



# BATAVIA HIGH SCHOOL

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



### **Bulldogs Against Destructive Decisions**

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**Ms. Melissa Gaba**

BADD is a chapter of the national organization, Students Against Destructive Decisions. Our mission is to empower young people to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them in their daily lives. The goal of the club was originally taking a stand against drinking and driving, but now expanded to all destructive decisions such as underage drinking, illegal drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide. Club members host events with a focus on living a safe and healthy life, being positive role models, and promoting awareness to influence youth to make positive decisions.

### **Chess Club**

**Wednesdays @ 2:45 in C200**

**Mr. Kirk Tanka**

Competition enables individuals to recognize the importance of their thought processes and to accept the consequences of their own decisions. The goals and objectives for Chess Team and Chess Club is to nurture an interest in chess where students of all abilities can compete. As well as competing in Conference and State Meets, students will also go to elementary schools and help elementary students learn and play chess.

### **Drama Club**

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**Mr. Josh Casburn**

The Drama Club at Batavia High School consists of students participating in drama productions, backstage as well as on stage. These students help design and build all scenery, operate all lighting and sound equipment, apply all make-up, make and handle costumes, design and sell tickets, handle publicity and perform on stage. At least two shows are done a year, one in the late fall and one in the spring. One of the productions is of a musical nature. All students are encouraged to participate.

### **Environmental Club (ECO)**

**Mondays @ 2:45 in D208**

**Mrs. Donna Detrick**

This club is dedicated to preserving and saving the environment. The club's charges include the high school arboretum and other conservation projects.

### **Fishing Club/Team**

**Mr. Brian Drendel**

**Thursdays @ 2:35 in D204**

The Fishing Club's focus is to create a social gathering and competitive fishing team for male or female students in any grade. Club members learn about fish species, fishing techniques, seasonal fish locations as well as many other fishing related topics. The Team meets semi-weekly from September – June with no meetings November - December. The fishing Team will

compete in the IHSA State Bass Fishing (tournament) as well as other tournaments in September, April, May and June.

### **Future Educators of America (FEA)**

**Tuesdays @ 7:10 & 2:45 in C221**

**Mrs. Carolyn Smith**

This is a club dedicated to exploring the field of education and encouraging students to think seriously about the teaching profession. The Batavia High School FEA undertakes many exciting activities including job shadowing, cooperative teaching, service projects, regional and national competitions, as well as visits to universities and corporate training facilities. The FEA holds an annual teacher recognition banquet and selects the BHS Teacher of the Year. Students wishing to participate should be interested in the field of education, administration, coaching, special education, or corporate training.

### **Games Club**

**Thursdays @ 2:45 in C200**

**Mr. Kirk Tanka**

The members of this club play various strategy, board and role-playing games. The club meets twice a week after school and sponsors a day-long game day once a month.

### **Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)**

**Mondays @ 2:40 in C119**

**Mr. Andrew Ray**

The BHS GSA works towards promoting acceptance, understanding, and equality for all people, of all backgrounds. Activities include LGBTQIA awareness campaigns, fundraising for charities, and discussion groups

### **Interact Club**

**Wednesdays @ 2:45 & Thursdays @ 8:00 in A121**

**Mrs. Haley Nickolaou**

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club. By serving the local community and abroad, Interact provides students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, initiative, lasting friendships, and a close working relationship with their sponsoring Rotary club. The members meet weekly.

### **Interfaith Club**

**Thursdays @ 7:30 in B110**

**Mrs. Joanne Piron & Mrs. Deb Gardner**

The Interfaith club is a student led group that provides students of different religious backgrounds to come together and discuss how their faith relates to everyday student life. Interfaith meets every Thursday morning.

### **International Club**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month @ 2:40 in C103**

**Mrs. Lisa Stoneberg**

This is a club made up of students with an interest in foreign language and cultures. It is not limited to foreign language students, however. Student exchange and travel are encouraged through American Field Service, Rotary Club International and Youth for Understanding. The club may also function as a support group for students of foreign extraction.

