



AFTER – SCHOOL CLUBS 2019 – 20

FORENSICS (open to students of B Gymnasium and above)

Club Advisors: Ms. F. Deliyannis, Ms. G. Deligiannis

Day and Time: Saturday 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Debate 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Oral Interpretation & Duet Acting 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (for ½ hour, by appointment arranged with the Club Advisors))

The students who choose to join in this Club will learn to speak skillfully in public in the English language, taking part in various “speaking events,” and will have the opportunity to compete in the Panhellenic Forensics Tournament, in which Pierce students have been honored numerous times with many awards and honorable mentions.

The speaking events include Debate, Duet Acting and Oral Interpretation of Literature.

ORCHESTRA

Club Advisor: Mr. O. Chatzinakis

Day and Time: Wednesday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m

The goal of the Orchestra is to develop students’ musical skills as well as to express their emotions. At rehearsals, students learn to work together, to improvise, to create and perform pieces of music from a particularly varied repertoire, sometimes, even pieces written especially for the students. Members of the Orchestra, either on their own or in collaboration with the school Choir, take part in musical events both on and off campus.

CHOIR

Club Advisor: Ms. Th. Panagopoulou

Day and Time: Wednesday: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The Choir cultivates in our students the joy of group singing and aims to develop their vocal skills, while at the same time also developing the principles of team spirit and collaboration. The members of the Choir express themselves artistically through songs from the Greek and foreign repertoire. In the 85 continuous years of the Choir’s history, it has taken part in concerts and programs both on and off campus, often in collaboration with the Orchestra.

GREEK DRAMA CLUB

Club Advisor: Ms. M. Salliari

Days and Times: Wednesday & Friday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The goal of this Club is to familiarize students with the entire process of theatrical production (acting, directing, scenery, costumes, music, lighting), to collaborate with a multi-dimensional team in which all members are dedicated to their common goal. The members of the Greek Drama Club develop their abilities, undertake initiatives, gain self-confidence, share the important experience of performing in front of an audience through a complete performance and, most significantly, broaden their knowledge about the Theater, while at the same time becoming more artistically aware.

GREEK RHETORIC CLUB

Club Advisors: Mr. P. Vasilopoulos, Mr. P. Polydoropoulos

Day and Time: Saturday 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Talking about rhetoric, in the context of rhetorical competitions, we are referring to the ability to use the spoken word both for prepared speeches and in situations in which spontaneous and improvised speech is required. Rhetorical skill, which is cultivated through systematic practice in the speaking events (oral interpretation, impromptu speaking, group discussion, persuasive speaking, debate) are essential for the development of critical thinking, substantiated argumentation as well as team work.

In particular, debate competitions especially cultivate research skills on current and timeless issues and more generally form the personality of participants by strengthening their broader intellect.

DAYS OF THE ARTS

Club Advisor: Mr. I. Tsatalis

Day and Time: Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

In the Spring of 2014, our School, in collaboration with other schools, public and private, inaugurated a Festival of cultural events, called “Days of Art.” This Festival took place again during the 2015-16 school year, with the theme: “Water, source of life, cause or war!” and in 2018 – 19, with the theme “Women through the ages and in Art.”

During the 2019-20 school year, the 4th student artistic festival (Days of Art 2020) will be held and will include a program of cultural events: creations from every area of Art and artistic activity (theatrical performances, painting exhibitions, sculpture, song, dance, oral interpretation of literature, video, installations, etc.), with a common theme, which this year will be the fairy tale and its multidimensional presence in the cultures and traditions of all nations and of all times. Whether as tales or as myths or legends, these short allegorical imaginary stories will bring the participating schools together at the Festival under the title: “Once upon a time...”

With these artistic activities, we seek to initiate our youngsters into the secrets of the Arts and the value of participation and collaboration, as well as making them aware of issues of social concern, continuing the tradition of our school in the service of the Arts and the diverse mental and intellectual cultivation of our students.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CLUB

Gymnasium Club Advisor: I. Minas

Day and Time: Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Lyceum Club Advisor: P. Sfyris

Day and Time: Wednesday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The mission of Junior Achievement is to promote the entrepreneurial spirit and culture among Gymnasium and Lyceum students of The American College of Greece. The Club operates in the context of Junior Achievement Greece with the approval of the Ministry of Education.

