



THE MONTFORT ACADEMY CLUB FAIR 2022

The Archimedes Math Club

Advisor: Mrs. Linda Martin

The math club has been designed to challenge and inspire students to learn more about mathematics through participation in national mathematics competitions and reinforcement of concepts taught in the classroom. Students will have the opportunity to compete in four competitions administered by the Catholic Math League against hundreds of Catholic schools throughout the nation. All the competitions occur at Montfort during our meeting times. The math club collaboratively prepares students for SAT and ACT exams using helpful hints and strategies. The math club travels to local business and locations to see how math is applied in the real world. Guest speakers come in to share their experiences using mathematics.

The Art Club

Advisor: Ms. Marci Schein

The Art Club at Montfort was started in 2014 by enthusiastic and promising artists at The Montfort Academy. They wanted a venue where they could express their artistic talents and use them for the benefit of the school. We try to encourage thinking outside the box and freedom of expression. The ultimate goal of the club is to generate enough artwork for the student to have a competitive portfolio to apply to art schools in college. This coming year the students will have the freedom to create from home or in the classroom during our meetings. It should be a time to exchange ideas and learn from one another. We will explore a range of artistic concepts as a group but always led by the desires of the students' learning. **Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons for 3:15 to 4pm.**

The Astronomy Club

Advisor: Hon. Richard Greco, Jr.

Please join Montfort's Founder and President, Secretary Greco, once a month for Astronomy Night. Time, location, and information each month will be announced one or two nights before the meeting to ensure ideal viewing conditions and atmospheric transparency. Most viewings will take place on the school's roof under our soon to be installed Skydome, permitting astronomers to delight in galaxies, nebulae, and planetary and lunar features. Viewing will be enhanced with hands-on experience using The Montfort Academy's Celestron CPC 1100 11" Catadioptric Telescope and newly purchased Stellina Astrograph instrument, purchased with funds generously donated by the Westchester area Knights and Dames of Malta. The club will meet every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm.

The Henry Olynik Chess Club

Advisors: Mr. Steven Edelson

Students participating in the Henry Olynik Chess Club at the Montfort Academy can expect to receive brief structured lessons from an experienced chess instructor. These lessons involve training in professional openings like the Sicilian Defense, the Ruy Lopez, the French Defense, the Queens Gambit and the Kings Indian Defense. Emphasis will also be given to learning how succeed in the end game and respond to complex middle game positions. Built into each club meeting is time for students to play recreational chess. The goal of the club is to provide students with a sound footing in the game of chess and to expose them to the kind of learning that has made chess a serious life-long hobby for millions of people across world. **The club will meet on Wednesdays.**

The GK Chesterton Club for Young Men

Advisor: Mr. Steven Edelson

This club will focus on the wonderful and wild adventure of manhood. We will be discussing, and more importantly, living out the great and untamed journey of living life

to the fullest and becoming the men whom God made us to be. **This club will meet bi-weekly on Thursdays.**

The Cooking Club

Student President: Jamie Spruck

Montfort's Cooking Club was founded to bring our Knights who have a passion for culinary together. We hold two meetings per month: the first meeting we spend exploring the culinary arts and sharing recipe ideas, and the second one we create the chosen dish after school in Montfort's very own kitchen. Our creations range from sweet to savory, from classic family favorites to delicious new cultural foods, from holiday-themed appetizers to beverages - whatever your tastebuds prefer we have something for you! Every time we cook, we are joined by one of our teacher celebrity chefs! Become a knight in the kitchen and work together as a team to advance your skills and create wonderful meals!

The Creative Writing Club

Advisors: Mr. George DeGaetano

The Creative Writing Club is a place for young writers to meet, discuss writing projects, and of course, write. This fall, we will be working on writing children's books, so all writers and artists are welcome. The rest of the year, we will work on submissions to Salve Magazine, the school's art and literature magazine.

Drama Club / The Montfort Players

Advisors: Ms. Marci Schein Ficocelli

The Montfort Academy Players perform two shows each year: a play selected from the classical tome (Greek, Roman, Elizabethan, etc.) in the fall and a musical or drama in the spring. We are pleased to announce that Ms. Marci Schein Ficocelli will be the director for both productions this year. This fall we will be presenting Aristophanes', The Frogs in a Covid-19 safe amphitheater with masks (as the Greeks did). Performance date will be announced soon.

Engineering Club

The Engineering Club will participate in various experiments which simulate cutting edge projects undertaken by expert engineers who work with Engineering Tomorrow, an organization dedicated to training and inspiring our future engineers.

The Ethics Bowl Team

Advisor: Mr. Steven Merola and Mr. Michael Innocenti

Open to students by invitation only. The team will prepare to compete in the Manhattanville College Philosophy Department's Regional High School Ethics Bowl. The Ethics Bowl challenges students to think critically about contemporary ethical dilemmas and present and defend their positions. Last year one of our teams placed first in the competition.

The Latino Student Union

Advisors: Mrs. Linda Martin

Club President: Valerie Sahagun

The Latino Student Union is a club where we celebrate different Latino/Hispanic cultures and raise money through events for Latino charities. Some of the past events we have hosted are the Hispanic Heritage Month dance and 5 de Mayo dance in which we had raffles with many prizes.

The Lewis Society

Advisors: Mr. Michael Innocenti

The Lewis Society is open to students by invitation only. It is a humanistic discussion group that meets weekly, and our goal is to deepen our understanding of what it means to live well. What does a well-lived life look like? What is our proper relationship to other people and to the world around us? How do we cultivate goodness, beauty, and truth in our own lives? These questions are of fundamental importance, and we attempt to answer them by drawing on a variety of intellectual disciplines, particularly philosophy and literature. **Meetings will be Thursdays.**

Marine Biology Club

Advisors: Mrs. Marla Greco / Fr. Leo Camurati

Club President: Amanda Morrison

Started by two Montfort students, this club will focus its attention on the study of relevant issues of marine biology from discoveries in marine life to preservation and conservation issues affecting our world's waterways. Students will participate in field trips, when possible, community service projects including the current Bronx River Clean Up, recycling at Montfort, and fundraising for clean water projects.

