# **Avenues New York**UPPER GRADES CLUBS CATALOG 2022–2023

## **Amnesty Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Amnesty Club is non-officially-affiliated, but nonetheless a place where students can get involved with the tribulations of the world while making an impact on the community. Last year we hosted Avenues' first ever clothing swap, and this year we are intending to do the same. Join Amnesty if you want to make the Avenues community a better, more involved place!

#### Arts 4 The Mind

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Arts 4TM or 'Arts for the Mind' is a space for those who are interested in art and its impact with mental health. In this club we create an environment where artists of different styles and ideas can come together and create impactful pieces for the Avenues community. Our aim is to familiarize Avenues with the idea that art is therapeutic and rehabilitative. Even if you don't consider yourself artistic, our club plans to incorporate those who are interested in the well being of our school community through interactive surveys.

#### **Asians at Avenues**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Asians at Avenues is a space where students can come together to explore and appreciate the Asian Diaspora's rich culture and history. We are a safe space organization that hopes to bring a different cultural perspective to the Avenues community. All students are welcome to join as we aim to guide, teach, and learn about the Asian experience alongside our peers.

# **Avenues Aerospace Engineering Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Avenues Aerospace Engineering Club is a club devoted to exploring every facet of aviation, including the physics behind aviation, research of propulsion and aviation history, and designing and building airfoils, small engines, and a wind tunnel. This club is perfect for the mechanically inclined, STEM dedicated student who wishes to dive deep into the world of aviation engineering.

#### Avenues Anti-Racist Association

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** AARA is a club that will meet weekly and discuss issues regarding race on internal, interpersonal, and institutional levels. The meetings will entail in-depth conversations about current issues, personal stories, and historical events that connect with the concept of race. We will foster conversations around different types of media such as movies, books, music, and more. We will take initiative to lead and bring awareness to current events and historical racial events and be a leading voice in assemblies, speaker events, and fundraising. This club will overall be an open space for students of the Avenues community to share and listen to their classmates while finding ways to build a stronger idea of race and equity at Avenues.

# **Avenues Auto & Engineering Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Welcome to the Avenues Auto and Engineering Club! Throughout the club we will be discussing, learning, racing, and interacting with automobiles (and of course Formula 1). We will also be discussing the global car enthusiast scene, and a deep dive into each country's take on racing. If you have any interest in the automotive industry, motorsports and racing, or just cars in general (including motorcycles, ATVs, etc.) then you should join our club!

# **Avenues Computer Engineering**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Computer Engineering Club is a group that welcomes students at all levels of. experience building computers and other electronics to come together and assemble complex projects that exceed the capabilities of individual builders in new and exciting ways. Inspired by the successes of SpaceX and Blue Origin, this year's theme is space and we will be assembling a can-sized satellite. Come and join us!

## **Avenues Drama Program**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Drama Program is a space for students to pursue acting, directing, playwriting, improv, choreography, musical theater and cabaret, comedy, costume design, prop/set design, lighting/sound design and any other performing arts related elements that may be of interest to them. We will produce three main events this year, the week of November 12th-19th, December 9th-11th, and Saturday May 20th-27th. We plan to create amazing works such as festivals, cabarets, plays and musicals, and are welcome for anybody to join! We meet Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays after school in the black box, but you only need to come one day a week to participate.

#### **Avenues Fitness Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Avenues Fitness Club is a group of students who want to strive to be the best versions of themselves. We look to achieve this by pushing ourselves in the weight room both mentally and physically at weekly lifts. We will explore different lifting techniques from around the globe to craft a workout plan that works for you. Times and frequency are still TBD.

#### **Avenues Oasis**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Avenues Oasis is going to be a space for students to get help emotionally, academically, and socially. We wanted to assist fellow Avenues high schoolers on their journey and set up a support system which is student run. Our club is here to take away the stigma of mental health. Everyone should join so together we can create a stronger Avenues community, integrating 9th through 12th grade is necessary in creating that comforting space.

