

# Lauralton Hall

Connecticut's First Catholic College-Prep School for Girls

**2020 - 2021**

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<b>CLUBS</b>
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**All Things Considered**

Contact: Dr. Cavar and Ms. Tommaselli  
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When: Thursdays @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: S215

All Things Considered is a club meant to spread awareness of different and exciting elements of contemporary culture such as anime and manga, fantasy and renaissance, science-fiction and gaming. All Things Considered members welcome the opportunity to dispel the stereotype of these being male-dominated genres.

Goals are accomplished through discussions and activities, excursions to events in the tri-state area, movie nights and a wonderful website featuring student art and links to interesting sites.

**American Sign Language**

Contact: Ms. Wieceiorkowska  
E-Mail: awieceiorkowska@lauraltonhall.org  
When: First and third-Thursdays  
Where: SB 8

The American Sign Language (ASL) Club gives students the opportunity to learn basic sign language gestures. This will allow students to be capable of interacting with the portion of the deaf community that cannot communicate via speech. Many occupations actually prefer to hire people with knowledge of another language, and ASL, as it is not taught in many schools, is in high demand. It is the goal of the ASL club that students will be able to form grammatically correct phrases as well as be able to watch and understand movies in sign language.

**Asian Culture Club**

Contact: Mrs. Hanson  
E-Mail: chanson@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Third Wednesday

Where: MH 211

This club explores the Chinese culture through a multitude of ways.

### **Book Club**

Contact: Mrs. Finnegan and Ms. Tommaselli

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When: Third Wednesday

Where: Library

Club members will be able to collaboratively decide on a book. The club members will read the book in preparation for each meeting. At the meetings the club will discuss themes and characters from each book. All different kinds of books will be read. There will be a theme each month and have about 5 different books that fit that category that people will be able to choose from.

### **Catherine McAuley Club**

Contact: Mr. Connolly

E-Mail: [dconnolly@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:dconnolly@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second Thursday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Dining hall

Catherine McAuley members exemplify the spirit of mercy by participation in community outreach projects in service to the poor. Each week an assigned team of club members prepares bag lunches to be delivered for distribution by the Beth-El Shelter in Milford. Each member pays \$15 at the beginning of the year for food/supplies and is scheduled several times each year to prepare lunches. In the past four years the Lauralton Humanities Club has produced over 3400 bag lunches. In addition to preparing the lunches, Humanities Club members make contributions to the Beth-el Shelter larder by donating designated staple items each week.

The club also supports Invisible Children, a movement dedicated to ending the longest running war in Africa in which children are being forced to fight against the government in a rebel army. Humanities Club organizes events to raise funds to help the war-torn kids.

In collaboration with students and staff, we perform acts of Campus Ministry planning retreats, liturgies and prayer services for both students and staff. Students assist in preparation of liturgies and selection of music, and also participate as altar

servers, ministers of the Word and lectors.

### **Coding Club**

Contact: Mrs. Duran  
E-Mail: [gduran@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:gduran@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: First and third Tuesday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: Innovation Lab

The Coding Club provides an opportunity for students to explore programming and computer science with their classmates. No prior experience required as we will break into smaller groups based on ability and collaborate on topics of interest.

### **Debate Team**

Contact: Ms. Chamberlain  
E-Mail: [echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: First and third/ fourth Tuesday @ 2:20  
Where: MH210

Members are highly motivated and interested in debating current events and public policies. The communication and research skills developed through Debate can be applied in the classroom, college, career and personal life. Debate Team members will develop valuable speaking, listening and analytic skills. The Team meets two Tuesdays per month from 2:30 – 3:30 to prepare for a public policy debate. The Team competes approximately in 6 – 8 Connecticut Debate Association tournaments held Saturdays across southern Connecticut. Other details can be found at [ctdebate.org](http://ctdebate.org).

### **Drama**

Contact: Ms. Reed  
E-Mail: [sreed@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:sreed@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: Second Tuesday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: MH210

Description: The drama club's mission is to bring theater into the life of Lauralton girls and inspire them to explore the craft of acting by educating them in a variety of techniques and improvisation styles. During the club, we discuss theater news,

bring in guest speakers, and do acting and improvisation games. We also hope to attend a few live shows. This club ultimately strives to be a fun, inviting place for Lauralton girls to explore expression through acting.

### **Engineering Team**

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano and Ms. Kratter

E-Mail: [tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org), [dkratter@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:dkratter@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Wednesday 7:30 a.m. and Monday, Thursday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: S315

Everyday activities depend on engineered products to function, but many people are not aware of the engineering techniques and practices that have developed the technology and infrastructure on which they rely. Moving beyond the blackboard – a whole new dimension exists beyond the 2D world experienced in physics courses. This club provides the environment where the world of sciences collides to apply scientific understanding to the creation, design and construction of multiple projects. Engineering skills are developed on all levels as they are put into play through projects. The club is open to all students – freshmen to seniors. This club serves to introduce engineering opportunities in the community, and inspires students to pursue a career in engineering.

