

Lauralton Hall

Connecticut's First Catholic College-Prep School for Girls

2016 - 2017

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Inspired by Mercy Tradition, Lauralton Hall empowers young women to pursue their highest potential through lifelong learning, compassionate service and responsible leadership in a global society.

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CLUBS

All Things Considered

Contact: Mrs. Kelley and Dr. Cavar
E-Mail: akelley@lauraltonhall.org, scavar@lauraltonhall.org
When: Thursdays @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: S115

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. To fund activities two dollars dues are collected from each member at each meeting.

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.

Book Club

Contact: Mrs. Beauvais and Mrs. Lawler
E-Mail: dbeauvais@lauraltonhall.org, tlawler@lauraltonhall.org
When: Second-Friday
Where: Library

The Literature Club comes together once a month in order to discuss and debate a book (We try to read a book per month). Most books we choose will have corresponding movies that we can watch together (or separately) to judge the content in correspondence with the book we have read and to bring the stories to life.

Campus Ministry

Contact: Ms. Santopatre
E-Mail: jsantopatre@lauraltonhall.org
When: First and third Thursday
Where: Campus Ministry Office

In collaboration with students and staff, the Office of Campus Ministry plans retreats, liturgies and prayer services for both students and staff. Students assist in preparation of liturgies and selection of music, and also participate as alter servers, ministers of the Word and lectors.

Catherine McAuley Club

Contact: Mr. Connolly
E-Mail: dconnolly@lauraltonhall.org
When: Second Fridays @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: Dining hall
Donations: One time dues of \$15.00, various staples

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.

Chinese Club

Contact: Mrs. Stanton
E-Mail: mstanton@lauraltonhall.org
When: second and fourth Wednesdays
Where: MH 208

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

Climate Crusaders

Contact: Mrs. Noel and Mrs. Casceillo
E-Mail: anoel@lauraltonhall.org; jcasceillo@lauraltonhall.org
When: First and third Thursdays
Where: Mansion Board Room

The Climate Crusaders is the spirit club for Lauralton Hall. This group of students will also be responsible for school spirit shirt days, video week wrap up of Lauralton news, arranging the Crusader squad at games, and sharing student feedback with administration.

Coding Club

Contact: Ms. Crozier
E-Mail: ccrozier@lauraltonhall.org
When: first and third Tuesdays each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: S 311

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.

Dance

Contact: Mrs. Hawes
E-Mail: mhawes@lauraltonhall.org
When: Fridays second and fourth
Where: Athletic Center

Description: Students teach dances from a variety of cultures to their peers. There are also days there is just dancing for fun! It is a great way to learn different dances, learn about different cultures and each other. All are welcome!

Debate Team

Contact: Mrs. Peterson; Ms. Chamberlain
E-Mail: lpeterson@lauraltonhall.org; echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org
When: Tuesdays first and third @ 2:20
Where: SB111

Members are highly motivated and interested in debating current events and public policies. The communication and research skills developed in this organization can be applied in both the classroom and careers. As club members, the students meet once a month from 2:20 until 3 pm and debate current event topics among themselves. The Debate Team members meet two Tuesdays a month from 2:30 to 3:30 to prepare for public policy debate. The Team competes competitively in roughly 5 Connecticut Debate Association Saturday tournaments each school year.

Drama

Contact: Mr. Blanco
E-Mail: mblanco@lauraltonhall.org
When: Second Tuesdays
Where: MH 210

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 Experience

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano and Ms. Kratter
E-Mail: tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org, dkratter@lauraltonhall.org
When: Second and Fourth Tuesdays @ 2:20p.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. Cerami and Mrs. Kelley

E-Mail: lcerami@lauraltonhall.org, akelley@lauraltonhall.org

When: first and third Wednesdays of each month @ 2:20p.m. (Schedule is posted on club page.)

Where: Dining hall

Club members represent a very active group of students. The club hosts several school-wide events: Anti-Idling-Week, Trash-Free-Lunch Marathon Week, the GSA Green Cup Recycling Challenge, Trash-the-Runway Fashion Show, Adopt-A-Pet Week, and Earth Day.

