

**Greater New Bedford Regional
Vocational Technical
High School**

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Student Clubs



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Aerospace

Noah Luogameno
Ext.202
Room B361

This new club will introduce students to Engineering concepts and projects to better prepare them for jobs and education in STEM fields.

Meeting Days: Thursdays

After Prom

Jenn Gaspar
Ext. 244
Room G141

Heidi Walsh
Ext. 764
Room J104

Students who join the After Prom Student Club help organize this year's After Prom. The After Prom is an event that takes place after the prom which provides a healthy safe and substance free celebration to all of the graduating seniors and their guests. Students help with decorations, create advertisements and help with fundraising events such as APCST Golf Tournament, Dodgeball Tournament and Mr. Voc-Tech.

Meeting Days: Meets every other Wednesday

American Sign Language Club

Jennifer Borden
Ext. 748
Room K102

The American Sign Language Club is an introduction to Deaf Culture and building sign language vocabulary. The club is run by a deaf student with a focus on conversational signing.

Meeting Days: Every other Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Anime Club

Daleann Awalt
Ext. 741
Room K301

The Anime Club was created with the purpose of bringing all the people in the school who enjoy anime together. Making new friends, watching Anime and doing activities are some of the things you can expect to do. All are welcome to join at any-time they are available.

Meeting Days: Every other Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Artisan Motorworks Club

Paul Estrella
Ext. 182
Room D-101

The Artisan Motorworks Club is a club where we promote the automotive trade and industry. Learn more about cars, trucks and motorcycles. Gain a deeper knowledge and training in this high performance industry.

Meeting Days: Wednesdays

Bears Building Community

Meghan Lacasse
Ext. 139
Room B235

Erin Wallace
Ext. 102
Room B210

Bears Building Community is a group that meets to discuss community service project ideas. The group also coordinates an annual food drive to support a local pantry during the holidays.

Meeting Days: Meets approximately once a month (or more during project times)

Bowling Club

Evelyn Bouley
Ext. 770
J203

Lucia Garcia
Ext. 26 Room
Main Office

The Bowling Club meets every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. at the Wonderbowl for the Fall Season, September thru November. Three games and shoes are included for the amount of \$7.50 per week. A bus will be available at 2:30 p.m. for all members. Parents are required to provide transportation home.. All are welcome!

Meeting Days: Tuesdays in Fall at Wonderbowl from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Chess Club

Tim Rodrigues
Ext. 133
Room B 241

All levels of players welcome from beginner to Master. Learn to play or just improve your game.

Meeting Days: Every other Thursday

Creative Services Team

Thai Panayakul
Ext. 166
Room C203

Creative Services Team is a student-run Advertising/Design agency that provides students with valuable real world experience while offering a unique service to the school and our local community. Students build skills in problem solving, writing, research, graphic design, direct marketing, media planning and campaign management. The environment is more like the professional world and less like the academic world. Students work closely with clients and take ownership of their work instead of doing it for a grade.

Meeting Days: Creative meeting every Wednesday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. is working studio time for students with conflicting schedules.

Cultural Consciousness Club

Evangeline Le Blanc
Ext. 121
Room B254

The Cultural Consciousness Club encourages an empathetic cohesion of races, minority groups, and other cultures by educating ourselves and others through the celebration of cultural diversity.

Meeting Days: First and third Wednesday of each month in B254

Engineering and Robotics

Anthony Cabral
Ext. 234
Room G106

The Engineering and Robotics Club is a club where students will be encouraged to work on STEM projects. Projects can range from simple repair of an electronic device to a complete new design of a robot for a robotics contest. Projects will vary depending on the individual and group and will be based on funding and safety. Project books will be made available for students to look through. Video clips of engineering contests and projects will also be shown.

Meeting Days: Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Environmental/Sustainability Club

Lawrence Carlesi
Ext. 236
Room E157

Christopher Pires
Ext. 236
Room E157

The Environmental/Sustainability Club is designed to build and strengthen relationships between students, staff and the environment. Students will build self-confidence and self-esteem by working in small groups to learn about themselves, one another, and the environment. In return, students will develop a stronger appreciation for team work and the world around them. Students will also have an opportunity to work hands-on with projects and programs developed in the club.