### **Avenues Science Journal**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Avenues Science Journal is an Upper Division science publication where students can conduct and publish STEM-related research projects, as well as write and publish articles related to topics of interest. We also hope to enter the Cary Institute Hudson Data Jam again this year, and have a repeat victory of the \$400 Grand Prize for High School! Come to discuss science with your peers, do research, and participate in publishing a scientific magazine!

## Avenues UG debate

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Avenues UG Debate Club is a space for students to engage in open debate about a wide variety of topics in their interest ranging from the legal and moral merit of the death penalty to the legitimacy of intercontinental trade to veganism. We aim to improve our public speaking abilities and confidence in our arguments. All points of view are welcome, and we will work hard to make sure that everyone will feel included and safe.

## **AvenuesSci**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Are you interested in any area of science? Want to work on building a solution to a real environmental problem, or discuss immortal jellyfish? Well then AvenuesSci is probably the place for you. This will be a club for you to explore any scientific questions you may have, compete in a national science competition, and foster a strong scientific community in Chelsea through Community Labs with organizations like the Hudson Guild. We'll explore some fascinating scientific questions, build a product that can help the world using animal characteristics, do science experiments with little kids, and most importantly have a ton of fun!

## **BizTheory**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** This division of our services will work to create an international coalition of clubs dedicated to increasing knowledge regarding the startup process amongst youth. We will be running a program that is symbolic of real startup incubators in high schools. The total duration of the club's activities will be 7 months. Each monthly meeting starting from the second meeting, we will teach one step of the startup process. The last meeting of the club will be in March. In this meeting, we will have an organization-wide event where we let clubs and their respective members pitch in front of real VCs and professionals. This will be a pitch competition where a select few will receive a TBD amount in investment for their business. There is also an option for the winners to elect to pitch to real VC firms as well.

## **BSU (Black Student Union)**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Black Student Union is a space where students can come together to explore and appreciate the African Diaspora's culture and history. We are a safe space organization that hopes to bring a different cultural perspective to the Avenues community. Everyone is welcome and we aim to teach, guide, and communicate with each other as well as our peers.

## **Ceramics Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Ceramics Club is a studio space where students can unwind after a long week of work. Anyone and everyone is welcome to create a warm, fun community with their peers while exploring the medium of clay. This includes throwing on the wheel or hand building. We'll have music, clay, and all in all, it'll be so much fun!

## Chinese Martial Arts, Kung Fu Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** In this club we will train in both Buddhist and Daoist martial arts, exploring the different movements and practices through forms and conditionings work. Throughout the year, you will learn to meditate, the basic forms of Northern Shaolin, Plum-flower fist, and the Wutang styles of Xingyi, Taiji, as well as a specialized form of their choosing: the sword? The staff? five-animal forms? This club is for people at any Kung Fu level, any flexibility, Spanish or Chinese side of Avenues, or strength level: all are welcome! The requirements for you are to be sure to come prepared by practicing the Gongfu (Kung Fu) you learn at home and wearing proper training attire.

# **Connect With Your Community**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Connect With Your Community Club is a place where students can come together to share their passion for giving back to their community. Our hopes are to use our resources available within our school to partner with local organizations and help out those in need. We aim to organize multiple drives throughout the year that members of the avenues community can be a part of.

# **Cubing Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Cubing Club is a place where people can learn to cube, and can engage in fun cubing activities. We will also do a lot of cube art. Cube art is the practice of making art with the colors on the Rubik's Cube acting like pixels, when you put hundreds of them together, they make a cohesive image. We will also work in the iLab to construct the frame for the art, and ultimately maybe submit our art to an exhibit or sell it.

## **Design for Impact**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Design for impact is a space where change makers who want to positively impact the world can gather. In this club students will learn about the five stages of design: empathize, define, ideate, prototype and test. After, students will be able to approach a multitude of problems facilitated by the club in a nuanced and creative way. D4i is one of the spaces that not only requires critical thinking, but you will have the opportunity to be 'hands on' in your problem solving. We will host design conferences for the club and find greater missions to approach that prevail outside of the walls of the Avenues community. We encourage everyone to join and we love getting new voices and brains into the mix!