Because the club is divided into three committees and 15 subcommittees, there is something for everyone: gardening, making eco-crafts and jewelry, taking photos, writing for the newspaper, interviewing students and teachers for the Green Awards or Adopt-A-Pet, constructing different structures for everything from birds to books. And there are more fun committees as well!

Club members also e-mail legislators and companies about environmental issues and concerns. Members are responsible for the recycling of paper at Lauralton Hall. Each year, members plan one field trip and look for other ways to make the school "green."

We also have great organic snacks at our meetings!

Equestrian Club

Contact: Mrs. Hanson

E-Mail: chanson@lauraltonhall.org

When: first Thursday of each month

Where: Guidance conference room

This is a place for students, who enjoy horses. Whether you are a rider, care taker, volunteer, or you want to learn more about these majestic animals and what they bring, this is a place for you. Students present on what they are doing currently in the equestrian world, topics include health care, upcoming events, horsemanship, competitions, as well as, any new topic a member wants to share or learn about. The LH Equestrian Club is always looking for new ideas to share their love of horses with each other and the LH community.

Female Empowerment Club

Contact: Ms. Wiecejorska

E-Mail: awiecejorska@lauraltonhall.org

When: Mondays-first @ 2:20 p.m.

Where: Dining Hall

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: Second- Tuesdays
Where: MH 309

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 Wednesdays @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: Auditorium

Students are required maintain regular attendance at meetings and be active participants. It is expected that students take part in and assume responsibility for the planning and execution in at least three French Club activities.

French Club students expand their knowledge of and appreciation for the traditions and cultures of France and French-speaking countries. Typical events include theatre and museum trips, visits to French restaurants, sampling of French foods, French speaking pen-pals and activities for National French Week.

Irish Club

Contact: Mrs. Serio
E-Mail: tserio@lauraltonhall.org
When: First Thursday each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: S312

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
When: Fourth Tuesday each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: MH212

The Italian Club's mission is to allow students to explore and to celebrate Italian culture; our aim is to learn more about and discuss Italian current events along with the Italian language, customs, and food.

Key

Contact: Ms. Melmed and Mrs. Serio
E-Mail: rmelmed@lauraltonhall.org, tserio@lauraltonhall.org
When: First & Fourth Tuesday each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: Auditorium
Required: \$20 dues

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. Cerami, Mrs. Lazarus
E-Mail: lcerami@lauraltonhall.org, alazarus@lauraltonhall.org
When: Mondays- second
Where: S 116

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: Dr. Kuehn
E-Mail: ckuehn@lauraltonhall.org
When: second and fourth Wednesday each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: C-1

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.

LH CARES (Lauralton Hall Community Always Respects Everyone)

Contact: Ms. Waldron
E-Mail: jwaldron@lauraltonhall.org
When: Fridays first and third @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: Internet Cafe
Required: \$10 annual dues

LH CARES seeks to celebrate the diversity which enriches our lives. In addition to sponsoring activities at Lauralton Hall, the club participates in programs and activities with the diversity or multicultural clubs of other schools.

Physics Athletes

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano
E-Mail: tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org
When: Fourth Tuesday
Where: S 315

The Physics Athletes club or Physathletes club would combine all the fun of physics and sports. During the club meetings we would pick a sport for that meeting then go over the physics behind the different parts of the sports. After the physics behind the sport of the decided meeting is reviewed students would then participate in application of physics to the specific skills of that sport. An example of a club meeting would be going over the

torque behind passing and shooting in lacrosse, then getting together and playing a quick game. Lauralton Hall could benefit from this club because not only would it engage students in physics but it would also get students who are not necessarily on a sports team into sports. For those students who do play sports however this would be a great opportunity to enhance their skills by knowing the physics behind the moves they make.

Often times in high school athletes are friends with other athletes, which subsequently leads to less students coming to sport games since they have their own sports. By having an environment to allow for the blending of athletes and non-athletes, better friendships will be fostered within the student body. This will lead to an increase in both school spirit and student participation in extracurricular activities.

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

Contact: Ms. Wieceiorkowska
E-Mail: awieceiorkowska@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.

Shakespeare

Contact: Mrs. Gallagher
E-Mail: cgallagher@lauraltonhall.org
When: Second and fourth Wednesday each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: MH309

The club meets two to three times a month to celebrate the drama and poetry of the Bard. Members read, act, discuss and watch old and new favorites to learn and have fun.

