



# **CLUBS & ACTIVITIES GUIDE**

**2021-2022**

### **Asian Cultural Club**

The Asian Cultural Club is open to all students who are interested in the various cultures of the Asian continent. Through music, cuisine, crafts and activities, students will explore and celebrate different Asian cultures. We aim to promote awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the different ways of life found in Asian cultures.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Peiyu Hakanen  
peiyuhakanen@generalmclane.org

### **Battle of the Books Club**

Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 9-12. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read up to 24 designated books and have fun while competing with peers. Students are placed on teams in a Family Feud style of competition and then demonstrate their abilities and to test their knowledge of the books they have read. In the process, students gain opportunities to develop their leadership and teamwork skills. Students travel to Gannon University for an annual tri-county competition each spring.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Alicia Terrill  
aliciaterrill@generalmclane.org

### **Chess Club**

All are welcome to play chess during activity period in room 114. There are no dues or fees and anyone can join by just coming to play chess.

For more information please contact:

Mr. David Treusch  
davidtreusch@generalmclane.org

### **Envirothon**

Students work in teams of 5 to study environmental topics including forestry, soil and land use, aquatics, wildlife, and a yearly current issue. The Erie County Competition is held in May.

Students meet Tuesdays after school beginning in October and ending in May.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Karen Yonko  
karenyonko@generalmclane.org

### **English Festival**

This annual program promotes and cultivates reading and writing, reaching out to about 3,000 students from Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Prior to the festival, students must read seven books. At the festival, students will meet and listen to noted authors of some of the books they have read, write impromptu essays, collaborate on workshop activities, attend dramatic or artistic performances, participate in "insight" book discussions, and try their skills at language games and "not-so-trivial pursuit" competitions. General festival information: [www.ysuenglishfestival.org](http://www.ysuenglishfestival.org). Students will travel to Youngstown State University in the spring to attend the annual event.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Alicia Terrill  
aliciaterrill@generalmclane.org

### **French Club**

French Club is for any student interested in French language and culture. The club meets once a week to plan and organize events and activities throughout the year as well as planning and fundraising for trips to Europe and Quebec.

For more information please contact:  
Ms. Monica Fritchman  
monicafritchman@generalmclane.org

### **Future Business Leaders of America**

Future Business Leaders of America is a national leadership organization with local, state, and national levels. Student members learn about the free enterprise system, the world of business, and what is expected of them in the workplace through workshops and speakers at conferences.

Students have the opportunity to choose from over 30 events in which to compete at our local level. If students place locally, they may attend the state conference in Hershey, PA. All high school students are eligible to join FBLA by coming to a meeting during activity period and paying the state and national dues.

For more information please contact:  
Mrs. Erin Bentley  
erinbentley@generalmclane.org

### **Gaming Club**

Students can gather during activity periods to play games on student gaming consoles, card games, ect.

For more information please contact:  
Mr. Tyler Stuyvesant  
tylerstuyvesant@generalmclane.org

### **General McLane Acceptance (GMA)**

GM Acceptance is a club that embraces who you are in a safe environment. Our goals are to celebrate individuality, create positive relationships, and promote tolerance within the community. We are always looking for respectful and open-minded individuals to bring new ideas to the club.

Membership is always open!  
For more information please contact:  
Mr. Charlie Haise  
charliehaise@generalmclane.org

### **GM Health & Wellness Club**

The GM Health & Wellness Club is for students who have a strong interest in promoting a healthy lifestyle. The members of the GM Health & Wellness Club will conduct activities to foster the development of positive healthy habits for the General McLane Community. The club meets during activity period and as needed after school to prepare for activities.

For more information please contact:  
Mrs. Heather Basko  
heatherbasko@generalmclane.org  
or  
Mrs. Arianna McCray  
ariannamccray@generalmclane.org

### **GM Lancer Ledger, Student Newspaper**

Students of all grade levels are welcome to participate on the staff of our school newspaper, the Lancer Ledger. Students in the club write articles, take photos, edit student's work, perform web and social media updates, and sell and market the newspaper. Typically our group meets once weekly after school and during Activity Period. Interested students should contact Mrs. Zona in Room 100 for more information.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Toni Zona

tonizona@generalmclane.org

### **General McLane Trap Team**

Come be a part of the General McLane Trap Team. Part of the Pennsylvania State High School Clay Target League, we compete against other High Schools in the great sport of Trap Shooting. This is a Spring sport that has competitions on Sundays at GEM City Outdoorsmen Club. This club does not interfere with other sports and activities making it an easy commitment.

