We are offering a variety of student clubs for the 2019-2020 school year. These clubs will meet every Friday during the regular school day. Clubs are limited and will be filled by seniority. Clubs with low enrollment may result in the club not running. Clubs will begin on Friday, September 20, 2019.

**Abhyasa YOGA** - *(Mrs. Riccio and Ms. Lindsey, Advisor)*

Looking for the yoga experience to get energized while helping you build strength and flexibility? This upbeat, creative yoga practice, seamlessly linking breath and movement, will keep you present as you learn to move gracefully in and out of poses. Abhyasa is a Sanskrit word meaning “practice” and refers to a practice that aims at achieving a tranquil state of mind. Utilizing Sun Salutations, strength building and connected movements, this class will help you build confidence stay present and centered. Flowing around the obstacles that come your way, this energetic practice will empower you with the strength to face anything. *(This club is capped at 30 members due to limited resources. If you are involved with school organizations such as FCCLA, please do not join this club as you will take a spot away from a student who can and wants to be at EVERY yoga class.)*

**Achieve/Test Retake Club** - *(Mrs. Williams, Advisor)*

This club is designed as a “drop-in” club for those students who need the time to retake Achieve assessments for their English classes. It will also provide a quiet, judge-free zone to retake or take any missed test, quiz, etc. due to an absence or missed class. Come to Room 402 for some make-up time! Make sure to bring your charged laptop. Also, be sure your teacher contacts Mrs. Williams to get your missed assignment prior to club day.

**African American Culture Club** - *(Mr. McCoy, Mr. Jones and Mr. Campbell, Advisor)*

The goal of the African American Culture Club is to unite all students together by emulating character, leadership, poise and solidarity from one creed, ethnicity and nationality to the other. We believe that all people have the liberty to express their ideas, passions and thoughts in a clear, concise and professional manner.

Our endeavors include: bridging the gap between the academies and programs, as well as the hometown’s within this population; discussing stereotypes, social norms, HBCU’s/college acceptance, college essays, personality conflicts, academic excellence and perseverance at GCIT and abroad; prevailing through poverty; socioeconomic woes; global concerns; composing student directed activities that foster multi-cultural stances; and navigating field trips as one-body, one-mind, one-sound and one-heart.

**Anime Studio Pro Club** - *(Mr. McCleery, Advisor)*

Have you ever wanted to make your own 2D animated movies? From writing the script to laying down the vocal tracks creating the animation, Moho Anime Studio Pro will set you on the path to making your own short 2D animated movies. You can also make a “demo reel” of all of the work you created in class.
Archery Club - (Ms. Snodgrass, Advisor)
The purpose of this club is to introduce students to the basic techniques of indoor target archery. Students will be instructed in the care and use of equipment, range safety, stance and shooting techniques, and scoring and competition. Come join the Archery Club and learn a new sport!

ASE & NATEF Test Preparation Club - (Mr. Hubert and Mr. Hughes, Advisors)
This club is designed for 11th grade Automotive Technology students who are planning to take the ASE exams. All eight areas will be reviewed. This club will also help students prepare for their automotive exit exams.

Badminton Club - (Mr. Cop and Mr. Hahn, Advisors)
This club is for badminton enthusiasts. If you wish to join this club, you must be willing to learn the rules of play, strategy and skills of the game. Students will be taught the rules, skills and etiquette of the sport. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a badminton tournament that will take place throughout the entire semester. If you are interested in badminton and have a competitive attitude, this club is for you!

Chess Club - (Mr. Duncovich, Advisor)
Chess teaches foresight by having to plan ahead, vigilance by having to keep watch over the whole board, and caution by having to restrain ourselves from making hasty moves. Finally, we learn from chess the greatest maxim in life, that even when everything seems to be going badly for us we should not lose our heart, but always hoping for a change for the better, steadfastly continue searching for the solution to our problems. Students of all levels are welcome!

College Readiness Club - (Ms. Wallace, Advisor)
This club will allow seniors a dedicated time to explore college opportunities. They can focus on finding a college that matches their needs (researching colleges using the internet/college guides), the application process (Common App vs. the traditional application), when to declare a major vs. when to apply undecided, information on the admissions process, and essay and scholarship writing. Later in the year as students begin receiving acceptance letters, we will discuss what to expect in college. This will include course offerings, clubs/activities, sororities/fraternities, and other resources available to college students.

