

Peters Township High School Activities and Athletics Booklet



2010-2011

Part I: Activities

Class Officers



Purpose: Each class has a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Freshman class officers oversee a fund-raiser for their future prom, participate in Homecoming activities, and coordinate the 50 year graduate reception. Sophomore officers plan class participation for celebrations such as Homecoming, the Winter Carnival, and the Mr. PTHS competition. Class fund-raisers include a class T-shirt sale and the annual Easter candy sale. Junior class officers primarily raise money for prom that they sponsor in the spring. They do this by selling magazines and by thinking of other ways to raise funds. A large portion of the year is spent on planning the prom and working with the administration on these events. Senior class officers are responsible for coordinating and overseeing the execution of any duties, events, or activities that involve their class exclusively. Examples include: blood drives, graduation ceremonies, the senior breakfast, and other year-end activities. In addition, the senior class officers organize and host the talent show.

Meetings: Held throughout the year as needed.

Requirements: These officers are elected by their peers. To become a class officer, a student must follow the election procedure established by the sponsor teacher of their class. Each class performs different functions and is in charge of different events. Officers must be members of the class, be in good academic standing, and must also comply with all the specified requirements, including winning an election that is held in the spring for upper classmen and fall of for the freshman.

Sponsors: OPEN- Freshmen
Mrs. Degnan - Sophomore
Mrs. Baker - Junior
Mrs. Hruby - Senior

Computer Club



Purpose: The Computer Club is a computer-based hardware and operating system learning group. Students have opportunities to explore new technologies and practice installations to personally owned equipment. Students are members of a web-based alliance with Microsoft Corporation in which students receive “free” or “extremely low-priced” software licenses for operating systems for PCs and servers, development software, and selected applications such as Visio 2007, Microsoft Access, and Vista Business.

Meetings: Twice per month after school for approximately two hours

Sponsor: Ms. Veltri
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Dance Team



Purpose: Dance Team's goal is to compete in both local and away competitions. Routines are choreographed by both students and choreographers.

Practices: Held 2-5 days a week, depending on the need for practice throughout the year

Requirements: Selected through an open audition each spring

Sponsor: Mrs. Deliere

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America



Purpose: FBLA is the premier organization for students preparing for careers in business and the largest student business organization in the world. FBLA prepares students for "real-world" professional experiences and members gain the competitive edge for college and career success. FBLA members attend conferences and seminars designed to foster the development of business leadership skills. FBLA members have the opportunity to compete and win awards on the local, state, and national levels through participation in the National Awards Program. The Regional Leadership Conference is held in January and the top winners are then eligible to compete for honors at the State Leadership Conference in the spring. Top state winners are then eligible to compete at the National leadership Conference each summer. FBLA sponsor community service projects that contribute to the improvement of home, school, business, and community.

Meetings: The second Tuesday of every month

Sponsors: Mrs. Sekely and Mrs. Lane

Fencing Club



Purpose: The purpose of the Peters Township Fencing Club is to encourage the classical sport of fencing in the District, to provide athletic and leadership opportunities, to build teamwork and strategic thinking skills, and to enhance scholarship opportunities for our students. We practice one each week. Our tournament season consists of six weeks of team competitions in the spring, followed by one week championship play-offs, and an individual championship. Team members must reside in the District, be matriculated in grade 9-12, pass a sports physical, and meet the District's academic standards for the athletic participation.

Meetings: Every Wednesday 3-5pm October until May

Sponsors: Mrs. Bowman

Forensics



Purpose: To promote excellence in public speaking skills and provide interscholastic competition opportunities in speech and debate events. Students earn individual awards and points toward membership and degrees in the National Forensic League Debate and Speech Honor Society. Competitions are held weekly on most Saturdays from October through April, leading to qualifiers for both state and national finals. Categories of competition include Interpretation of Drama, Humor, Prose, or Poetry; Duo Interpretation; Extemporaneous Speaking; Student Congress and Debate.

Meetings: Held one day per week, competitions on Saturdays

Sponsor: Mrs. Crouse

French Club



Purpose: To enhance love of speaking French. Activities include a holiday party, a ping-pong tournament, a movie day, a trip to the Benedum to see plays in French, and guest native speakers.

Meetings: Held once or twice per month for approximately 30 minutes

Sponsor: Mrs. Dodson-Rosenberg

German Club



Purpose: The German club meets to discuss different topics such as holidays, and music. We also compete against the French and Spanish clubs in athletic events.