For more information please contact:

Mr. Timothy Snair

timothysnair@generalmclane.org

### **Guitar Club**

Open to all grade levels, Guitar Club offers students the opportunity to meet with other guitar players to learn new songs and techniques. Guitar Club provides members with an informal atmosphere where playing, learning, and having fun are emphasized. It is an excellent opportunity to trade knowledge, play music, make new friends, and have fun! Guitar Club Mission:

To provide students with an opportunity to learn the foundations of proper performance techniques and share their knowledge and enthusiasm for guitar.

For more information please contact:

Mr. Jacob Malec

jacobmalec@generalmclane.org

### **Key Club**

Key Club International is the oldest service program for high school students. A student-led organization, its goal is to encourage leadership through serving others. At General McLane, Key Club meets during activity periods throughout the school year to plan service projects in the school, Edinboro, and McKean. Key Club is largely responsible for helping with the Holiday Crafts Fair each year. Key Club International is a part of the Kiwanis International family of Service Leadership Programs. There is a membership fee of \$14.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Karen Yonko

karenyonko@generalmclane.org

### **Link Crew**

Link Crew is a freshman transition program wherein juniors and seniors serve as "link leaders" for incoming freshmen students. Link Leaders must apply to be a part of the Link Crew and applicants are evaluated and selected by the faculty. Link Crew is a yearlong program that involves intense training and commitment to planning and carrying out activities developed to help freshmen students adjust and transition to high school. Link Crew is a great leadership opportunity for students who are dedicated to making General McLane a great place.

For more information please contact:

Mr. Kevin Wible

[kevinwible@generalmcclane.org](mailto:kevinwible@generalmcclane.org)

Mr. James Delsandro

[jamesdelsandro@generalmcclane.org](mailto:jamesdelsandro@generalmcclane.org)

### **National Honor Society**

Students in 11th and 12th grade may apply to National Honor Society if they are outstanding in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Interested students must have at least a 3.50 GPA and demonstrate strengths in the four areas through their activities and community service. Application does not guarantee acceptance.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Mary Anne Cousins

[marycousins@generalmcclane.org](mailto:marycousins@generalmcclane.org)

### **PJAS (PA Junior Academy of Science)**

Students work individually to apply the scientific method to a problem they create in math, science, engineering, or computer science. Students then present their results at a regional competition with the possibility of qualifying to attend the state competition. Students meet after school until January (regional meet) and possibly into May if they qualify for the state meet. PJAS is open to students in grades 7-12. There is a \$20.00 project fee.

For more information please contact

Mr. Nathan Moore

[nathanmoore@generalmcclane.org](mailto:nathanmoore@generalmcclane.org)

### **RoboBots**

Students design and build a fighting remote controlled robot. The robot will be used to battle robots created by other schools in NWPA. Throughout the process students will use the engineering design process and must meet strict criteria. Participating students should be in, scheduled for, or have taken a technology education class. The group meets after school.

For more information please contact:

Mr. Nick Basko

[nicholasbasko@generalmcclane.org](mailto:nicholasbasko@generalmcclane.org)

### **The Spanish Club**

The Spanish Club is a social club related to all things Spanish and a chance for make new friends. Highlights include crafts, food, music, movies, salsa dancing, and more! Membership is open to those currently or formerly enrolled in Spanish classes at GMHS.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Megan Green

[megangreen@generalmcclane.org](mailto:megangreen@generalmcclane.org)

### **Speech and Debate Team**

The team is part of the National Catholic Forensics League, sponsored locally by Gannon University, and dedicated to supporting high school speech and debate activities for public, private, and parochial high schools in the US and Canada. Students compete in one of seven speech events or four debate events.