Meeting Days: First and third Monday of each month

GSA

Michael Perry

Ext.

Room B238

The Gay/Straight Alliance is a student organization that works to provide a safe and supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth and their straight allies. The main goal of our group is to raise awareness and make our school community safe and welcoming to all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We participate in nationally-recognized campaigns to raise awareness, such as "Day of Silence," "National Coming Out Day," "No Name Calling Week," Transgender Awareness and similar locally organized events. We help our members to network and connect with local resources.

Meeting Days: Wednesdays

Herbivore Club

Kelly Haggerty

Ext. 137

Room: 238

Come explore our Herbivore Club! We offer a friendly, informative atmosphere to support vegetarian/vegan needs: recipes, where ingredients come from, how to be meat-free....AND even better, it's okay if you're vegetarian, vegan, pescatarian, or any other kind of buzz word! Just come join us to discover the possibilities of joining the green side. We promise you, it isn't scary!

Meeting Days: Every other Wednesday

Law Society

Kellie Martin

Ext. 336

Room B329

We are Youth Court volunteers. Our club members have a desire to learn more about the legal system and contribute to reducing delinquent behavior in their community. Youth Court volunteers work in all aspects of the Youth Court program like prosecution, defense, bailiff, and clerk. Volunteers are eligible for community service hours at our school, internship credit and scholarships.

Meeting Days: Every other Tuesday throughout the school year. Students can also check the posting on the door of B329 and the school's website.

Multicultural Club

Eloisa Gwozdz
Ext. 345
Room B211

Phebe Ditata
Ext. 345
Room B211

The Multicultural Club meets monthly and is open to all students in grades 9-12. The purpose of the club is to offer activities that promote cultural awareness through organized community service and exposure to different ethnic groups. Members are required to participate in a minimum of 3 different club activities including fundraising. All money raised will be used for an end of year field trip which promotes cultural awareness.

Meeting Days: Third Wednesday of each month

Music Club

Scott Parker
Ext. 133
Room B252

The Music Club is an informal gathering of aspiring and developing musicians, singers and music lovers. The only prerequisite to joining the club is that you love music. Throughout the year, the club produces a holiday concert and a spring concert. In addition, the club hosts an open mic at the Tropical Smoothie Café in Dartmouth. Please see Mr. Parker for more information.

Meeting Days: Meets once or twice per week on Mondays and Thursdays in room B252

National Honor Society

Dr. Heather Larkin
Ext. 790
Room J115

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 honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginning in 1921. Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in active chapters of the NHS.

NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Four main purposes have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning- "To create enthusiasm for scholarships, to simulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the student in secondary school." (From the NHS constitution) These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter.

Meeting Days: Meets approximately once a month

Origami Club

Jessica Cziska
Ext. 172
Room B332

If you can fold a piece of paper in half then this club is for you! Origami Club explores the many things paper can be folded into including animals, clothes, flowers, and usable objects. No experience required, beginners welcome! Paper is supplied, just bring your positive attitude. Come see the amazing things a simple piece of paper can do.

Meeting Days: Every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. in room B332

Outdoor Club

Ryan Sylvia
Ext. 202
Room B247

The Outdoor Club's purpose will be to widen the knowledge and understanding of the natural world we live in. By understanding and enjoying nature, students will not only have fun but will get exercise, learn the history of the activities and places visited, become better stewards of the community, and therefore become well rounded citizens. If interested see Mr. Sylvia in room B247.

Meeting Days: Meets approximately once a month and always the week before an outing (listen for announcements).

Professional Speaking Club

Ron Quintin
Ext. 159
Room C104

The purpose of the Professional Speaking Club is for students to have a place to practice professional presentations in front of an advisor and their peers. Many students from various career majors use this time to prepare for individual and team leadership events for both Business Professionals of America and SkillsUSA. Students will use this time to brainstorm ideas, receive tips on writing, and practice their presentations to each other.

