

## **Clubs and Activities**

Students are encouraged to participate in all Durfee extracurricular activities. Since many of these activities involve time, which is spent over and above the regular school day, these activities should never be allowed to detract from a student's primary focus, which is to obtain a quality education.

The following clubs are available to promote the varied interests of students. For information on meetings, read the morning bulletin, check the message board in the cafeteria, or contact the club advisor. If students have an interest in developing a club or activity that is not listed below, see your grade administrator to determine how to start this process.

### ***General Clubs and Activities***

#### **Art Club**

Membership in the Art Club is open to all students of Durfee High School, especially those who want to broaden their knowledge of the Arts. Meetings are held monthly. The club is also involved in fund raisers and trips.



#### **Asian Club**

The purpose of the club is to develop the student's knowledge of Khmer Culture and language. Activities include a Khmer New Year's Celebration and other culturally significant events during the school year.

#### **Astronomy Club**

Membership is open to all students who have an interest in astronomy, particularly to those who would like to expand their knowledge about current happenings in the universe. Meetings are held monthly.

#### **Connecting Cultures Club**

Membership is open to all students with an interest in promoting multi-cultural awareness and cultural diversity. The goal is to bring awareness to both the student body and the community through

involvement in cultural celebrations, field trips, and community events. Connecting Cultures Club meetings are held on a bi-weekly basis.

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### **Cosmetology Club**

Membership is offered to sophomore, junior and senior students enrolled in the Cosmetology program. The club's purpose is to allow students to experience the endless opportunities the Cosmetology industry has to offer. Activities include attendance at several beauty shows as well as various opportunities for volunteer work. Meetings are held monthly.

### **Fashion Club**

The fashion club is open to all students interested in the world of fashion. The club's purpose is to promote an interest in the history

of fashion, the constant changes exhibited in our culture's/society's fashions and the ability to use a form of art to express one self. The club allows students to promote cultural diversity, express their individuality through today's latest fashions, apply problem solving skills, collaborate and develop the knowledge and skills necessary to clearly express their ideas.

### **Fishing Tackle Club**

This club will be designed to meet the needs and experience level of the group. Participants will gain or enhance their knowledge of fishing and tackle preparation with respect to: 1) local saltwater species such as flatfish, blackfish, scup, striped bass, bluefish, sea bass, summer flounder, mackerel and cod; 2) freshwater species such as large and small mouth bass, trout, perch, pickerel, pike, salmon, and catfish.

### **French Club**

Membership is open to all students who have taken or are currently taking French. The club's purpose is to increase the student's knowledge of French culture and language. Activities include visits to mansions, museums, plays, and other special events.

### **Forensics Club**

Membership is open to all students who are interested in any field of forensic sciences. Activities include discussing famous case studies, labs, and field trips.

### **Future Educators Of America Club**

Membership is open to all students who are interested in pursuing a career in teaching. The club is a charter member of the Future Educators of America (FEA). Club activities include participation in the annual FEA Conference, fundraising activities, teacher

shadowing, and the annual Teacher Academy Showcase Day held at the end of the school year. Meetings are held monthly.

#### **Gay Straight Alliance**

The Gay/Straight Alliance is a confidential group for Lesbian, Gay, Straight, Bi-Sexual and Transgender students. The group advocates support and acceptance for all. Students may become involved in speaker training workshops, equal rights causes, social events etc.

#### **Green Team**

The Green Team is a group of students and teachers who lead the school and community toward sustainable solutions to environmental problems. The Green Team meets regularly and organizes an annual Green Week in the spring. Additionally, the Green Team goes on field trips to various sites to help our local community and to improve our understanding of the natural world.

#### **Hip-Hop Club**

This club meets every other week and is open to all students interested in today's hip-hop culture. The club incorporates all four elements of hip-hop (MCing, DJing, B-Boying, and Graffiti Art). Our members focus mostly on hip-hop dance styles. Interested students must be open-minded and must willingly embrace diversity. All members are encouraged, but not required, to

showcase their talents at school functions like the fall pep rally and other athletic events.

**Mathematics Team**

Membership is open to all students, especially to those who enjoy a challenge in mathematics. As members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Mathematics League, members will compete in six math contests meets each year. Each contest is given after school for half an hour and consists of six questions from across all of High School Math. Recognition is given to the highest scorer from the school and for consistent commitment to the team.

**Peaceful Coalition**

Membership is open to all students. Participants meet weekly to discuss and develop strategies to deal with conflict in a non-violent manner. Participants assist others in school and in the community to make positive choices and act as role models for younger students.

**Photography Club**



The Camera Club is open to all students. The club's purpose is to perpetuate an interest in Black and White Photography. Various trips of interest are taken each school year to encourage participation. Monthly meetings are held for the members.

### **Portuguese Club**

Membership is open to all students who are taking or have taken Portuguese class. The club's purpose is to increase students' knowledge of the Portuguese language and culture. Meetings are held monthly.

### **Science Club**

The Science Club welcomes any student who is interested in exploring all aspects of science, nature, and the world we live in. We investigate natural phenomena and conduct experiments while emphasizing the fact that Science is fun! Meetings are held biweekly and include a year-end field trip.

### **Shakespeare Festival Committee**

Membership is open to all students. The club's purpose is to provide leadership and organizational opportunities in planning and producing a Spring Shakespeare Festival.



### **Ski And Snowboard Club**

Membership is open to all students regardless of previous skiing/snowboarding experience. The purpose of the club is to provide the opportunity for students to learn and participate in the sport of skiing and snowboarding. The club meets once a month starting in September. Each year the club plans six, one day trips to different destinations in New England.