Collision Repair/Custom Painting SkillsUSA Club - (Mr. Black and Mr. Novzen, Advisors)
We will be using this club to work with our Collision Repair students (10-12th grade) in preparation for the upcoming SkillsUSA contests. Our areas of focus will be on custom hood painting and collision repair skills. We will be selecting candidates for competition based on score from our in-house run off contests. We approximate a group of 10-12 students in the club. We are looking for students that are committed and motivated to represent GCIT.

Community Yarn Works Club - (Ms. Belding, Advisor)
The focus of this club is knitting or crocheting items for the needy in our community. Instruction for those that would like to learn to knit and/or crochet will be provided. Some crochet hooks are available, although a student may wish to bring in their own needles or hooks to meet the requirements of their particular project. We have donated yarn and will work on projects to fill needs in our community. Ideas include small blankets, hats, amigurumi dolls for nursing home residents, migrant outreach and others.
Concert Band Club - (Ms. Portuese and Mr. Chestnut, Advisors)
Have you been wondering which club you should choose? Have you spent years learning how to read music and play an instrument? Do you wish there was a band class? Well, we don’t have a class, but we have a CLUB! Come join us in our first ever Concert Band Club! We will practice playing and perfecting several holiday tunes in the first semester, then change it up in the second semester. All skill levels are welcome. This is a judgement-free zone, however, the ability to read music is required. You must also own an instrument. Please note that you must transport the instrument to and from school.

Cosmetology Club - (Mrs. Mancini and Mrs. McIntyre, Advisors)
This is a club for Cosmetology students who care about the world we live in and how it “looks”. Students in this club are eager to use their talents to make others look and feel better about themselves. We encourage students to perform cosmetology services on their classmates/fellow club members to perfect their craft and participate in community service projects. Club members will nurture their positive attitude to help others both on and off campus.

The “winter community service project” will be the Cosmetology Fashion Show. Students lead the way as the advisors and the Cosmetology Department will assist them in selecting an organization to receive the donated profits from this fundraiser. The “spring community service project” will be the Cosmetology and Kids event. Students will throw a party for children and their favorite stuffed friend. Members of the community are invited to make a donation to attend a tea party with dancing, crafts and more!

DECA Club - (Advisors to be determined)
Students will be able to role-play to learn and rehearse for future DECA competitions. Students will also use marketing strategies to organize and implement fundraisers. (DECA MEMBERS ONLY)

English Tutoring Club - (Ms. Bagelmann, Advisor)
Students needing help in English classes can come for extra help regarding his/her subject matter. The teacher in the classroom will act as a de facto tutor for the duration of the club period, assisting in homework, classwork, and other assignments as needed. This club could also serve as a place to practice for PARCC, SAT or other state mandated standardized exams.

Environmental Club - (Mr. Mazahreh, Advisor)
The idea of this club is to discover how the human behavior is affecting our environment in a negative way. We will use numbers and facts to show how we are ruining our environment and the impacts in all aspects of life. We will be looking at how to conserve and sustain our important resources (air, water and energy) to reduce our carbon print and save the earth. We will look at the missions of some organizations worldwide to see how they look at the environment and what steps they are taking to save our planet.

FCCLA Club - (Family Career & Community Leaders of America) ~ (Mr. Angarola, Mrs. Arnold, Ms. Oberfrank, Mrs. Clark, Mr. DePasquale, Ms. Sima, Mrs. Kijewski, Mrs. Hassan and Ms. Roantree, Advisors)
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a national youth leadership organization for young men and women in grades 6-12. It is a career technical student organization that has family as its central focus. FCCLA’s mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer science education.
**Fitness Club - (Mr. Peifer and Mr. Hennessey, Advisors)**
This club allows students to explore the fitness center and learn new or refine weight training skills. Students will learn specific principles to gain strength and build muscle, along with how to improve cardiovascular endurance. Students will get the opportunity to apply the skills they learn in the fitness center.

**Forensic Science Club - (Dr. Anderson, Advisor)**
The Forensic Science Club will introduce club members to the scientific techniques used in forensic analysis and crime scene processing. Sub-disciplines include ballistics, spatter analysis, entomology, histology, fingerprint analysis and more. Students will start their investigations in week-to-week mini projects during the first semester. In the second semester, students will use what they have learned to solve a semester-long “murder mystery” for which evidence will be presented on club days throughout the remainder of the school year. Students will end the year with a presentation of their findings and (hopefully) figure out who committed the crime.

