port Washington High School Art Club is an organization for students who want to be involved in artistic endeavors within our school and community. The organization is open to all students, and starts meeting in November, twice a month on Thursdays after school at 3:00pm in art room 218.

### **Auto Club**

**Advisor:** Bill Kunst

**Summary:** The Port Washington High School Auto Club is for Technology Education students who want to be involved in automotive endeavors within our school and community. To be a member, all students must meet the criteria set forth by the Auto Club Advisor and the Technology Education Department.

### **Best Buddies**

**Advisor:** Karla Klein and Erin Jodie

**Summary:** Port Washington High School is a chapter member of the Best Buddies non-profit Organization. The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. In high schools, Best Buddies operates as a student-run friendship club, which creates buddy pairs between students with and without disabilities. Members meet with their buddy on a regular basis and attend group outings throughout the year. This is a great way to share the gift of friendship.

### **Book Club**

**Advisor:** Laura Lauderback

**Summary:** Book Club will be open to all interested students in grades 9-12. Book Club selections will be voted on by members from suggestions of titles by members of the club, the librarian and teachers with final approval from the advisor. There will be a secure Haiku Book Club page online for the Book Club members. The full Book Club will meet in the PWHs Library once per month from 2:45-3:45 p.m.

### **Chess Club**

**Advisor:** Curt Sauer

**Summary:** Chess Club is a social organization for all levels of players to meet and play chess. It provides a great way to develop critical thinking, problem solving skills and improve one's game. It will meet on Tuesdays after school throughout the school year. This activity is open to all high school students.

### **Debate Club**

**Advisor:** Michelle Uttke

**Summary:**

### **DECA**

**Advisor:** Mark Bichler and Leeann Wellenstein

**Summary:** DECA is an organization of students involved in high school marketing and business courses. Students have the opportunity to enhance classroom and workplace experiences through a competition in which students compete in one of thirteen occupational related marketing experiences.

Students who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in business are strongly encouraged to participate and gain this valuable real-life experience.

### **Drama Club**

**Advisor:** Diana Neumeyer

**Summary:** The Port Washington High School Drama Club is an organization for students who want to be involved in theatrical productions by acting on stage, helping with set, costume and technical design, and working on publicity. The organization is open to all students and meets once a month. The organization serves to support the musical and three act play by raising funds and providing opportunities for members to socialize as well as provide community service through projects like touring district elementary schools with plays. Students may receive school letters and pins by becoming a member of Drama Club and earning the number of points required.

### **Fall Musical**

**Advisor:** Diana Neumeyer

**Summary:** The all school musical is an opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to be involved in a musical production by singing, dancing, acting, lighting and sound, stage crew, and pit band. Auditions take place on the first week of school and practices run until the beginning of November when the performance takes place. Practices for musical depend on the role given but are usually Mondays thru Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 p.m.

### **Forensics**

**Advisor:** Michelle Uttke

**Summary:** Forensics is an activity that will provide an opportunity to study speech techniques and apply these to various competition events. Students are required to attend competitions and practice at least once a week. There will be a full team practice offered each week, as well as specific event and individual practices.

### **German Club**

**Advisor:** Ingrid Pfeiffer

**Summary:** German Club is a social organization that supports German curriculum through a variety of group activities. Although most students are students in German classes at PWHS, the club is open to all students interested in the German language and culture.

### **Key Club**

**Advisor:** Cheryl Ross

**Summary:** Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. It is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through service to others. Members of the Kiwanis International family, Key Club members build themselves as they build their schools and communities.

### **LEAD**

**Advisor:** Sarah Olson

**Summary:** Students work with Starting Point of Ozaukee County on a variety of community projects promoting Tobacco-free, Alcohol-free and Drug-free activities. LEAD is open to all students.

### **Leo's Club**

**Advisor:** Mark Bichler

**Summary:** The Pirate Leo's club is an extension of the community based Port Washington and Saukville Lion's Club. This organization can be found around school helping with a variety of programs in the community and the school. Joining Leo's can be an opportunity to begin or extend community service. Our group meets monthly to help plan and organize events that we can assist or coordinate on our own. Students will have an opportunity to attend Lion's club meetings, conventions, and interact with Lion's club members in the two communities. Leo's is a great way to start building resources for college, career, and scholarship applications. The group is always looking for new members in a variety of low pressure ways to get involved. Mr. Bichler the group's adviser can help to answer any questions and help you join our great group.

### **Math Team**

**Advisor:** Eric Carlson

**Summary:** Math team is an organization, which competes at various math competitions throughout the year. This activity is designed to enhance the regular classroom experience. Competitions start in October and end in April and are open to all PWHS students.

### **Men's Chorus**

**Advisor:** Dennis Gephart

**Summary:** Men's chorus is a non-auditioned chorus that meets every Friday morning at 6:45am to explore literature for all male choirs. The group performs several times throughout the year and also performs at district and state solo and ensemble. Although many men are members of a curricular choir any male student may participate.