### **Spanish Club**

Membership is open to all students who are taking or who have taken Spanish and are interested in Spanish culture. The club's purpose is to expose students to the Spanish language and culture by participating in a variety of cultural activities. This will allow students to experience the Spanish language and culture outside the traditional classroom setting. Activities include attending performances of Spanish plays/dances, visiting of different

museums, and dinner at a Spanish or Mexican restaurant. Meetings are held monthly.

**Student Government**

The Student Government is an elected body of student representatives set to offer the student voice to school administration and community, sponsor community building events within the school, and engage in projects for the benefit of the

school community. Students eligible for election to Student Government will be in good academic standing and have no disciplinary infractions on their record. Elections for the following academic year will take place in June, with freshman officers being elected in late September when they enter Durfee.

### **Seniors Helping Freshmen**

A two year program whereby upper-class students are trained to serve as leaders, ambassadors, and mentors for members of the incoming freshman class. These students meet regularly with their mentees to assist in their transition to high school and to assure that their freshman year will be as successful as possible.

### **Wildlife Club**

Membership is open to all students interested in the field of wildlife. The purpose of the club is to increase students' knowledge of wildlife from all around the world. The club will meet every other week.

### **Video Club**

Membership is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors who wish to learn T.V. production skills. Members of the club will assist in the production of the video yearbook.

### ***Music and Theater Activities***

#### **Chorus**

Chorus is for all who enjoy singing. The group meets once a week for 1 and 1/2 hours. Students learn a varied repertoire in 4-part harmony. Each semester culminates in a concert performance. There is a Choral Festival and field trip at the end of the year.

#### Concert Parade Band (Band)

The Concert Parade Band performs at all home football games, winter and spring concerts, area parades, and other civic functions.





Membership is open to all who play an instrument and are enrolled in the music program. Members must be able to attend after-school rehearsals throughout the year.

**Field Show Band (Drill Band)**

The Field Show Band performs at all home football games, competes in area marching band competitions and festivals, being adjudicated in musical performance, visual effect and marching technique. Members must be able to attend Band Camp (usually within August) and after-school rehearsals during the football season.

**Jazz Band**

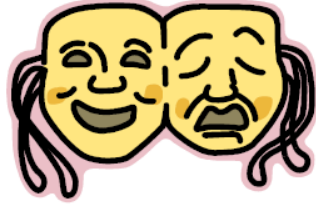
The Jazz Band performs at winter and spring concerts, at least one adjudicated festival, school events, and civic functions. Membership is open to all who play an instrument and are enrolled in the music program.

**Strings**

Membership is open to those students enrolled in Durfee Orchestra

and String Orchestra classes. Members of Durfee Strings are required to perform at two concerts and various other functions throughout the school year.

### **Theatre Company**



Membership is open to everyone at B.M.C. Durfee High School all year long. Students will work on a variety of productions during the entire school year. A parents' group helps the club and every club member must commit to fundraising to support the productions. Meetings are after school on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month and rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays in the evening and Tuesday afternoons. Possible productions include a musical, an annual Drama Competition piece a School-wide Talent Show, and other events throughout the year. Students who are interested in backstage work as well as performing on stage are always welcome. We need a wide range of talents of many kinds from a lot of people.

### ***Pep Squads***

**Cheerleaders: Varsity & Junior Varsity**



The Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading squads will support athletics during the fall and winter seasons – typically, but not limited to: football, basketball, and wrestling. They may also perform at other school functions and events, and compete seasonally as seen appropriate by the coaching staff. Teams will be chosen for the fall season at the end of the previous school year, as well as try-outs at the beginning of both the fall and winter sports seasons. All cheerleaders need to re-try out at the beginning of each season. A practice squad may be formed based on student interest. The practice squad supports freshmen athletics; students do not need to be freshmen to make this team. Students of all grades are eligible for teams, as long as they are academically eligible.

### **Color Guard (FRONT LINE)**

The Color Guard is open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Auditions are held in the spring of each year for membership for the following year. The group performs with the Field Show Band and the Concert Parade Bands at games, parades, and other functions

### ***Student Publications***

B.M.C. Durfee High School of Fall River provides opportunities for students to get involved in a number of publications including a monthly newspaper, a literary magazine, and a yearbook. The school's Publications Center, located in the IMC, is well equipped with Macintosh computers to allow for desktop publishing. Although most students enroll in either one or both of the journalism courses, the program allows and encourages other

students to submit material to any of the publications. There is also a Press Club, which makes the offerings accessible to all students.

### **Durfee Hilltop**

The school newspaper, the Durfee Hilltop, is a 12-24 page tabloid which is published twice each month and funded by advertising that is solicited by the student staff members. An editorial board oversees its content with the guidance of the newspaper advisor. In addition to developing writing and editing skills, students can also work with photography, business, and graphic design, using desktop publishing programs on Macintosh computers.

### **Durfee Yearbook**

The school yearbook is also produced using industrial desktop publishing software with both student and professional photography. While the staff is made up primarily of seniors, other

students are encouraged to help produce the volume.

**Literary Magazine**

Students who are interested in creative writing, illustration, or design are able to submit manuscripts to the Phoenix Nest, Durfee's literary magazine. The Phoenix Nest promotes creativity and accepts submissions in a multitude of genres and forms. The club meets monthly in the library to discuss works in progress and prepare the magazine for its annual publication.

**Press Club**

The Press Club is the social and fund-raising arm of B.M.C. Durfee publications. Money is raised to fund purchases and journalism trips. This club is open to all students.