### **Environmental**

Contact: Mrs. Kelley

E-Mail: [akelley@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:akelley@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Third Wednesday and Second Thursday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Innovation Lab

Club members represent a very active and diverse group of students. The club hosts several school-wide events each year including: Trash-free Lunch/America Recycles Week, Trash the Runway Fashion Show, and Earth Day Celebrations. This club has something for everyone concerned about "living green": designing monarch recovery habitats, making eco-crafts, jewelry, and organic beauty products, taking photos, writing for the newspaper/radio station, building bat and bird houses, and more! Club members also email legislators and companies about environmental issues and concerns. Members are also responsible for the paper recycling program at Lauralton Hall. Each year, members plan one fieldtrip or guest speaker. They are constantly looking for ways to make the school more environmentally sustainable.

### **Female Empowerment Club**

Contact: Ms. Wieciorkowska  
E-Mail: awieciorkowska@lauraltonhall.org  
When: First Monday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: SB 8

The Female Empowerment Club where students can all come together to talk about important issues that we will face as women in America. We will also be addressing issues that are happening around the world.

### **Film Club**

Contact: Mrs. Gallagher  
E-Mail: cgallagher@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Third Monday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: MH 212

Film Club is a chance to express and showcase creativity through video and film techniques-- to share ideas and interests with.

### **French** (Le Cercle Francais)

Contact: Mrs. Isselee  
E-Mail: bisselee@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Second and fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: Auditorium

French Club students expand their knowledge of and appreciation for the traditions and cultures of France and French-speaking countries. Typical events include celebrating French holidays, watching French movies and singing French songs, sampling of French foods, and activities for National French Week. Students are required to maintain regular attendance at meetings and be active participants to be eligible for acceptance into French Honor Society.

### **Friendship Bracelet Club**

Contact: Mrs. Miller  
E-Mail: cmiller@lauraltonhall.org

When: Second Monday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Dining Hall

Friendship bracelet making club is a fun and stress free environment for students to end their days on a high note. We are focused on helping students learn a fun and creative skill while also being able to cope and forget about their stressful days.

### **Irish Club**

Contact: Mrs. Serio

E-Mail: [tserio@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tserio@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First Thursday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Athletic Center Classroom

The Irish Club seeks to explore and experience the culture and traditions of Ireland in a variety of ways.

### **Italian Club**

Contact: Mrs. Amore

E-Mail: [jamore@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jamore@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First Thursday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: MH 211

The Italian Club is where Lauralton students can learn about the Italian customs and culture. It is a place where LH students wind down from the busy school day and taste Italian food, learn the language and participate in Italian traditions.

### **Key**

Contact: Mrs. Serio

E-Mail: [tserio@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tserio@lauraltonhall.org)

When: First and fourth Tuesday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Auditorium

Key Club International is the country's oldest and largest service organization for high school students. It was created by its parent organization, Kiwanis

International. Key Club gives back to the community through service to others. The Key Club motto is shared by thousands of other chapters across the globe: "Caring - Our Way of Life."

### **Knitting**

Contact: Mrs. Phillips

E-Mail: [aphillips@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:aphillips@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second Monday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: S116

The knitting club provides students the opportunity to learn how to knit and/or improve their knitting skills. Students will be introduced to knitting techniques through video presentations and peer demonstrations. The club will donate scarves knitted by members during club meetings to local shelters and other non-profit organizations. Club members provide their own needles and yarn.

### **Latin** (Societas Puellarum Quae Regunt)

Contact: Ms. Reed

E-Mail: [sreed@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:sreed@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Second and fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: SB-7

The Latin Club, Societas Puellarum Quae Regunt, is affiliated with the National Junior Classical League. The purpose of the club is to enhance studies of the Roman culture through a variety of activities. The club sponsors the Lauralton Hall chapter of the NJCL Honor Society.

### **Milford United Percussion Ensemble**

Contact: Mr. Allen

E-Mail: [mallen@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mallen@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm (December-May)

Where: C-1 and Athletic Center

MILFORD UNITED PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE is a competitive percussion ensemble comprised of students from all Milford high schools and beyond. The group allows students to play on various traditional and non-traditional percussion instruments

with thematic shows, including the music of James Bond, Queen, Prince, and Phantom of the Opera. From its inaugural season, the ensemble has won multiple championships, winning 5 out of the last 6 years. In addition to performing at several local competitions in the Musical Arts Conference (MAC), the group also will perform at the Lauralton Hall Spring concert and at Discover Lauralton. All students are welcome to join regardless of their musical skills. In addition, the group also receives school credit. The ensemble runs from December through May. Competitions are on Saturdays from mid-March through early April. Check out many of our performances on YouTube.