For a list of events and competition schedule please contact:

### **STEM Challenge**

STEM Challenge (formerly Ingenuity Challenge) is a problem solving competition organized by grade level 9/10 (CO2 Dragster) & 11/12 (Tug o' War vehicle). It is sponsored by Erie Engineering Societies and hosted by Edinboro University. The event is typically takes place in November.

For more information please contact:

Mr. Nick Basko

nicholasbasko@generalmcclane.org

### **Student Council**

The purpose of GMHS Student Council is to provide students with opportunities for leadership and team building. It is responsible for many of the events throughout the year such as Homecoming, Glow Dance, spirit weeks, elections, charity drives, Mr. GM, Teacher Appreciation, and Senior Breakfast. By becoming a general member of Student Council, students have a platform to voice their opinions and concerns relating to student life. Representation from each grade level is very important for a democratic atmosphere.

For more information please contact:

Mr. Haise

charliehaise@generalmcclane.org

Ms. Fritchman

monicafritchman@generalmcclane.org

### **Students for Christ**

This group gathers regularly to study the Bible and offer support to Christian students. We sponsor the "See You at the Pole" event each September to pray for the school, community, and nation. This group sponsors a winter warm sock collection for the homeless of Erie. We organize the Baccalaureate service each spring to honor GM graduates. SFC meets during activity period. No requirements or dues. Just an open heart and a friendly smile.

For more information please contact:

Mr. Ryan Thompson

ryanthompson@generalmcclane.org

### **The Unified Club**

The Unified Club stems from the Unified Track and Field team, but you do not have to be on the team in order to be in the club. We work to create unity within our school and community by promoting the Spread the Word campaign, hosting Fans in the Stands and many other activities throughout the year. The club meets twice a month.

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Ami laquinta

[amiiaquinta@generalmcclane.org](mailto:amiiaquinta@generalmcclane.org)

### **Yearbook**

The yearbook is produced by a staff of students who enroll in a yearbook course. The staff is responsible for all aspects of publication including fund-raising, sales, marketing, copy writing, photography, and design. Prerequisites include one of the following: Intro. to Journalism, Digital Photography, an "A" or "B" in the most recent English course (preferably the advanced or accelerated levels), or instructor permission. Freelance writing and photography opportunities are available.

To suggest or receive an assignment, interested students should email

Mrs. Bremner or meet with her in room 308.

Mrs. Diane Bremner

[dianebremner@generalmcclane.org](mailto:dianebremner@generalmcclane.org)

## **Academic Letter Program**

At General McLane High School, we value student participation and achievement in extra-curricular activities, and we value academic achievement. Since student athletes have an opportunity to earn a General McLane Letter for participating in a varsity sport, we feel it is important to offer the same opportunity for students who achieve academically and participate in non-athletic extracurricular activities.

To earn an Academic Letter and a Lamp of Knowledge Pin, students in grades 10, 11, and 12 must earn 10.5 points in a one year period. This one year period will be defined as the last nine weeks of the previous school year and the first three nine-weeks of the current school year. Students in grade 9 must earn 8 points in the first three quarters of their freshman year. In order to earn a bar pin, students must accumulate 10.5 points in any subsequent year. Other than quarter four honor roll or Principal's Honor Roll, points do not transfer from year to year.

To earn an Academic Letter, a student will be required to earn a set number of points. The point system can be found under the guidance tab on the General McLane Website.

In addition to the clubs and activities listed in this brochure, General McLane also has many informal clubs/activities that are not listed. Clubs/activities are constantly being created based on the students' interest and needs and may not be represented in this brochure. General McLane High School hosts monthly activity periods for clubs/activities to meet. Please listen to the announcements for clubs/activity information or check the daily announcements on our website ([www.generalmcclane.org](http://www.generalmcclane.org))

### **How to create a club/activity?**

If you are interested in creating a club/activity, please write up a proposal that includes: the club name, faculty advisor, description of the club/activity including the purpose or goal of the club/activity, when & where the clubs plans on meeting, and what General McLane facilities will be needed. This proposal should be written in a letter format to be submitted for Principal/School Board approval.

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