Meetings: Approximately once or twice a month

Sponsor: Mr. Wilkinson

Law & Government Club



Purpose: Members of the Law & Government club participate in Model United Nations conferences at Duquesne and other local colleges, compete in the PA Bar Mock Trial competition, and meet to discuss current events. Members also have the opportunity to write for a student-produced newspaper, *The Globe and Gavel*.

Meetings: General meetings held monthly, events typically occur from fall to early spring

Sponsor: Mr. Redilla

Library Assistants



Purpose: Students who wish to serve their school may volunteer to be a library assistant during their study halls or before and after school. Students complete such varied tasks as filing magazines, fixing computers, shelving books, and assisting students. Any interested student should see the librarian for additional information.

Meetings: Library assistants help out all year during their study halls

Sponsor: Mrs. Morrison

Literary Magazine



Purpose: The staff of the Literary Magazine is responsible for producing the annual issue of *The Flame*. Art, photography, and literary submissions are accepted from all members of the student body. The staff selects and edits submissions for publication.

Meetings: Vary according to deadlines

Sponsors: Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Boni

Marching Band



Purpose: The PTHS Mighty Indian Marching Band offers students an exciting fall season of musical experiences. The band provides musical entertainment during half-time at all football games and also participates in parades and band festivals in the Pittsburgh area. The band participates in national competitions in different cities.

Meetings: Practices are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Requirements: Sign-ups for instrumentalists are in the winter/spring, or at the first summer practice. Director permission must be granted. The Drill Team and Silk Squad auditions are held in winter to select members for the following fall.

Sponsors: Mr. Barney and Mrs. Fox

Music Society:Tri-M



Purpose: Tri-M is an international music honor society that draws members of the Music Department together in common bonds of more generalized music experiences (i.e. field trips to opera, ballet, symphony, etc. plus participation / attendance at unique musical events in the school and community and service projects utilizing musical talents).

Meetings: One 30-minute meeting a month after school, with occasional events on Saturdays, week-day evenings, and field trips

Sponsor: Mrs. Fox

Math Club



Purpose: The purpose of the math club is to promote Math Applications, Math Competitions, and Math History. Some of these competitions include Pennsylvania Math league, Moody's Mega Math Challenge, American Mathematics Competition, and an Integration Bee.

Meetings: Held 6 times a year from 2:30 - 3:00 PM

Sponsor: Mrs. Canfield

NHS **National Honor Society**



Purpose: The National Honor Society participates in various service-related activities during the school year. The activities include, but are not limited to: tutoring program, various food drives, collections for charities, etc.

Meetings: Held after school once a month for 30 minutes

Requirements: Only those who qualify can be selected to join for their junior/senior year. Candidates are selected with an overall 3.80 GPA. Once selected, students must fill out an application demonstrating scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The application is sent to the faculty council for review. All students selected will be notified by the end of April.

Sponsors: Mrs. Kendrick and Mr. Bastos

Newspaper



Purpose: The staff of *Smoke Signals* is responsible for producing the school newspapers and on-line newspapers. Students fill the positions of reporters, editors, photographers, graphic designers, and business managers.

Meetings: Vary according to production deadlines

Sponsor: Mrs. Sitler

PHASE

**Peters High Association for Scientific
Enrichment**



Purpose: Activities are student-driven and vary from year to year. Basic activities include: individual research projects that may lead to competition in PA Junior Academy of Science and the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, interscholastic team competitions (including the PA Science Olympics and JETS), special interest activities for students interested in engineering, and field trips.

Meetings: Held 3 times per month or on Saturdays for approximately 1-2 hours.

Sponsor: Mr. Compeggie

Photography Club



Purpose: Club is designed to give students a comprehensive background of composition techniques and also provide an opportunity to work with Photoshop, students may submit work to be displayed at the annual "Gallery."

Meetings: Held twice per month after school for 30 minutes

Sponsor: Mrs. Boni

SAD

Students Against Drugs



Purpose: Members are dedicated to raising and promoting drug awareness and healthy choices for teens. SAD co-sponsors Haunted Hallways, hosts anti-drug forums, and raises awareness of teen issues. SAD frequently hosts speakers and heightens alcohol awareness at prom and graduation time. SAD also runs the Campus Connections Program.

Meetings: Held twice a month after school for approximately 30 minutes

Sponsor: Mrs. Gearhart

SAFE

Student Activists for the Environment



Purpose: Members plan activities that improve and raise awareness about the environment. Special events include festivals that involve the environment and participation in the Envirothon. Students are encouraged to educate one another and the larger community about issues that would help the earth.