National Honor Society

Advisors: Mr. Joseph Boyle

This club is by invitation only. The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students in grades 10th through 12th will be invited to apply for membership based, among other things, on grade point average from last year.

Pro Causa Vitae

Advisors: Mrs. Marla Greco
Club President: Aviva DiPaolo

The Pro Causa Vitae Club works to establish an active pro-life culture at Montfort by educating students on life issues and by actively promoting the right to life for all persons (preborn and born). We look forward to hosting a number of activities this year like speakers, movie nights, diaper drives, Life Chains, and, if possible, the pilgrimage to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life.

St. Joseph the Worker Club

Advisors: Mr. Bradley Morley

Named after the foster-father of Jesus who was a carpenter, the St. Joseph the Worker's Club allows our students to participate in the same goodness, beauty, and creativity of manual labor that Our Lord Himself participated in for much of His life. Participation in daily labors and household tasks can bring our students closer to God. SJTW performs manual labor such as painting, repair work and minor construction projects at charities such crisis pregnancy centers, convents and even at Montfort.

This year we hope to continue our work with the Fuller Center for Housing in New Rochelle which works to provide housing for people in need in the New York area and establish a relationship with HOPE Soup Kitchen in New Rochelle. We also plan to do work days at other organizations depending on opportunities. Ten Saturday work days throughout the

school year are already on the Teamup schedule so take a look and plan ahead. Due to social distancing requirements we will ask for students to provide their own transportation to and from the work site.

Salve

Advisor: Mr. Jerry O'Sullivan

Salve is The Montfort Academy's student-run literary and art magazine that publishes original student work. Submissions can include drawing, photography, short stories, poems, paintings, music, lyrics...the sky's the limit! Montfort is proud to showcase the creativity of its students in Salve. Please send your submissions to salve@themontfortacademy.org

The Schola

Advisors: Mr. Will Haffey and Mr. Steven Merola

In Schola we sing selected works of Sacred Music, with an emphasis on Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony, for performance at Mass and school functions. We hope to add some popular music to our repertoire this year and add new members. If you can sing at all, you can sing with us.

Sports Analytics Club

Advisor: Mr. Stephen Kim

The Sports Analytics club delves into the exciting and growing industry of data science in professional sports. We'll explore how data analysts use statistics to determine player value, winning probability, and overall team building strategy. We'll research the different ways that the MLB, NBA, and NFL already use data science and how they hope to evolve their methods using artificial intelligence and machine learning. If you love following sports stats, if you ever had interest in data analytics, or if your favorite movie is

Moneyball, come check out the Sports Analytics club! The first meeting will take place on Friday, September 16th at 3:30pm.

Stream Team and Social Media Club

Advisors: Ms. Marci Schein

Under the guidance of Ms. Schein, students will assist in keeping our social media sites (Instagram, Facebook and Twitter) current with the most exciting school developments and news.

Society of St. Agnes

Advisors: Mr. Matthew Terilli

The club is designed for female high school students to give them an opportunity to discuss and become more active in the spiritual life. This is accomplished by reading various spiritual authors, coming together to discuss the application it has on their personal spiritual lives, as well as organizing opportunities for Corporal Works of Mercy for the school campus. **The club will meet on the First and Third Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30pm.**

Speech and Debate Team

Coach: Mr. George DeGaetano

Our Speech Team was formed 5 years ago and has had incredible success competing in meets within our two main leagues: The NY Catholic Forensic League and the NYS Forensic League. Students from all grades can compete in the various speech formats including Declamation (freshmen and sophomores only), Oral Interpretation, Original Oratory, Dramatic Performance, Duo Interpretations, and Extemporaneous Speech. In 2019, we had 2 members qualify and one selected as an alternate to compete at NYCFL Nationals in Wisconsin. In recent years we have had several members compete at the NYS Forensic League Championships. In 2019, the team finished in the top 1/3 of the NYCFL teams competing at the highly regarded NYCFL Grand Stuyvesant Tournament.

This club is designed to teach students oratory skills, boost their confidence, and perhaps win some competitions but above all else we look to have fun and create a supportive team environment.

The practices are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Each member is expected to attend at least one practice, and preferably two, a week; and the practice schedule will be worked out early in the season.

Student Government

Advisors: Mrs. Linda Martin

The Montfort Student Council is a body of student representatives elected by the student body each class elects two representatives. ***Freshmen elections will occur in the 1st quarter of the year if you are interested in representing the class of 2026, stop by or email us to let us know.*** The representatives meet bi-weekly, are a vehicle for, and means of communication between the administration and the student body regarding academic, spiritual, service, social, and other extra-curricular initiatives. **The student government meets every other Wednesday from 4:45-5:45 starting on Wednesday, September 16th.**

Yearbook

Advisor: Ms. Lauren Calman

The following positions are needed - the more contributors, the less burden for each participating student:

1. EDITOR IN CHIEF- Someone who will oversee everything and make sure the entire yearbook is completed by our deadline
2. PHOTOGRAPHERS - Attend events and games to photograph events as well as team photos. Photograph all Club groups.
3. DESIGN EDITORS - Students will work and learn how to use INDESIGN to layout yearbook pages.
4. BUSINESS MANAGER and representatives. Student needed to coordinate and manage business activities such as yearbook sales, booster and business ads, and Senior Feature activities as it pertains to yearbook layout.