### **Model UN**

**Advisor:** Nathan Ugoretz

**Summary:** The Model Un provides high school students an opportunity to represent a United Nations member nation in the Wisconsin High School Model UN in March at UW-Milwaukee. Students research background & foreign policy positions of their assigned nation, write position papers for UN committee, engage in bloc meetings, formulate resolutions, vote on UN issues, and participate in an historic model UN meeting. Preparations begin in September for the March session. This activity is open to all PWHS students.

### **Moto HS Bike Build**

**Advisor:** Bill Kunst

**Summary:** The Moto HS teams will be given a set of guidelines for a project that are open to their imaginations. There are no restrictions as to the motorcycle choice or purpose of the project. Some will build race bikes and compete in AHRMA (America Historic Racing Motorcycle Association) races and work as pit crew members for a licensed rider. Others will choose to build a custom show bike displaying their imagination and talent. All bikes will be judged based on the success of their project by industry experts.

### **National Honor Society**

**Advisor:** Mark Bichler

**Summary:** Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, and character by which they were selected.

### **National Oceanographic Science Bowl**

**Advisor:** Tammie Niffenegger

**Summary:** This is a team of five students who volunteer to independently learn about oceanography from October through February. In February, the team competes in the regional competition at UW-Milwaukee for a chance to compete at the national level.

### Pit Band

**Advisor:** Alan Dust

**Summary:** This activity is a group of 15-100 students who play instruments for various athletic events and assemblies throughout the year. This activity may be tied into required activities for symphonic band students.

### Poetry Out Loud Team

**Advisors:** Amy Harter and Lisa Flooding

**Summary:** Poetry Out Loud is a poetry recitation contest that is held at local, state, and national levels. Students who participate in Poetry Out Loud, which meets from September through January, prepare performances of memorized poems in preparation to compete with their peers at the school level in December. The winners of that competition then go on to compete for cash awards at the regional and state levels. Poetry Out Loud students celebrate the art of poetry, alive in our own community! This is a great option for students who are interested in building skills in public speaking, dramatic arts, and communications.

### Robotics

**Advisor:** Ryan Volke / Alec Belling / Taylor Last

**Summary:** A Robotics competition team of students grades 9-12 interested in business, design, manufacturing, media and programming. Robotics is a 6 week season beginning in January. Students will assemble once a week prior to the season and 5 days a week within the season. Through community assistance and resources, this group will compete against other teams at the U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee.

### Ski Club

**Advisor:** Stephen Hellman

**Summary:** Ski club is for all skiers and snowboarders including beginners. Every student is encouraged to join us for any of our three or four trips to the local ski mountains. The club gets discounted rates on lift tickets, rental equipment and optional free lesson with each trip and is a great way to learn how to ski.

### Spanish Club

**Advisor:** Cathy DeMerit

**Summary:** Spanish Club is a social organization that supports Spanish curriculum through a variety of group activities. Although most students are students in Spanish classes at PWHS, the club is open to all students interested in the Spanish language and culture.

### Student Council

**Advisor:** Diana Pasten & Emily O'Brien

**Summary:** Student Council is an organization, which represents the student body of PWHS. Members of council organize a variety of events including Homecoming events and dances, as well as providing a great deal for our community. Involvement is year round with a few events taking place during the summer. Elections for sophomores through seniors take place in spring the prior year. Officer elections freshman take place in August with applications due prior to orientation. Aside from elected positions in each class and representatives to student council, interested students can serve as alternates in the organization.

### Three Act Play

**Advisor:** Diana Neumeyer

**Summary:** This winter activity is offered to all students 9-12 students' who wish to be involved in a dramatic performance. The play focuses on honing a student acting ability as well as opportunities for set construction and sound.

### **United for Youth**

**Advisor:** Eric Burke and Heather LaFleur

**Summary:** This is a community based group that includes high school students, parents, staff and community members. United for Youth meets once a month to work on projects such as the development of the disc golf course at a county park and the development of an award to recognize area businesses that are teen friendly. This organization is open to all students.

### **Women's Vocal Jazz**

**Advisor:** Dennis Gephart

**Summary:** This activity is an ensemble of 15-30 women who wish to enhance their musical experiences at PWHS. The group will focus on women's show choir literature and will perform many of their pieces with choreography. Practices are after school every Tuesday. This activity is open to all PWHS female students. The group will perform at several school concerts, local events and district and state solo and ensemble.

### **Yearbook**

**Advisor:** Kelly Hadacek and Megan Jacoby

**Summary:** This activity is year round. Interested students will be responsible for working with the advisor to create the annual. Some specific jobs include but are not limited to design, photography, and development of the pages. The students involved in this activity are able to produce a product that will be viewed for years to come. Open to any interested students.

## **ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

Port Washington High School is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and competes in the North Shore Conference. Some sports have tryouts and others do not. Tryouts may be used to determine the level at which the student will be placed. The numbers of students who make the rosters are based upon skill level, number of spaces available at each level and numbers of students trying out. Levels offered for a particular sport are based upon the numbers of students participating and can vary from year to year.