**Fundraising Club - (Mrs. Ruczynski and Ms. Souders, Advisors)**
Students will assist with fundraisers in which they can earn money to use for payments toward junior and senior trips. Students will help with fundraising ideas, as well as distributing information about upcoming fundraisers to their classmates.

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club - (Mr. Retzbach and Ms. Rideout, Advisors)**
The purpose of this club is to promote business and technology outside of high school classes. During club, we will sign up for events, practice/study for the events, and prepare for regional, state and national competitions. This is open to anyone with an interest in business or technology.

**History Club - (Mr. Kijewski and Mr. Holland, Advisors)**
The History Club aspires to make history interesting and exciting for students in all grade levels. Experiencing history through field experience, text reading and writing are the primary goals of the club. Our goal is to visit the history rich sites found in the tri-state area, including the Museum of the American Revolution, the Constitution Center, Fort Mifflin, Fort Delaware, Red Bank Battlefield and many other places of historic interest. In association with the nationally recognized history club, we will also work to create exemplary works of history for publication in “The Concord Review” (the only publisher of history essays from high school students). The process will start with the creation of an original thesis and the gathering of evidence to support this thesis. We will then move toward the writing and completion of the essay. Students who are interest in research and writing may find this club of interest.

**History Tutoring Club - (Ms. Norris, Advisor)**
Students needing help in History classes can come for extra help regarding his/her subject matter. The teacher in the classroom will act as a de facto tutor for the duration of the club period, assisting in homework, classwork, and other assignments as needed.
Homework Club - (Ms. O’Hara and Ms. McConnell, Advisors)
Homework Club offers students additional time to complete homework they may have missed or complete assignments that may require additional time or help. Students may also bring make-up work or extra credit work to complete during club time. (This club is limited to 12 students.)

HOSA - Health Occupation Students of America Club - (Mrs. Graff, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Sobolewski, Advisors)
HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education. HOSA’s mission is to promote health career opportunities and enhance the delivery of quality healthcare to all. In HOSA, students prepare for their chosen competitions through study or hands-on activities. These competitions range from knowledge tests to skills tests. We welcome anyone pursuing a career in healthcare to join this club.

Independent Fitness Club - (Mr. Ruczynski, Advisor)
This club is designed for students who are enrolled in Independent Fitness III or IV (it is strongly encouraged that you enroll if you are enrolled in this course.) The goal of this club is to keep the students up-to-date on assignments and announcements so they stayed informed. If you enroll in this club, you will be given the opportunity to complete your assignments for the class during club time and you will be able to complete your required fitness testing during this time. You will also be given the opportunity to work out on days that a fitness assessment is not scheduled. This is an excellent opportunity for students to improve upon their fitness test score and overall grade in the course!

Independent Reading Club ~ (Mrs. McPeak, Advisor)
Do you love to read and just don’t have the time between school work, extracurricular activities or jobs? Use the club hour to read for pleasure! This club will offer a quiet, relaxing space to get some reading done. Free from talking or distractions, join this club if you just need some silence and “you” time in your life away from your phone, your commitments and your worries.

Intro to Cosmetology Club - (Mrs. Kerney, Advisor)
This club is designed for a student NOT in the Cosmetology Program. If you ever wondered how to do a braid, style hair or paint your nails, then this is the club for you. Students will study the basic fundamentals and concepts that can be applied for personal use. It will help you look your best when going for that job interview.

This club will place an emphasis on the creative skills that are needed in this evolving area of Cosmetology. The cognitive abilities addressed in this club include thinking skills with emphasis on problem solving, safety, and decision making. Competencies include, but are not limited to: safety and sanitation; personal care; braiding; creative styling; basic styling techniques; up do; blow drying styling; rollers set; comb out; thermal curling; pressing; basic manicure; hot oil manicures; hand and arm massage; scalp massage; paraffin manicures; nail art; skin care and facials; and make-up techniques. (This club is limited to the first 23 students to sign up.)

Key Club - (Mr. Haldeman, Mrs. Sleiminger and Mrs. Megara, Advisors)
Key Club is a service organization which is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. Key Club’s objective is the development of initiative, leadership ability, and good citizenship practices. This club functions not only on the local level, but also on a district and international level. Students will be encouraged to participate in many Key Club volunteer projects. Dues in the amount of $17 are required.
**Law Enforcement Club - (Mr. Grant, Advisor)**
This club will explore the many careers in law enforcement and the duties and responsibilities of police officers. Guest speakers may be invited to speak to the Club. Various videos will be shown that will demonstrate the skills of officers in action.