## **Digital Design**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Digital Design club is a place where students can work together to learn and teach different design programs. Making anything from a car to a website the goal of the club is to create a place where in students can work in groups teaching eachother skills they know to overcome problems in different group members designs. We hope to create a safe space for people to share their ideas and work on projects.

# **Dungeons and Dragons Club (Roll for Initiative)**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Dungeons and Dragons Club, or Roll for Initiative, is a club where students can get together and play fantasy role-play games. The club is for people of all skill levels, from beginners to experts in the fantasy role-play genre. Students are welcome to play campaigns, create characters and DM (dungeon master) their own games. The club will be led by Mr. Palacio. It will be open for grades 9-12, and possibly the middle grades if enough people are interested. In this club, students will enable role-play and gaming skills while also using and developing metacognition, critical thinking and creative writing skills through fantasy storytelling.

### **Economics Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Economics club is a club open to anyone curious about economics and how the economy works. We will explore economic principles and apply them to real world problems and issues. Everyone is welcome to this club regardless of background knowledge on this subject. Feel free to stop by even if you are remotely interested!

# **Education For All**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Education for all is a tutoring club focused on reaching out to low-income students and students of color that are in need of extra help on their homework. First the club will prepare for the tutoring, then around once or twice a week, the club will go to Hudson Guild. This is a nonprofit organization helping low income families all around access resources, like tutoring. One of their locations is right across the street! We will tutor a variety of students of different ages. We will also be learning about education inequalities, and will potentially hold fundraisers.

## **Emergency Medicine Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Emergency-Medicine club is the perfect place for students passionate about medicine to learn basic life saving techniques. Students will become CPR certified, AED certified and Basic trauma certified. We will cover everything from splinting limbs to securing a collapsed airway. We will practice a lifesaving surgical intervention such as a cricothyrotomy on pig tracheas and chest tube insertion. Students will become advanced in many emergency medicine practices that can be used in real world scenarios.

## **Entrepreneurship Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Entrepreneurship club will allow students to come together and create product ideas in groups and learn to evaluate those ideas and create a strategy to turn that product into a profitable business. We will have groups work together to come up with ideas to solve given problems and will provide members the opportunity to pitch their own ideas and get ideas on how to improve. The main purpose of this club is to practice and learn how to strategize and build businesses based on current problems. It will allow Entrepreneurial students to come together and work with each other on creating and pitching products.

#### **Ethics Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** If you are interested in discussing ethical dilemmas, competing in interscholastic ethical debates (Ethics Bowl), and analyzing the ethics of current events, then you should join the Ethics Club! Last year, the Ethics Club accomplished a lot. This included organizing the Students vs. Faculty Ethics Bowl and representing Avenues for the first time in the Regional Ethics Bowl. This year, we are planning to organize more Ethics Bowl events at Avenues and compete in the regional competition again.

## **Feminist Student Union**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Feminism is equality for all genders. Feminist Student Union will hold a space for ALL students (of all genders) to have conversations about real world themes such as philosophy, gender inequality, subtle sexism, sexuality, how the patriarchy impacts everyone, and more. We will be talking through the past, present, and what we hope our future looks like as humans. We want to open the dialogue to race, class, identity, and how they all play a role in feminist theory. Feminist Student Union is a safe space for students and faculty to express and relate to issues that scale from large to seemingly mundane. We will indulge in excerpts from literature, film, and music. We plan on discussing topics that interest you and want to open the club topics to what the members want.

#### Film Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Film Club is a place for all movie-lovers to come and discuss their favorite films. Each week someone will present a film of their choice and educate everybody on either how that film was made, or its importance or effect on society. It is an incredibly open community and a fun way to interact with your fellow students and cinephiles.

## Film/Acting Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Are you curious about how to make films but don't know where to start? Our club educates students on all aspects of filmmaking like; cinematography, editing, color correction, lighting, acting, writing and directing. Not only will we be making films but we will also be watching and discussing films in movie theaters and at school.