### **Mock Trial**

Contact: Miss Hutchinson

E-Mail: khutchinson@lauraltonhall.org

When: Second Tuesday and Third Wednesday @ 2:20pm

Where: S111

The Mock Trial club was formed so students could better understand the American legal system and practice public speaking in a fun, competitive setting. Students learn from a local lawyer, research cases and ultimately argue against local high schools.

### **Poetry/ Creative Writing Club**

Contact: Mrs. Amore

E-Mail: jamore@lauraltonhall.org

When: First Tuesday and Third Wednesday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: MH 211

The Poetry/ Creative Writing Club cultivates and supports the craft of poetry and creative writing. This club invites writers to discuss the writing process and technique in order to strengthen the writing of its members. Students who would like to submit work to the *Looking Glass*, wish to publicly share their works-in-progress, or desire to sit, reflect, and create in an encouraging environment are welcome to join!

### **SADD** (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

Contact: Ms. Wiciorkowska

E-Mail: awieciorkowska@lauraltonhall.org

When: Second and third Monday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Athletic center Classroom

SADD members pledge to end the tragedies resulting from underage drinking, alcohol-related crashes and other destructive decisions, and to create positive change in our lives.

### **Science Club**

Contact: Dr. Cavar, Ms. Shea

E-Mail: scavar@lauraltonhall.org, jshea@lauraltonhall.org

When: Second and fourth Tuesday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: SB 10

The Science Club is a combination of a Science Olympiad Club and a STEAM Club. You may join 1 section of the club, or both! The STEAM section is a fun club that will conduct many fun scientific experiments and activities. The club will meet once or twice a month to explore scientific concepts, real-world problems and engineering challenges, This sections will also participate in Science Olympics (outreaching to the community).

Science Olympiad section would be a group of students who are interested in science, and wish to learn more about science, experience more and compete against other schools. There are 23 different topics/events at the CT Science Olympiad, from anatomy, forensics, chemistry lab, to astronomy, geology, physics and so on. Preparation would begin in September for the Olympiad, which takes place in April. We also wish to attend invitationals of Science Olympiad such as M.I.T., Harvard, or Yale Invitationals during the school year. We need a minimum of participants interested to participate in the Olympiad. (Each member can participate in one or more events in the Olympiad). This section of the club would have to meet very often (approx once per week, more as the Olympiad approaches).

### **Spanish I & II**

Contact: Mrs. Hawes and Mrs. Milazzo

E-Mail: mhawes@lauraltonhall.org, emilazzo@lauraltonhall.org

When: Second and fourth Wednesday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Athletic Center Classroom/ Dining hall (back)

The purpose of the Spanish Club is to expand knowledge and appreciation of Hispanic culture. Club activities include holiday celebrations, preparation and sharing of typical dishes, dance lessons, arts and crafts projects, movies, service programs and games.

### **Stock Market Club**

Contact: Ms. Kratter

E-Mail: dkratter@lauraltonhall.org

When: First and Third Tuesday @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: S215

The Stock Market Club was formed so that students might participate in the Stock Market Game. Students form teams consisting of three to five players. The team begins the game with a credit of \$100,000 which they use to "invest" in the New York, American or NASDAQ Stock Markets. They can buy, sell, buy on margin, or sell stocks short. They are charged commissions and interest exactly as if they were trading in the real market. At the end of the year, the team whose stocks are worth the most money is declared the winner.

The purpose of the game is to have fun while learning the mechanics of investing in the Stock Market. The game accurately simulates investment opportunities available in the stock market and allows students to experiment with options they might not ordinarily use when real money was at stake.

### **Youth and Government (YAG)**

Contact: Mr. Allen

E-Mail: mallen@lauraltonhall.org

When: Thursdays-first, third and fourth @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Auditorium

Youth and Government members learn the fundamentals of debate, bill writing and basic parliamentary procedure in preparation for the Connecticut YMCA Youth and Government Conference held each spring in Hartford. During YAG Conference weekend, students from high schools throughout the state function in a mock state legislature at the Connecticut Capitol and Legislative Office Building. In addition, students are given the opportunity to participate in the Youth in Law mock trial competition, and can also learn all the steps to creating a newspaper in the YAG

Press Corps. There is a separate fee for the club due to the YMCA membership, transportation and hotel stay during the conference. Members also receive 1/4 school credit for participation.