**Latin Tutoring Club - (Ms. Matter, Advisor)**
Current Latin students in any level are invited to seek extra help during the club period. This is the time to take make-up tests, go over specific questions on assessments, and review concepts for upcoming assessments.

**Magic, The Gathering Club - (Mr. Kahan, Advisor)**
Magic, The Gathering is a popular trading card game. This club allows current players of MtG and other social games (particularly those games that rely on and develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills) the ability to meet and play. It will also give new players the opportunity to learn the game. Commander and Standard are popular formats played during club. Decks are available for those interested.

**Math Tutoring Club - (Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Griffin, Tutors)**
Students needing help in mathematical classes can come for extra help regarding his/her subject matter. The teacher in the classroom will act as a de facto tutor for the duration of the club period, assisting in homework, classwork, and other assignments as needed. This club could also serve as a place to practice for PARCC, SAT or other state mandated standardized exams.

**Mind Flex Club - (Mr. Heil, Advisor)**
Based on the popular National Geographic television series, Brain Games, students will explore the power of the mind. We will put our brains to the test using interactive illusions, puzzles and experiments to better understand the mystery of how the mind processes information from the world around us.

**National Honor Society for Dance Arts Club - (Ms. Stahl, Advisor)**
The mission of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts is to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in students studying dance. In addition, the honor society is set up to foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige.

Induction into the NHSDA is earned through the accumulation of points awarded for meritorious work in dance that meets the honor society's general guidelines and on the basis of GPA. In addition, the prospective student's demonstration of collaborative teamwork, motivation, and leadership in the many aspects of dance (e.g., choreography, performance, mentoring, production) are factors in the determination of eligibility for induction.

Students applying this year must have dance experience at GCIT and an outside studio. Students must be able to produce written documentation on all experiences. Upon acceptance, students will also have to pay a nominal fee.
**Philosophy Club** - *(Mr. Morris, Mr. Roff and Mr. Gaver, Advisors)*
The GCIT Philosophy Club seeks to foster philosophical discussion among interested students in an informal, student-friendly environment. It aims to provide students an outlet for discourse about philosophical questions that are important to them. Throughout the school year, the Philosophy Club will view selected entries from the PBS on-line video series, “Crash Course Philosophy with Hank Green”. Additionally, there will be some focus on constructing, defending and defeating logical arguments.

Leave all aspects of “normality” at the door and be prepared to discuss a variety of topics that promote the ideas of peace, love and acceptance in our academic community. Complete with peer counselors, P.L.A.Y. Club is a student ran safe haven for LGBTQ+ students and allies. Each week, we will educate our members on various topics related to the LGBTQ+ community through presentations and discussion. P.L.A.Y. Club is open to anyone interested in participating.

**PowerSports - Skills USA Club** - *(Mr. Knorr, Advisor)*
This club is for PowerSports (Small Engine Technology) students who will be competing in PowerSports related SkillsUSA competitions this school year. Those competitions include Marine Technology, Power Equipment Technology and Motorcycle Technology. Students must pay a Skills Club fee or participate in the Skills Club fundraisers to be eligible.

**Random Acts of Kindness Club** - *(Mrs. Kohn and Mrs. McNamee, Advisors)*
The Random Acts of Kindness Club will strive to make high school a little more pleasant for students and staff by conducting uplifting campaigns, activities and projects. The focus being how individuals can make a big difference by their everyday actions.

**Reading and Writing Club** - *(Ms. DeVore, Advisor)*
During the Reading and Writing Club, students will be offered assistance in two areas:

1. **Comprehension** - Comprehending any literary piece they may have difficulty reading.
2. **Writing** – Whether it is essay writing, research paper writing, story writing or simply conveying one’s thoughts onto paper.

Grammar issues will also be tackled and general help given for homework and/or make-up classwork.

**Reading the Movies Club** - *(Ms. Garbarino, Advisor)*
Students will be exposed to a wide array of films that tie in with current/historical events, as well as films that convey a strong message. We will analyze the choices of the writer/director and discuss the tone/overall mood of the film. The students will complete various film comparisons, debates, and presentations.
**Renegade Squadron Club - (Mrs. Bryant-Andujar and Ms. Rhea, Advisors)**

This club is for students who are serious about the military, discipline, self-respect and respecting others. The purpose is to educate and train high school students who show an interest in leadership and a strong sense of character. The Renegade Squadron will focus most of their training in leadership, cooperation and teamwork building activities, as well as exploring the history of various military branches of all countries. Discussions of current events locally and globally will take place.