## Financial Literacy Magazine

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** So You Think You Know Personal Finance? magazine aims to give students the opportunity to explore financial topics they would never get to learn about in regular classrooms. Through photographs, blurbs, articles, and cartoons, we aim to provide financial literacy education to the Avenues community. Our goal is to publish one magazine every semester. We would love those who are interested in finance to contribute to So You Think You Know Finance? as graphic designers, writers, and artists; and no prior financial knowledge is required!

## **Fit For Finance**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Fit For Finance is a unique and informative club designed to educate students about finance and real estate through highly interactive projects and events. This is a great opportunity for students because many kids would like to pursue careers in finance but are not offered these types of classes in high school. This club aims to inform students about career paths in finance, and the fundamentals behind working a financial job. Another goal of our club is to teach how finance correlates with the complex modern-day problems that include climate change, inflation, etc. The learning will be through creative projects, real-world situations, interactive discussions, and professional's insight.

## **Food and Hunger Advocacy**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Food and Hunger Advocacy club addresses food insecurity in NYC and Chelsea. We learn about food policy and the experiences of people struggling with food insecurity, as well as volunteer at places like Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen and the Hell's Kitchen Food Pantry. We also run the Thanksgiving Food Drive! Everyone is welcome to join and we look forward to working with the Avenues community for the 8th year in a row!

## Food Magazine Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Have you ever wanted to express your love for food but didn't know how? The Food Magazine will provide this space for you. In this club, students can review restaurants, test recipes, write articles, and perfect their food photography skills. We strive to create a publication where food is not merely a necessity for human survival, but also a method of communication and expression. Our magazine is a place for anyone with an interest in food and a hunger to explore what food means to you, whether you are a chef, photographer, writer, or budding restaurant critic.

#### French Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** We are the Avenues French Club, a space for students to convene and discuss the French language, music, film, and culture! Our club seeks to expand Avenues' language and culture connections by discussing music, film, food, and more from France and other Francophone countries! From claymation films like Ma Vie de Courgette to original classics like 1946's La Belle et la Bête, the French Club covered it all last year. This year, we plan to watch movies, tv shows, cook, hold French bake sales, and more! If any of these activities interest you or you just want a fun, stress-free environment to discuss your interests regarding French culture, then this is the club for you. Everyone is welcome regardless of French ability, just bring enthusiasm!

# **Game Design Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Have you ever wondered what it took to create your favorite game? Maybe you've always wanted to create your own dream game nobody else could create. Or you simply want to try something new, if so then you should give the Game Design Club a shot! We will provide you with the support, resources, and proper guidance to create your own game! Whether you have no experience, or are a seasoned veteran, everyone is welcome to join. Our club's goal is to get more students at Avenues to try out game design, and hopefully get them to enjoy it in the process.

## **GSA Upper Grades**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Upper Grades GSA will provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ students and teachers to talk about their experiences, share stories, and learn from each other. Allies are also welcome, and we will foster an environment of discussion and learning. We will also probably have snacks.

## Hi, Science

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Hi, Science is a student-run magazine that aims to promote STEM and writing engagement in the Avenues community and in underprivileged communities by making science literature fun and accessible. Join 45+ members in writing fun and interesting science articles, financing a massive publication, designing magazine layouts and publicizing and marketing this publication! Interact with students from other Avenues campuses, nonprofit STEM organizations, and even other international schools from around the world! Develop strong leadership, organizational, and outreach skills. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## **History Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** This year's history club is going to be chill. History club provides an open-ended environment to explore a variety of topics suggested by group members. As a club we will take part in free-formed discussions, mini-"lessons", historical cooking activities, as well as field trips to historical museums and locations in and out of state. We plan to become a part of the National Social Studies Honors Society, as well as work on having an end of year club trip. Come join History club, for more than just a typical history class.

#### In on Tenth

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** In on Tenth is Avenues' fashion magazine club! This is a club where students can merge their love for fashion, art, and journalism. We will publish magazines seasonally with articles on a variety of things ranging from dress code tips, to student interviews, to season essentials, to new collection reviews, and more. You are welcome to join and write, make art, or just come to share the combined love of fashion! See you there!