The Club provides for the establishment and operation of a student virtual business, according to the operating model of a corporation. In the Club, students prepare and submit their own business plan, aimed at implementing all aspects of a modern business (product design, production, marketing, sales).

Active participation in this virtual business contributes to students’ developing important social, administrative, entrepreneurial, organizational, communication and interpersonal skills. This participation is a basic component of a student’s CV and a valuable tool in his/her future academic and professional pursuits. Students have the opportunity to identify and develop talents and interests, to correlate theory with practice, to come in contact with the actual

operation and problems of a modern enterprise. There will be participation in Greek and Panhellenic competitions.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Club Advisors: Mr. F. Katsochristos, Mr. S. Katsoulis

Day and Time: Monday 3:30 – 5:00 p.m

In the Robotics Club, students learn to construct and program a robot, utilizing the equipment in our school's Computer Labs. With a vision of technological innovation, educational robotics is an activity that helps students to discover talents and skills, to work collaboratively and to become familiar with technology, automation and robotics. The club's ultimate goal is to prepare students for preparation in the Panhellenic Robotics Competition (<http://wrohellas.gr/>), which takes place every year, with schools from all around Greece participating. The winners of the competition in each category (Elementary, Gymnasium, Lyceum, and Open) represent our country in the Robotics Olympiad (<http://www.wroboto.org/>). Within the club, the students create teams of two or three and each team is called upon to construct a robot using LEGO Mindstorms NXT materials. Then in the programming environment of LEGO, they program their construction so that it can carry out given activities – trials. The College provides the necessary equipment.

During the 2017-18 school year, the Rest in PC's team, which consisted of B Lyceum students and members of the Pierce Robotics Club, Michael-Angelos Gouvelis, George Sazaklis and Kyriakos Stratakos, achieved 1st place in the final round of the Educational Robotics Olympiad WRO™ 2018, representing Pierce and Greece at the Robotics Olympiad and achieved 4th θέση worldwide!

DIAMOND CHALLENGE CLUB (Lyceum)

Club Advisor: M. Theodosopoulos

Day and Time: Thursday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

This is an entrepreneurship competition for Lyceum students from all around the world. It takes place under the auspices of the University of Delaware Horn Entrepreneurship and provides students with a unique opportunity to get a closer look at business culture by putting their ideas into practice. Our school will host the Final of the Greek competition (Diamond Challenge Pitch Host) for public and private schools around the country. Students will create teams of two to four and will submit their ideas in the area of Social Innovation. The teams that qualify from each country will take part in the Final (Diamond Challenge Summit), at the University of Delaware, in April 2020. For further information, see the link: <https://diamondchallenge.org/>

MAKERS SPACE MAKERS (Lyceum)

Club Advisor: Ms Lucy Hudson – Christidis

Day and Time: Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

This Club will develop the student's problem solving and creative skills; whilst developing their understanding and capability with design and manufacturing.

The students will be given the opportunity to identify needs/problems, design, and make real life solutions using the facilities in the Makers Space. The students will complete individual or group projects. The open-ended nature to this Club will allow them to make something personal or school based. It could be comprised of lots of small projects or one large undertaking.

The students will be introduced to all the relevant equipment and techniques and guided through the designing and making process.

This Club is open to students of Lyceum.

GROWTH MINDSET (Gymnasium)

Club Advisor: Panos Andrikopoulos

Day and Time: Wednesday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

The Growth Mindset afternoon club, as part of the 8-month Global “Entrepreneurship for Kids” educational program, aims to introduce children to the basics of entrepreneurship.

Through riddles, games, imagination and mystery, children develop a way of thinking necessary for their future careers.

Activities are structured to lead to the realization of an idea in such a way as to refer to the corresponding way that startups operate. The goal is for children to build their own business product and gain the motivation for developing the Growth Mindset, where intelligence equates to a process of continuous effort and improvement through their contact with the key pillars of entrepreneurship and soft skills required by the modern business world.

The Growth Mindset philosophy is not just an effective educational approach but, primarily, a way of life that urges us to work hard for our goals, because this is the only way to knowledge.

The Club will operate with 12 C Gymnasium students. In the event that there is larger participation, the students who will attend the program will be selected by draw.

For further information, see the link: <https://www.growthmindset.gr/>