**NOTE:** All members should be willing and prepared for physical conditioning and activities that include some adventure fitness, recreational games, running, push-ups and other core exercises.

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**SkillsUSA Community Service and Competition Club - (Mrs. Terpolilli, Mrs. Grant, Ms. Daniello, Mr. Roskiewich, Mr. Pacifico, Mr. White, Jr., Mr. Eppolito, Mr. White, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Hoolahan, Mr. March, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Daniello, Advisors)**

This club will be open to **ALL STUDENTS**. Students will have the opportunity to help prepare and participate in various community service activities. Students will also be preparing for upcoming SkillsUSA trade related and leadership competitions that are held each year in early spring. Advisors will assist and guide students as they prepare for their competitions.

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**Soccer Club - (Mr. Tesfazghi, Advisor)**

The Soccer Club offers a number of opportunities for students in recreational and competitive soccer. The club assists in developing soccer techniques and builds strength of character to students. It will also promote successful group dynamics in pursuit of a common goal among students, discipline, fitness and camaraderie.

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**Song Writing Club - (Mr. Taylor, Advisor)**

This club is designed to develop songwriting using both lyrics and music. We will explore melody, harmony and lyric writing. We will also discuss how to record using technology, market, and set up performances for your music. Please bring guitars if you have them, preferably acoustic. There will be a keyboard for use.

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**Spanish National Honor Society Club - (Ms. Bennett and Ms. Delphey, Advisors)**

The Spanish National Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica) is an academic honor society focused on Spanish language excellence in secondary education and promotes a continuity of interest in Spanish studies. Its motto is “Todos a una!” = “All Together for One Goal”. The SHH is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. At present, there are over 2000 national and international chapters.

Any secondary school student who has maintained an honor average in the study of Spanish for a minimum of three semesters and is in the 10th grade or higher is eligible to be a member of the SHH.

In the spirit of our mission, each year the SHH contributes more than $150,000 in awards to student members of the SHH. The most prestigious of the awards are college scholarships given to 60 high school senior SHH members and the Student Travel Awards given to 24 high school junior SHH members.

The GCIT Chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society will meet weekly. The membership meetings will focus on community service initiatives, fundraising programs, and participation in Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica programs and competitions.
**Student Choir Club - (Ms. Kyle, Advisor)**
So, you like to sing? Then come out and expand your vocal range and musical interpretation in Student Choir. We will sing in all musical styles including the hooks on gospel rap, the runs in contemporary, and the country drawls in bluegrass. We will review basic music theory and note reading to improve our understanding of a cappella, harmonic, and instrumental vocalization. Even if you are only a shower singer, we invite you to come and sing with us!

**Student Council Club - (Mrs. Yanni, Mrs. DeVito, Mr. Heck and Mr. Wenzel, Advisors)**
GCIT Student Council desires to promote and provide leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower student leaders to serve their school and community. Student Council Club plans, makes decisions and volunteers at events such as Spirit Week, Powderpuff, Mr. GCIT, Homecoming, and various other fundraisers throughout the year. Class representatives for each grade level must be enrolled in Student Council Club, as well as the Executive Board.

**The Write Stuff Club - (Mrs. Michael, Advisor)**
If you wish you had more time to write, then this is the club for you. Journal writing, narratives, poetry and techniques will be the focus of weekly talks, writing and sharing. Following discussion, students will write at length in a calming atmosphere. Participants will need to bring writing notebooks and their creative juice cup each week.

**Thespian Club - (Mrs. Lynch-Walsh, Mrs. Palomo and Ms. Knoblock, Advisors)**
Members of the International Thespian Society are comprised of actors, dancers, singers and technicians committed to excellence in the Arts. During club time, they will be given the opportunity to prepare and critique college audition material, as well as develop cabaret and competition pieces. They will work to support such charities as Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat and Equity Fights Aids.

**Club members must be:**
- Students currently inducted into Troupe 5480.
- Students applying this year AND have one year experience in some capacity of performance or technical work on a show at GCIT. These students must also audition and pay a nominal fee.

**World Language Tutoring Club - (Mrs. Eppolite and Ms. Bazurto, Tutors)**
Are you having trouble in your foreign language classes? Do you need help understanding certain concepts better, need help with your homework, or maybe you need help studying for a test? Come in for tutoring so you can start having success in your foreign language classes.