#### International Student Council

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The International Student Council is a group of students that come together to unite the Avenues campuses through events, clubs and meetings. Our goal is to create relationships with all of the Avenues schools, national and international, across the world to create connections, learn about each other's cultures and livelihoods and see the world from new perspectives. Everyone is welcome and we plan to unify Avenues internationally and at our campus as well.

#### Jazz Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Jazz Club is a place for people to play and share a love of jazz! You can join even if you don't play a musical instrument or sing. Most days will just be jam sessions, covering standards like Misty, All The Things You Are, Peace Train, and many others depending on interest. On the days where we don't play, anyone is welcome to join and learn more about jazz musicians. We will focus on Miles Davis or Dizzy Gillespie for a day, learning about their life and music. We hope you'll join and play music with us!

## Jewish Culture Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Jewish Culture Club is meant to be a place where we can explore anything related to topics of Judaism. It is a safe place to share experiences and connect with others. We will have speakers, debates, readings and workshops about a variety of topics revolving around religion, culture, and ethics. Our club is open to anyone willing to explore and learn about Judaism.

#### Komera

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Komera learning institute is a club to raise awareness, fundraise and educate people on the Komera Leadership Center. Komera is a center in Africa that is trying to support young women in and around Africa. The first Komera Leadership Center has been opened in Rwanda, Africa and our club is about helping not only this center, but also in hopes of spreading awareness and fundraising for more Komera centers around Africa. We will be contributing to help this organization continue what they are doing to provide young women in Africa with the education they deserve.

#### Latinx

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The LatinX Club is a space where students come together and have a safe space to talk about their identities and what it's like to be LatinX at avenues.

#### Law Review

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Through student led discussion the Avenues Law Review Club will help our members better understand cases that have, and are going to the Supreme Court, while forming our own opinions about the foundation of our country: the constitution. After a year of reviewing a variety of cases, each student will be encouraged to write their own papers taking a stance on a case.

#### **Math Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Math Club is a place for people to come and deepen their appreciation of mathematics. Whether you're already a math enthusiast who's looking for fun and interesting problems, or a math newcomer who wants to see what the field has to offer, all are welcome. We'll also be looking at competition problems to help you do well on the AMC. So come and join the Math Club, where there's math fun for everyone!

# Military Defense and Mechanics

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Military Defense and Mechanics club is a space where we hold discussions regarding current military events and the relevant technologies. Our goal is to increase awareness about current military events and the surrounding political mood that the world is in.

# Mission to Equalize Education

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Our club is addressing the modern day issue of education inequality. At Avenues we are very lucky to receive an amazing education, but this isn't the case everywhere. In other countries some children don't even make it past middle school. The goals of our club is to not only spread awareness on this issue, learn about fundraising and how to do it effectively, and also to connect with schools in different countries to collaborate. This club also counts towards community service hours. So if you are interested in learning more about this issue and fundraising, please join!

### **Mock Trial**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Mock Trial is a club where students in any grade can come to learn about and practice courtroom law. Meeting once a week after school, we study different courtroom procedures (such as learning how to examine a witness, how to properly object to a question, or how to introduce evidence) and aspects of the justice system that surround trial. In March, the club will form a team to compete in the 2023 New York State Mock Trial Competition, where students can be either witnesses or lawyers. We'd love to see you in court!

#### Model UN

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The model United Nations club is a club where students have the opportunity to participate in mock conferences to solve real world issues and practice diplomacy. They can connect with delegates from all over the country in various conferences with an amplitude of opportunities to get involved in the club. There are multiple topics that are discussed in conferences from economic crises, refugees or global health. We use this space to learn about real world issues and how to properly tackle them. Students get to practice a range of skills from public speaking, to writing resolution papers. Model U.N is also fun! Students get so involved and excited about delegating for their country it is almost a game once that gavel hits the table.