Spanish I & II

Contact: Mrs. Hawes and Ms. Sarigianis
E-Mail: mhawes@lauraltonhall.org, esarigianis@lauraltonhall.org
When: second and fourth Wednesday each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: Athletic Center Classroom and 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.

Speed Puzzling

Contact: Ms. Crozier
E-Mail: ccrozier@lauraltonhall.org
When: first and third Monday each month @ 2:20 p.m.
Where: SB 9

The Speed Puzzling Club provides students with the opportunity to improve thought agility and increase brain productivity by exercising the mind. Students will complete puzzles of various types (jigsaw and others) both individually and with others. Recording their times to chart their progress is encouraged, but optional.

Starfish Club

Contact: Mrs. Doerr
E-Mail: pdoerr@lauraltonhall.org
When: Auditorium
Where: Second Monday each month @ 2:20p.m.

The club will focus on making a positive impact on the lives of students in The Gambia, Africa. Through Skyping and emailing our sister school, we can learn about women's issues in Africa such as health concerns, women's rights, poverty, education and more. At times the Skyping sessions will be more informal and include discussions about books, movies, current events, or personal stories. We hope to collect items for The Gambia Starfish members to improve their quality of life. Our ultimate goal would be to one day work towards a service trip / student exchange.

Stock Club

Contact: Miss Kratter
E-Mail: dkratter@lauraltonhall.org
When: second- Tuesdays
Where: S 215

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.

YAG

Contact: Mr. Allen
E-Mail: mallen@lauraltonhall.org
When: Thursdays
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.

Yoga

Contact: Mrs. Cummings
E-Mail: mcummgings@lauraltonhall.org
When: Athletic Center Classroom
Where: 2nd Tuesday

Motto -

"A club where we come together to meditate and relax to get away from all the stress in life"

Youth Awareness

Contact: Mrs. Chamberlain
E-Mail: echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org
When: Thursdays second and fourth at 2:20 p.m.
Where: MH 206

Youth Awareness will select a youth theme every month to educate the student body on issues youth face today. Their meetings will provide time to discuss the issues and possible solutions to the problem. The club will also participate in off campus events associated with their causes.

PUBLICATIONS

Highlights (school newspaper)

Contact: Mrs. Gorman
E-mail: kgorman@lauraltonhall.org
When: As needed
Where: MH 307

The Lauralton (yearbook)

Contact: Mrs. Rosenberg
E-mail: krosenberg@lauraltonhall.org
When: second and fourth Thursdays
Where: S 213

The Looking Glass (literary magazine)

Contact: Ms. Boynton and Mrs. Rosenberg
E-Mail: pboynton@lauraltonhall.org; krosenberg@lauraltonhall.org
When: As needed
Where: S214

ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRING ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY

French National Honor Society

Contact: Mrs. Iselee
E-Mail: biselee@lauraltonhall.org

Latin National Honor Society

Contact: Dr. Clem
E-Mail: ckuehn@lauraltonhall.org

Spanish National Honor Society

Contact: Mrs. Doerr
E-Mail: pdoerr@lauraltonhall.org

National Honor Society

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano and Ms. Pinsince
E-Mail: tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org, epinsince@lauraltonhall.org
When: Fourth Monday each month 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 each month @ 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: Wednesdays
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 and Miss McAdams
E-Mail: cmiller@lauraltonhall.org, mmcadams@lauraltonhall.org
When: TBA
Where: Athletic Center classroom
Required: \$15 annual dues

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. \$15 dues is required to help cover the cost of activities.

Peer Tutors

Contact: Mr. Blahnik
E-Mail: jblahnik@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
When: Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Where: Auditorium/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.

CLASSES

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
E-Mail: cdwyer@lauraltonhall.org

Junior Class

Contact: Mrs. Marcella
E-Mail: mmarcella@lauraltonhall.org

Sophomore Class

Contact: Ms. Pinsince
E-Mail: epinsince@lauraltonhall.org

Freshman Class

Contact: Mrs. McGowan
E-Mail: pmcgowan@lauraltonhall.org