<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>
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**Highlights** (school newspaper)

Contact: Mrs. Gorman

E-mail: kgorman@lauraltonhall.org

When: As needed

Where: MH307

*Highlights* is Lauralton Hall's online student newspaper which is published quarterly and available to students, faculty, staff and the general public via a link on our LH home page. The goal of the *Highlights* staff, who write, edit and publish the paper, is to ensure that the paper is (and continues to be) widely-read at LH; the paper will continue to focus on and around the school and its community, introducing new features: videos, a sports beat, surveys, more interviews, etc. in each issue. Meetings will be held every second Monday of the month; articles are due the first Monday of the month. Prior to making the *Highlights* link live (in other words, publishing a new issue) on the LH website, all content must first be approved by *Highlights* faculty moderator, Mrs. Gorman and by Dean Casceillo.

**The Lauralton** (yearbook)

Contact: Mrs. Finnegan

E-mail: kfinnegan@lauraltonhall.org

When: as needed

Where: Library

**The Looking Glass** (literary magazine)

Contact: Ms. Boynton and Mr. Rossetti

E-Mail: pboynton@lauraltonhall.org, mrossetti@lauraltonhall.org

When: As needed

<b>ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRING ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY</b>
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**French National Honor Society**

Contact: Mrs. Isselee

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**Latin National Honor Society**

Contact: Ms. Reed

E-Mail: [sreed@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:sreed@lauraltonhall.org)

**Spanish National Honor Society**

Contact: Mrs. Milazzo

E-Mail: [emilazzo@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:emilazzo@lauraltonhall.org)

**National Honor Society**

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano and Ms. Pinsince

E-Mail: [tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org), [epinsince@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:epinsince@lauraltonhall.org)

When: Fourth Monday at 2:20 p.m.

Where: Dining hall

Required: The National Honor Society is comprised of students who have achieved a weighted GPA of 92 or above. Students are nominated for admission into the society during the early fall of their junior year. Nominees are assessed by a faculty panel on the merits of their academics and their character, service, and leadership abilities. The NHS induction, a time-honored ceremony, takes place in November. The organization works throughout the entire academic year to sponsor both service opportunities and social activities within the school and the greater Lauralton community. The NHS annually assists local food pantries and homeless shelters through their canned goods and winter coat drives. Sponsorship of the school-wide Spelling Bee and the cookie-cupcake giveaway are anticipated events on the school calendar.

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT BY ELECTION**

### **Student Council**

Contact: Mrs. Korman  
E-Mail: lkorman@lauraltonhall.org  
When: First and Third Monday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: auditorium

Student Council promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower student leaders to serve the school and their communities. Student Council sponsors several activities and events throughout the school year.

## **PEER PROGRAMS REQUIRING APPLICATION**

### **Music Ministry**

Contact: Mr. Aufiero  
Email: daufiero@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Wednesday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: Chapel

Music Ministry leads the music for campus masses. This is not a performance-oriented group, but seeks rather to glorify God through our talents and ministry, taking no praise for ourselves. Our goal is to represent all musical disciplines, but our group size is limited.

### **Peer Mentors**

Contact: Mrs. Miller  
E-Mail: cmiller@lauraltonhall.org  
When: as needed

The mentors help run events and activities such as freshman orientation, project adventure and HR parties. Meetings are held to discuss topics and interventions used to make the freshman transition into the first year of high school a smooth, fun and happy experience. The mentors also help support the sophomores in becoming confident upper- classmen.

### **Peer Tutors**

Contact: Mrs. Bowman  
E-Mail: [tbowman@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:tbowman@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: As needed

This is a requirement of the National Honor Society to give back to the Lauralton community. Tutors meet weekly with a student in a one-on-one setting for four sessions either before or after school. A tutor is reliable and responsible and takes the initiative to keep in contact with the student and arrange weekly meetings. Peer tutors are friendly but persistent and help students get organized and develop good study habits. Tutors have a good grasp on the subject to be studied and are able to explain it to the student in clear terms. Tutors report progress to the Dean of Student Development.

### **Student Ambassadors**

Contact: Miss Benson  
E-Mail: [nbenson@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:nbenson@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: First and third Tuesdays @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: Athletic Center Classroom

This group of students represents Lauralton Hall at open houses on and off campus, parent nights, and greets our guests. The ambassadors are trained to give tours around campus and answer questions about Lauralton. They are a very important to us because they represent our entire student body wherever they go.

<b>CLASSES</b>
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*Class meetings are held several times throughout the school year during the school day.*

*The meetings are scheduled by the administration and posted to the school calendar.*

**Senior Class**

Contact: Mrs. Dwyer

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**Junior Class**

Contact: Miss Hutchinson

E-Mail: [khutchinson@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:khutchinson@lauraltonhall.org)

**Sophomore Class**

Contact: Mrs. Hawes

E-Mail: [mhawes@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mhawes@lauraltonhall.org)

**Freshman Class**

Contact: Mrs. Miller

E-Mail: [cmiller@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:cmiller@lauraltonhall.org)