# **Move for Charity**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** This club will bring the joy of dance to dancers and non-dancers alike. Our focus will be to teach, create and perform inside and outside of Avenues. We want to stress the importance of giving back to the community. We will host events to teach members of the Avenues community, from small world, to parents/grandparents, and everyone in between, how to move and express themselves through music and dance. We will also organize events such as dance parties that raise money for charities, dance marathons, and holiday events, and also work with community service centers around us such as nursing homes. We welcome ideas from everyone. For those who may be less interested in the movement aspect, a huge part of the club will be to organize and administer these events. We will all be actively engaging in community service whether we are physically dancing or not. We strive to create an environment where everyone has the opportunity to give back through our passion for movement.

# **Painting & Drawing Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Painting and Drawing Club will provide students with the opportunity to hone their painting and drawing skills while experimenting with new mediums and techniques. Students will be able to choose what they'd like to work on while mini-lessons will be introduced. They will also get to experience drawing and painting on location at places such as Central Park, The High Line, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and more!

## **Peer Leadership**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Peer Leadership is a program that strives to assist underclassmen in navigating high school through the advice of older students. Our Peer Leaders (11th and 12th graders) are eager to engage the younger grades, motivated to help others, and feel comfortable facilitating the important conversations that lead to growth.

#### **Penumbra**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Penumbra is the Upper Division's art and literature magazine. It features a diverse range of student writing and art—short stories, poetry, collage, digital art, photography, anything expressive. We aim to create a space of dedicated, enthusiastic writers, artists, photographers, and creative people! We are going to continue to highlight creative student work by publishing physical print issues this year.

## **Philosophy Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Avenues Philosophy Club is a space to explore a mix of contemporary and traditional philosophy in an environment welcoming all opinions. Our planned curriculum covers everything. From anarchy to consciousness, from dreams to social structures, the Philosophy Club is a place to learn it all, and perhaps a bit about yourself along the way. Every year we organize an evening of philosophy, involving debate and teacher monologues, it's always a blast. Everyone is welcome.

## Physics is f=µn

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Physics is f=µn is a place where people can gather to discuss and learn about the science of physics. We are a community built around the passion of learning and the curiosity to learn more. We will welcome anyone who wants to learn and help them understand our universe through math.

## **Ping Pong Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The ping pong club is a club dedicated to improve and share the ping pong experience of everyone. Everyone is welcome to come and we are aiming to introduce ping pong to anyone who's new and perfect, also one that has been playing for a while.

#### **Political Discussion**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The political discussion club is a place where each week, we select a current political issue going on and assess different proposed actions and their potential impacts. This club will allow us to better understand and debate different current issues, as well as the different sides. In this club, we are aiming to learn about different local and federal problems and how different elected officials propose to solve them.

# Remote Control Racing Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** In The RC racing club, we will learn the basics, and principles of RC racing. We will be learning the tactics that profesional RC racers use on the track, and hopefully integrate them into our own racing. On top of just racing, we will be learning how to build/modify our own remote control cars, as a large part of RC racing is knowing your car inside and out! We will be tuning these cars for weight, agility, speed and overall performance. We also hope to build our own racetrack to practice in the Ilab. Once we are ready, I hope to take everyone out to a local RC raceway where they will learn what it is like to race on a larger scale.

## **Robotics Team**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Avenues Robotics club consists of three competitive teams. We compete in a world-wide robotics competition called First Tech Challenge, where we code build robots to accomplish a variety of tasks for points in tournaments. We welcome anyone with an interest in robotics, experience or no experience, who is committed to attending at least two meetings per week.

#### Save The Children

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Save the Children Avenues is a branch of the worldwide non-profit: Save the Children, which is one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations that helps children throughout the world who are affected by war, famine, or don't have access to the fundamental rights of life. We will come together as an Avenues community to learn about crises impacting children today, and work together to advocate, fundraise, teach, and create an impact. The club will meet weekly and foster a fun, creative environment for our school to help make a difference!

#### **Sisterhood**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Sisterhood is an affinity group, and conversation-based community where we host weekly discussions that female students might not be able to have in their regular classrooms. We will foster a community that allows for Avenues girls, grades 9-12, and female faculty and staff to express themselves and allows for their voices to be uplifted in a safe space. While we plan to participate in community engagement, mentorship with Middle Grades, and even curriculum development, our primary goal is to create a Sisterhood for women at Avenues.