### **Boys Baseball**

**Coach:** Ryan Finnerty

**Summary:** This summer Team Sport activity is open to all boys' grades 9-12. The baseball schedule runs from the middle of May through the end of July. Baseball will hold tryouts for freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

### **Basketball**

**Boys Coach:** Brian Hebein

**Girls Coach:** Brian Johnson

**Summary:** This winter team building sport begins in November and runs until the state tournament in March. Tryouts start the first week of practice and cuts are made at all freshman, junior varsity, and varsity levels if necessary. The basketball program's goals are to strive to develop in each athlete the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment. The program encourages the highest standard of conduct, scholastic achievement, and competitive sportsmanship.

### **Cross Country**

**Boys Coach:** Mark Pasten

**Girls Coach:** Joe Adamak

**Summary:** Cross-country is a fall running sport in which anyone can participate in the junior varsity level. The best runners get to compete at the varsity level. Practices are geared toward the 5km (3.1 miles) competitions, which usually are held on Saturdays. This activity usually begins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in August with practices every day after school until the end of the season.

### **Boys Football**

**Coach:** John Bunyan

**Summary:** Football is a Team/Individual fall sport which season runs from early August until the end of October. The sport plays a freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams with seniors and high ability students playing on the varsity squad. Although winning is important, building team chemistry and cooperation play an integral part in the teams' successes.

### **Boys Golf**

**Coach:** Kelly Green

**Summary:** Golf is a spring Team and Individual sport, which runs from the end of April until the state tournament in the first week of June. During the season the team competes and plays at all courses throughout Ozaukee, Milwaukee, and Washington County. Practices are every school night at Squires when we don't have a meet.

### **Hockey**

**Boys Coach:** TBA

**Girls Coach:** TBA

**Summary:** Hockey is a Team sport that run in cooperation with the Grafton School District. Teams are made up from students enrolled in both schools. With practices beginning in early November, this highly competitive sport focuses on teamwork and sportsmanship. For more information contact Grafton High School at 376-5500.

### **Soccer**

**Boys Coach:** Sean O'Brien

**Girls Coach:** Mike Bultman

**Summary:** This Team Sport is open to student athletes grades 9-12 comprised of freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams. The Boys season will take place mid-August and run thru early November. The Girls season runs from the middle of March until the second weekend in June with the State competition at Uhlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee. Practices take place every Monday thru Friday when there is not a game. This activity will focus on building a winning team through building core fundamentals and teamwork.

### **Swim & Dive**

**Boys Coach:** Mel Hoogester

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**Summary:** This is a competitive swim program stressing hard work and competitive fun. This activity promotes team building as well as individual competition through swimming and diving. Practices are every day from 3-6pm and Saturday 8-11am. The Girls Practices begin in August and run through early November. Boys practice and season begins the middle of November and runs through the middle of February. Each season is composed of both dual meets, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as invitationals held on Saturdays. Every meet has 12 different competitive events. No experience is necessary and all PWS student athletes can join.

### **Tennis**

**Boys Coach:** Jennifer Huettl

**Girls Coach:** Jennifer Huettl

**Summary:** Tennis is a Team and Individual Sport that fosters hard work and competition. The Girls Fall season begins mid-August and completes early October. The Boys Spring season runs from the end of March until the first week in June. Students are placed onto a 25-member varsity squad and junior varsity squad based on ability level. From there students may be added or dropped from the varsity team by means of challenge matches or a qualifying tournament. The season includes a total of 14 team matches and the state tournament at the end of the season.

## Track

**Boys Coach:** Mark Pasten

**Girls Coach:** Joe Adamak

**Summary:** Track is a Team and Individual spring Sport that begins at the end of March. The season includes a total of 20 meets. There are 18 different track and field events for student athletes to try out for. The season will conclude, for those that make it to state, at the University of LaCrosse.

## Wrestling

**Coach:** Angelo LaRosa

**Summary:** Wrestling is a winter sport that begins in the middle of November and runs until the middle of February. This activity competes with a freshman, junior varsity and varsity roster and is open to all students grade 9-12. The sport allows students to compete at both a team and individual level.

## Dance Team

**Coach:** Rebekah Goerl

**Summary:** Dance team is a competitive group of ladies from grades 9-12 who incorporate dance, gymnastics and pom's together to compete in a variety of competitions throughout the year. Students may try out for the Fall Squad, the Winter Squad, and/or both Squads. Practices will vary on the availability of space.

## Gymnastics

**Coach:** Katherine Moore

**Summary:** Gymnastics is a sport, which requires strength, agility, flexibility, speed and the desire to want to learn more and improve. This team and individual sport begins the second Monday in November and runs until early March. Practices are every day after school and tryouts are used to place students onto varsity and junior varsity squads.

## Girls Softball

**Coach:** Steve Schmidt

**Summary:** Girls softball is a competitive spring Team Sport that runs from March until late May. The emphasis is on teamwork and sportsmanship. Students try out for the varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams with the highest ability students playing on the varsity team.

## Volleyball

**Coach:** Todd Lyon

**Summary:** Girls Volleyball is a team centered fall activity that is open to all girls' grades 9-12. Volleyball has three squads; varsity, junior varsity and freshman. The numbers of participants will determine levels offered and roster placement. Tryouts may be necessary if the participation numbers are large enough.