Meetings: Held twice a month after school for approximately 30 minutes

Sponsor: Mr. Compeggie

Ski Club



Purpose: Ski Club provides an opportunity for its members to take school-sponsored trips to area ski resorts. Approximately 7 to 8 trips are scheduled to Seven Springs from December through March.

Meetings: Held once or twice per ski season

Sponsor: Mr. Burns

Sound & Light Crews



Purpose: The sound and light crews provide sound and lighting services for all auditorium events. Sound and light crew members operate the equipment that is an integral part of performances, such as band and choir concerts, dance recitals, talent shows, and other productions.

Meetings: While there are no regularly scheduled meetings, auditorium events occur mainly on evenings and weekends

Sponsor: Mr. Burns

Spanish Club



Purpose: The Spanish Club promotes the learning of the Spanish language and culture through activities such as salsa dancing lessons, cooking authentic food, conversation hour, movie nights, field trips, eating at authentic restaurants, celebrating Hispanic holidays, and creating murals. In addition we want to help aid Spanish-speaking countries through service projects.

Meetings: Two meetings/activities a month, day varies

Sponsor: Mrs. Bockstoce

Student Council



Purpose: The Student Council represents the student body and serves as a liaison between the student body, PTSA, and the school faculty and administration. The council holds regular meetings with the administration, sponsors the homecoming dance, is involved with fund-raising projects, and performs community service activities, such as the Homecoming activities and the Winter Carnival.

Meetings: Held 1-2 times per month, plus separate committee meetings

Sponsor: Mrs. Duffy

Thespians



Purpose: The Thespian Troupe is an International Honor Society that seeks to advance theatre arts at the secondary school level. The troupe actively participates in and supports the theatrical productions produced by the high school and organizes theatre-related social and educational events throughout the year. They also sponsor an annual Theatre Awards Ceremony/Banquet.

Meetings: Once a month

Sponsor: OPEN

Video Club



Purpose: The Video Club offers exciting, hands-on experience in the creation of video productions. Working with experienced technicians from the community, the students will learn scripting, taping, editing, and producing.

Meetings: Once or twice per month

Sponsors: Mrs. Hodgkin-Frick and Mr. Bastos

Yearbook



Purpose: Students may contribute photographs and copy information to enhance publication.

Meetings: Students can submit information, statistics, stories, or pictures to Mrs. Boni at any time and complete applications to work on yearbook during lunch/study hall sessions.

Sponsors: Mrs. Boni and Mrs. Sitler

Part II: Fall Athletics

Cheerleading: ALL SEASONS



Purpose: Cheerleaders promote and encourage school spirit by leading and performing cheers, making spirit signs, and having pep rallies. Cheerleaders cheer for soccer, football, basketball, and wrestling teams. Cheerleaders must attend summer camps in August.

Practices: Held at least twice a week during the school year for 2 hours. Games are 2-3 times per week. Practices continue throughout the summer twice a week.

Requirements: Tryouts are held each spring to select members

Coach: Mrs. Roberts

Cross Country: Girls' & Boys'



Purpose: The boys' and girls' teams usually practice together and compete against the same schools. They run in one or two meets per week and then participate in invitational meets on Saturdays.

Practices: Every day after school for approximately 2 hours

Coach: Mr. Barr

Field Hockey: Girls'



Purpose: Our mission is to promote growth, focusing on developing player skills and game knowledge, and training young women to be confident and make good decisions under pressure. The team is competitive, maintains the highest standards of good sportsmanship and preserves the integrity of the game

Practices: Held 5-6 days a weeks, after school on the turf at the stadium or on the grass at McMurray Elementary.

Requirements: Tryouts held after a week of conditioning in August

Coach: Ms. Slemmer

Football: Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: The Varsity team plays 10 games and JV plays 8-9 during their season, with Varsity games on Friday nights and JV on Saturday afternoons. The season starts with two weeks of double and triple practice sessions per day. If the team qualifies, it goes onto the WPIAL and PIAA playoffs at the season's end.

Practices: During the season, both teams practice Monday-Saturday and on vacation days for approximately 2 hours

Coach: Mr. Milchovich

Football: Freshmen & Junior High



Purpose: Plays 8 games during their season. Games are usually played on Thursday nights.