This organization provides an opportunity for awareness of the many contributions of foreign cultures to American society. Meetings are held at various times throughout the school year. Generally, International Weekend, sponsored by AFS, is held in the fall. This provides opportunity for AFS students from other schools to visit us and share their cultures with Batavia residents.

### **Key Club**

**Tuesdays @ 7:15 & Thursdays @ 2:45 in A101**

**Mrs. Marnie Heim**

This club is sponsored by the Batavia Kiwanis Club and is open to students interested in belonging to a community service organization.

### **Political Debate Club**

**Every of Tuesday @ 2:35 in C110**

**Mr. Joseph Cranston**

Political Debate Club offers students the opportunity to share their thoughts and beliefs about major contemporary issues. The club meets 2-3 times a month and members participate in both informal and formal debates with their peers.

### **Psychology Club**

**Every other Tuesday @ 2:40 in C123**

**Mrs. Jessica Duco**

Psychology Club is an organization designed to foster the advancement of psychological knowledge for its members by providing a relaxed and informal social gathering for people to get together and share their views on psychological issues. The primary goal of this club is to help students better understand themselves, their behaviors, and the world around them. Psychology Club meets every other Thursday after school.

### **Scholastic Bowl**

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**Mr. Dan Renz**

Scholastic Bowl team provides the quick-witted, knowledge-filled student with an outlet for his/her skills and the opportunity to compete non-athletically with Upstate Eight Conference rivals. It is an academic challenge where teams of five students compete against each other, trying to answer academic/trivia questions for points. All students are eligible to join.

### **Spectator**

**Wednesdays @ 2:35 in D108**

**Mr. Troy Murray**

The Spectator is our school newspaper. The Journalism classes make up the staff. Anyone wishing to write for the paper should see the sponsor. The Spectator strives to improve school spirit and teacher-student understanding. The sponsor is responsible for this organization. The graphics class does the printing of the newspaper. The newspaper is distributed monthly.

### **Student Council**

**Fridays @ 7:00 in C215**

**Ms. Lisa Brouch and Ms. Lauren Karalis**

The Student Council is the student government organization in our school. It acts as an aid to student-faculty relations as well as a stimulant to student and civic activities. Members are selected in April. Students interested in membership should

obtain a petition in March and submit the completed petition to the advisor. The entire student council will meet twice a month or whenever necessary. Participation in all student council events is encouraged.

### **Ultimate Frisbee**

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**Ms. Elaine Wendorf**

### **Video Club**

**Tuesdays @ 2:45 in A131**

**Mr. Scott Larson**

Batavia High School Video Club is an opportunity for students (grades 9-12) to learn about video production using a professional television studio and/or portable field gear. Held weekly in A131, students learn how to use the equipment associated with producing a show in a television studio including: studio cameras, a video switcher and a sound board. Other opportunities include learning how to shoot video outside of the studio with digital video cameras and then editing using the digital video editing program, Adobe Premiere in the past, Video Club has produced a short drama, "Luck-E's Loss" as well as two live shows, "Hello Again" and "Time2Watch" that aired weekly on BATV.

### **Yearbook Club**

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Staff members work throughout the school year to produce our school yearbook, which is called the Echo. The yearbook is a collaborative project where students make decisions regarding each aspect of the book's construction. The staff distributes the yearbook in the fall, typically during registration

### **Youth and Government Organization**

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**Mr. William Kettering**

Students who have an interest in government policy and politics will find an outlet in this well-established organization. Sophomore, juniors and seniors are eligible. The program culminates in a three day exercise in our state's Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois. Students draft bills (proposed laws) that they think should be laws in our state. Over 1,000 students from all over Illinois bring their bills to the Capitol to be debated and voted upon. Students elect a governor and run a legislative simulation (mock state government) as close to the real thing as any simulation in the United States. The participation fee is approximately \$400.

*Sponsors can be reached by email using the following format: first name.last [name@bps101.net](mailto:name@bps101.net)*

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