

# Lauralton Hall

Connecticut's First Catholic College-Prep School for Girls

**2015 - 2016**

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**Mission**

*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](mailto:akelley@lauraltonhall.org), [scavar@lauraltonhall.org](mailto: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](mailto:awieceiorkowska@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: DAY  
Where:

Description coming soon!

### **Art**

Contact: Mrs. Doherty  
E-Mail: [jdoherty@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jdoherty@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: Tuesdays @ 2:20 p.m. except on early dismissal days  
Where: S214  
Required: \$10 dues

This club helps stimulate and develop the talents of interested students by providing opportunities for involvement in various projects such as the painting of sets for school productions, decorating the school for holidays, and producing arts & crafts to support various charities.

### **Book**

Contact: Mr. Blahnik  
E-Mail: [jblahnik@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jblahnik@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: Day  
Where: ??

Description coming soon...

### **Campus Ministry**

Contact: Ms. Santopatre  
E-Mail: [jsantopatre@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:jsantopatre@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Where: Auditorium

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.

### **Chinese Club**

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

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

### **Climate Crusaders**

Contact: Ms. Kratter and Mrs. Noel  
E-Mail: dkratter@lauraltonhall.org, anoel@lauraltonhall.org  
When: First and Third Thursdays  
Where: Athletic Center Classroom

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 or fourth Tuesdays each month @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: S315

Description coming soon!

### **Debate**

Contact: Mrs. Peterson and Ms. Boynton  
E-Mail: lpeterson@lauraltonhall.org, pboynton@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Tuesdays first and third/fourth @ 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.

### **Environmental**

Contact: Mrs. DiMassa  
E-Mail: ddimassa@lauraltonhall.org

When: Second and Fourth 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. In the fall, the club plans events for America Recycles Day; one event is the trash-free lunch marathon – anyone bringing a trash-free lunch is eligible to win a raffle prize. In the spring, the club sponsors Earth Day activities – in past years, the environmental club has sponsored a school-wide fashion show in conjunction with Earth Day. Club members also e-mail legislators and companies about environmental issues and concerns. Members are responsible for the recycling of paper, bottles and cans at Lauralton Hall. Each year members plan one field trip and look for other ways to make the school “green.”

### **Engineering Experience**

Contact: Mrs. Napolitano and Ms. Kratter

E-Mail: tnapolitano@lauraltonhall.org, dkratter@lauraltonhall.org

When: Last Thursday of each month @ 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.

### **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. Piatak

E-Mail: mpiatak@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.

**French** (Le Cercle Francais)

Contact: Mrs. Isselee  
E-Mail: bisselee@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Wednesdays @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: M202

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.

**Historical**

Contact: Mrs. Korman  
E-Mail: lkorman@lauraltonhall.org  
When: TBA  
Where: Memorabilia Room

Students use their club time and free time to explore the thousands of Lauralton Hall photos and materials that span the decades. Club members assist in helping to organize and categorize historic photos, documents and memorabilia. This support helps keep the archives up-to-date and easily accessible. Club members also assist in Alumnae Relations activities where they interact with alumnae and learn more about life at Lauralton years ago.

**Humanities**

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

Humanities 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.

Humanities 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.

**Irish Club**

Contact: Mrs. Serio  
E-Mail: tserio@lauraltonhall.org  
When: First Tuesday 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: MH211

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."

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

Contact: Dr. Kuehn  
E-Mail: ckuehn@lauraltonhall.org  
When: First and third Wednesday each month @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: MH211

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 Latin language, culture and history 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: Wednesdays - second and fourth @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: MH101  
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.

### **LH Rock Band**

Contact: Mr. Longo  
E-Mail: mlongo@lauraltonhall.org  
When: tba

Where: C-1

LH Rock Band will allow students to learn about art and communication through music. Students will collaborate and experience all different genres of music.

### **Percussion Ensemble**

Contact: Mr. Allen  
E-Mail: mallen@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.  
Where: C-1

Students learn to play on various traditional and non-traditional percussion instruments. The group endeavors to learn several musical pieces and perform at the school Christmas and spring concerts. In second semester the group may participate in several local indoor percussion competitions as part of the Musical Arts Conference (MAC). Percussion Ensemble meets bi-weekly in the first semester and meets weekly January through May. Rehearsal details TBD.

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

Contact: Ms. Wiecejorska  
E-Mail: awiecejorska@lauraltonhall.org  
When: second and third Monday @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: Athletic center Classroom

SAAD 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: First and third Wednesday each month @ 2:20 p.m.  
Where: Dining hall (back) and Athletic Center Classroom

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, field trips, arts and crafts projects, movies, bilingual mass, 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: S315

Speed Puzzling is to exercise the mind, improve thought agility and brain productivity. Students will record time to see if they are improving. In this club you will compete as individual and work together as a team.

### **Starfish Club**

Contact: Mrs. Doerr  
E-Mail: pdoerr@lauraltonhall.org  
When: MH 208  
Where: First and third Thursday 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. The skyping sessions may also merely include discussions about books, movies, current events, or personal stories. We hope to collect items for them so that they can be self-sufficient or sell items made by them. Our ultimate would be to one work towards a service trip student exchange.

### **Youth Awareness**

Contact: Mrs. Chamberlain  
E-Mail: echamberlain@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Thursdays second and fourth at 2:20 p.m.  
Where: MH 101

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.

### **Zumba**

Contact: Mrs. Cerami  
E-Mail: lcerami@lauraltonhall.org  
When: TBA  
Where: Athletic Center Classroom

Zumba Club is a gathering of Lauralton Hall students who all share common passions: fitness and fun! Zumba Club would consist of various Latin American dance routines that will keep the students moving and staying healthy. This is a great club that will share a popular dance fitness program with the students of Lauralton.

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

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

### **The Lauralton** (yearbook)

Contact: Mrs. Bonaventura

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E-mail: sbonaventura@lauraltonhall.org  
When: Online and in person as needed  
Where: TBA

**The Looking Glass** (literary magazine)

Contact: Ms. Crozier and Mrs. Healey  
E-Mail: ccrozier@lauraltonhall.org, chealey@lauraltonhall.org  
When: As needed  
Where: S311

<b>ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRING ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY</b>
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**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. Cook and Mrs. Napolitano  
E-Mail: ccook@lauraltonhall.org, tnapolitano@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.

<b>STUDENT GOVERNMENT BY ELECTION</b>
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**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: Dean Aufiero  
Email: [daufiero@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:daufiero@lauraltonhall.org)  
When: Tuesdays  
Where: M204 and/or 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: Ms. Piatak and Mrs. Miller  
E-Mail: [mpiatak@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mpiatak@lauraltonhall.org), [cmiller@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:cmiller@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](mailto: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: Mrs. Russell  
E-Mail: [krussell@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:krussell@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](mailto:cdwyer@lauraltonhall.org)

### **Junior Class**

Contact: Mrs. Cummings  
E-Mail: [mcummings@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:mcummings@lauraltonhall.org)

### **Sophomore Class**

Contact: Ms. Pinsince  
E-Mail: [epinsince@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:epinsince@lauraltonhall.org)

### **Freshman Class**

Contact: Mrs. McGowan  
E-Mail: [pmcgowan@lauraltonhall.org](mailto:pmcgowan@lauraltonhall.org)