Practices: Held 5 days a week and occasionally on Saturdays for approximately 2 hours

Sponsors: Mr. Barbour

Golf: Boys' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: Varsity and JV teams compete in an 18-20 match schedule which includes section, non section and WPIAL team matches/tournaments as well as WPIAL and PIAA individual tournaments. Varsity home matches are held at Rolling Hills Country Club and JV matches are held at Frosty Valley Golf Links.

Practices: Held 5-6 days per week at home courses on non-match days

Requirements: All players must qualify during the qualifying tournament held during the second week of August

Coaches: Mr. Kuhn (Varsity) and Mr. Whalen (JV)

Golf: Girls' Varsity



Purpose: Varsity competes in an 18 match schedule which includes section, non section and WPIAL team matches/tournaments as well as WPIAL and PIAA individual tournaments. Varsity home matches are held at Rolling Hills Country Club.

Practices: 2-3 times per week, depending on the number of matches scheduled. Location is either at Rollings Hills CC, Frosty Valley GC, or at a local driving range.

Requirements: All players must qualify during the qualifying tournament held during the second week of August. Players must be available for the entire qualifying week.

Coach: Mrs. Chastel

Soccer: Boys' Varsity, Junior Varsity & Freshmen



Purpose: JV and Varsity programs compete in an 18-20 game schedule. Home games are played at the high school stadium usually on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday 9th grade program plays a separate schedule of 14-16 games at the high school soccer field.

Practices: Held weekday afternoons, Saturdays, vacation days, and/or weekday evenings.

Requirements: In order to participate, the student must pass physical tests and demonstrate tactical and technical proficiency.

Coach: Bob Dyer (Varsity) and Joe Dyer (JV), Mr. Bergman (Freshmen)

Soccer: Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity



Purpose: Varsity plays 18-20 games and JV plays 14-16 games. Home games are played at the high school stadium or soccer field. Most games are played on Mon., Wed., Fri., or Sat.

Practices: Held every day during the school week, Saturdays, and/or vacation days for approximately 2 hours

Requirements: Interest in playing competitive soccer

Coach: Mr. Verebm(Varsity & JV)

Tennis: Girls' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: The girls' Varsity tennis team participates at the Township Tennis Center while JV typically plays at the high school courts. The team is open to any female student interested in tennis. Only seven girls can play in a match.

Practices: Held Monday through Friday from 3-5 PM

Coach: Mr. Bowman (Varsity) and Mr. Ripepi (JV)

Volleyball: Girls' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: The girls' volleyball team plays a 15 game schedule and also plays in tournaments. JV plays the same schedule as Varsity. Most games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Tournaments are held on Saturdays.

Practices: Held weekdays after school and on Saturdays for 2 hours

Coach: Ms. Green

Part III: Winter Athletics

Basketball: Boys' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: About 22 games are scheduled for Varsity and 18-22 for JV. The basketball team plays in a Tip-Off Tournament and usually participate in a Christmas Tournament.

Practices: Held 6 days per week after school and on vacation days

Requirements: Tryouts are held before the season and players are selected by skill level

Coach: Mr. Goga (Varsity) and Mr. Sussman (JV) Mr. Ed. Rafferty (ASSIT.)

Basketball: Boys' Freshmen



Purpose: 20 game schedule with home games are played at the high school.

Practices: Held 6 days per week for approximately 1-2 hours

Coach: Mr. Seckar

Basketball: Girls' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: The girls' basketball team participates in a 22-24 game schedule that includes a Tip-Off Tournament. The Junior Varsity team plays a 20 game schedule. Practices are held over the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's vacations.

Practices: Held weekdays after school, on Saturdays, on vacation days, or during weekday evenings for approximately 2 hours

Requirements: All grade levels are eligible to try out

Coach: Mrs. Kaylor

Basketball: Girls' Freshmen



Purpose: The girls' basketball team participates in a 22-24 game schedule that includes a Tip-Off Tournament. The Junior Varsity team plays a 20 game schedule. Practices are held over the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's vacations.

Practices: Held weekdays after school, on Saturdays, on vacation days, or during weekday evenings for approximately 2 hours

Requirements: All grade levels are eligible to try out

Coach: TBA

Hockey: (Club Sport) Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: Varsity plays approximately 35 games including a 22 game league schedule; Junior Varsity plays 18 games. This activity is privately sponsored. The hockey club may charge a fee.

Practices: Held on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Games are on Mondays and/or Thursdays. Home games are played at the Ice-O-Plex.