Meeting Days: Biweekly on Mondays

Rachel's Challenge Club

Wadley DaSilva
Ext. 771
Room J140

Sarah Hartley
Ext. 130
Room B247

Rachel Joy Scott was killed in the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School. Shortly before her death, she wrote in her diary, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go." Rachel's parents have issued a challenge to us all: start a chain reaction of kindness. Our goal will be to spread kindness and compassion to students, faculty and staff in the hopes of creating a more welcoming, loving, and safe environment here at GNB Voc-Tech. Join us in leaving a positive and lasting impact on our school community.

Meeting Days: Meets every other Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

S.A.D.D. Club

Jim Koska
Ext. 373
Room G112

Originally, the mission of the S.A.D.D. chapter was to help young people say "No" to drinking and driving. Today, the mission has expanded. Students have told us that positive peer pressure, role modeling and environmental strategies can prevent other destructive decisions and set a healthier, safer course for their lives. And that is why S.A.D.D. has become a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide.

Meeting Days: Biweekly on Tuesdays

Ski and Snowboard Club

Phebe Ditata
Ext. 345
Room B211

Suzanne Sumner
Ext. 732
Room J305

The Voc-Tech Ski and Snowboard Club welcomes students who want to ski or snowboard. Members can come with us on Sunday Trips to ski areas in Northern New England.

Meeting Days: Weekly meetings are held in room B305 during the season to discuss upcoming trips and fundraising activities.

Sportsman Club

Dennis Tetreault
Ext: 211
Room F111

The purpose of this club is to heighten the knowledge and safety involved in sporting activities. Hunting and fishing are a large part of the culture of this region. If you're interested in learning more about our wildlife in our woods and waterways, this is a great place to start. Ethics, safety, and conservation are part of the sportsman culture, and are all great life skills.

Meeting Days: 1st Wednesday of every month & before an outing.

Student Council

Kim Fortin
Ext. 126
Room B251

The student council is a school organization consisting of students elected by their peers to represent them. Student councils have proven to be a resourceful means for developing student participation in school activities and governance. A successful student council understands and respects the value of faculty and student contributions in school management. Each year, students elect a student advisory committee. This committee meets monthly with the administration of the school.

Meeting Days: First Tuesday of the month from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Table Top Gaming Club

Ian Francis
Ext.202
Room B340

The Table Top Gaming Club is a new club created to teach students how to interact with each other and to create good sportsmanship skills. This club teaches students how to start hobbies that can build skills for life.

Meeting Days: Tuesdays

Yearbook Club

Cathy Chace
Ext. 167
Room B328

Ron Quintin
Ext. 159
Room C104

Students in the Yearbook Club meet once a week all year long to design and create their senior yearbook. Seniors are encouraged to join, and select the pictures and information that goes into this year's book. Students select a theme and all the design elements for each year. Underclassmen are also encouraged to attend and gain experience designing and creating a yearbook. "By Students. For Students. Forever!"

Meeting Days: Tuesdays 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Voc-Tech Theatre Company

Marianne Morrissey
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Room VITC Office

The Voc-Tech Theatre Company has been in existence since the fall of 2000. We are now in our 18th year, having produced thirty-five plays during that time. Our goal is to put on two full scale Broadway plays during each school year. In the fall, the production is usually a classic drama, comedy or mystery, while in the spring we normally present a popular American or British musical. Open auditions for these productions are held over a three day period approximately two weeks prior to the rehearsal period. Sign-up sheets will also be available for all those students interested in being a part of the Production Crew. Such positions as stage crew, lightning and sound crews and publicity are all a very important part of each show. The Voc-Tech Theatre Company is unlike other schools 'clubs' in that we do not hold weekly or monthly meetings, but we are very active during the rehearsal period and nights of the presentation. Whether you are interested in Production Crew or acting on the stage, no experience is necessary. Professional directors are there to instruct you and help you during the rehearsal period with whatever your needs are, whether it be acting, singing or dance. Auditions are open to all students, freshmen through senior. Listen to announcements and watch for posters going up around the school announcing upcoming auditions and sign-ups. So, if you think you have hidden talent, a talent you have never had the opportunity to explore, or if you currently have theatre experience, consider signing up and being part of putting on live theatre. It's rewarding, exciting and you'll meet a lot of great new friends who share the same goals. For more information, speak to Mrs. Marianne Morrissey in the English Department. Hope to see many of you at sign-ups and auditions for our next production!

Meeting Days: Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday (during rehearsal period)