Requirements: Registration and initial tryouts are in May; Final tryouts and Team selection are completed in September. Additional information is available on the Organization's web site- peter-shockey.org

Coach: Mr Rick Tingle

Indoor Track: Boys' & Girls'



Purpose: Training for indoor track includes weight training 2 days per week, technique practice 2-3 days per week, and running 2-3 days per week. Boys and girls work together. Practices are designed for each specific event. Students will letter based on attendance at practices and meets. Indoor track is a great way to stay in shape for other sports.

Practices: Held 2-3 days per week after school, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and sometimes Wednesdays for an hour and a half. The majority of practices are held outside - very rarely indoors. Meets are on Thursdays or Fridays, at Pitt, Slippery Rock University, and Robert Morris University.

Coach: Mr. Scott

Swimming & Diving: Girls' & Boys'



Purpose: The competitive swimming and diving teams compete in a 12-14 meet schedule. Practices are held over the Thanksgiving and Christmas / New Year's vacation breaks. Weight training times will be determined by the coach.

Practices: Held Monday through Saturday.

Coach: Mr. Becki Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Hertung

Wrestling: Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: The wrestling team consists of 14 weight classes. We also have a JV team that competes in its own tournaments. Varsity competes in 3-4 tournaments plus 12 dual meets. Like the Marines, the wrestling team is looking for a few good men who want to test themselves both mentally and physically.

Practices: Held from 3-5 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 am - 12 p.m. on Saturdays

Coach: Mr. Carpetta and Mr. Wheeler

Wrestling: Junior High



Purpose: Practices are held at the middle school and home matches are held at the high school. There are 14 matches scheduled, in addition to 4 tournaments.

Practices: Held weekdays after school for approximately 2 hours and approximately 1.5 hours on Saturdays

Requirements: Grades 7-9 are eligible to participate

Coach: Mr. Buckley

Part IV: Spring Athletics

Baseball: Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: The baseball program consists of 9th grade, Junior Varsity, and Varsity teams. There are approximately 12-18 players on each team. We have a 20-game schedule for each team, but the spring weather usually cancels a few games.

Practices: Held Monday-Friday after school and on Saturdays. Games take place during the week, and occasionally on Saturdays

Requirements: Any student may try out for the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams

Coach: Mr. Maize

Lacrosse: Boys' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: Students will develop basic skills and play strategies in field lacrosse. The team will play a 16-18 game schedule, as well as playoffs. They also participate in one or two invitational tournaments. The season includes weekday games and some weekend tournaments. Practice times depend on the coach's schedule and field/stadium availability.

Requirements: Must participate in tryouts

Coach: Mr. Miller

Lacrosse: Girls' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: Students will develop basic skills and play strategies in field lacrosse. The team will play a 16-18 game schedule, as well as playoffs. They also participate in one or two invitational tournaments. The season includes weekday games and some weekend tournaments. Practice times depend on the coach's schedule and field/stadium availability.

Practices: Held weekdays for approximately 2 hours

Requirements: Must participate in tryouts. All grades are eligible to participate

Coach: Mrs. Eldridge

Softball: Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: Girls' Junior Varsity and Varsity softball programs consist of a 20 game season for Varsity and 14-16 games for JV. Emphasis is on basic throwing, batting, fielding, and running skills during the preseason. Regular season practices emphasize play drills.

Practices: Held weekdays in the evening and some Saturdays or vacation days for approximately 2 hours

Coach: Ms. Rhodes

Tennis: Boys' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: Boys' tennis is a PIAA and WPIAL sport governed by their regulations. The tennis team has a 16 match schedule and players participate in one or two additional tournaments. Members of the team may participate in WPIAL individual or doubles tournaments.

Practices: Held from 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Coach: Mr. Bowman

Track & Field: Boys' & Girls'



Purpose: Spring track includes 11 running events and 7 field events, weight training, and conditioning. There are many opportunities in all areas - most students get to compete in dual meets. Practices are designed for specific events. Practices and home meets are held at the high school stadium. There are 5 major meets throughout the season, and mini meets are held on Saturdays. There are 2 freshman and sophomore only meets, also. Athletes letter based on points.

Practices: Held each weekday after school, from 2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., and on some Saturdays, which are optional

Coach: Mr. Scott

Volleyball: Boys' Varsity & Junior Varsity



Purpose: The boys' volleyball team plays a 14-20 match schedule, and also plays in 2-4 tournaments. The JV and Varsity teams play largely the same schedule. Matches are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and tournaments are on Saturdays.

Requirements: Any student may try out for the JV and Varsity team

Practices: Held Monday-Friday after school for 2-2 1/2 hours

Coach: Mr. Kelly