## Social Justice through Film

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The goal of our club is to create a short film that addresses critical contemporary issues that we face as a generation. Together we will determine the topic of our film while learning through guest artists in the industry and watching inspirational films. Our hope is to impact change not only on a local level but by sharing our film globally through various youth film festivals.

## **Spanish Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Spanish Club offers the opportunity to learn more and celebrate the Hispanic Heritage. Through an interdisciplinary and exciting approach that includes language, literature, history, politics, economics, society, and culture, you will be able to practice and improve your language skills: Discussion, Oration, Reading, and Listening. In this club, we will read articles and short stories, discuss topics related to Latin America, and watch short videos and vlogs portraying this culture's peculiarity. We will play games and discuss your differences and similarities with Latin American students.

## **Sports Analytics**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Sports Analytics is a space where anyone, no matter your knowledge of Football or sports can come and learn about how one of the most popular hobbies in America works. The math and the calculations needed in order to succeed.

## STEM Outreach

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The STEM Outreach club is an opportunity for students to get involved in planning STEM events for the entire Avenues community. We plan to hold events to generate interest and excitement in these fields outside of classes for Early World, Lower Division, and the Upper Division, by planning and executing events like design challenges, hackathons, and a science fair/expo.

## The Avenues Investor Magazine

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The avenues investor magazine is a community where you can learn the ins and outs of the financial world. Each week members will write an article on a different financial topic, and they will learn everything they need to know about the stock market including investing, shorting, etc.

## The Aviator Weekly

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Aviator Weekly is a newspaper that would embody all of our core values at Avenues, including welcome, safety, respect, and being able to share these values worldwide through our different campuses. The main niche of this global newspaper would be "world news written by teenagers (students)... for teenagers (students)." It would be a place where we students could write about world events we are passionate about sharing.

## The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is dedicated to providing a safe space for students from underrepresented communities, as well as allies, to tackle issues of discrimination, bias, and injustice at Avenues. This space will be used as an outlet for experiences to be shared and voices to be heard. In addition to being a platform for students who are passionate about making a change, the club will also aim to take action at educating the broader Avenues community on important issues through educational presentations, panels, workshops, and more. DEI encourages student advocacy and promotes leadership within our Avenues community.

## The Finance Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Finance Club is our school's most premier investment society dedicated to the holistic exploration of financial research, and implementation. We centrally operate in the branches of Market Research (over the 11 stock sectors), Active trading & Investing alongside internal/external events and competitions. We work closely to foster a deep-rooted community of individuals with distinct interest in the field, and though no prior experience is required.

## The Get to College Project

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Previously named the \$1k Project, The Get to College Project is an organization started at Avenues by 2 seniors. We provide FGLI (first generation & low income) high school students with private college counselors, with the aim of maximizing their chances of attending a 4-year college. Club members will help lead and maintain the operations, build out a social media presence, and help us meet our fundraising goals!

## The Highliner

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Highliner is Avenues' student run news and culture magazine. As a club and community, we aim to uplift student voices by publishing a diverse collection of student work ranging from journalism to creative writing to photography and art. The Highliner's mission is to serve the student body by publishing creative, curious, and truthful pieces to help the Avenues community grow and change. Our hope for this year is to cultivate a community of excited writers, editors, and artists to continue elevating student stories at Avenues.

## The Secret Tea Society

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** We will sample teas from around the globe, learning about different cultures and practices along the way. We will also research different ways of making and enjoying this magical elixir. It will be a rich, pungent journey!

## The Service Learning Club

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Service Learning Club is dedicated to making service and volunteerism accessible to the entire Avenues community. If you are at all interested in service learning—from volunteering with kids, participating in park clean-ups, packing up food at a food pantry, or hosting bake sales to support non-profits—make sure to sign up! Last year alone, The Service Learning Club coordinated the high-school wide community day with 20 organizations citywide, raised \$1,000 at a bake sale for mental health kits for the Covenant House, helped run our school's Project Cicero book drive which donated more than 2,000 books, volunteered at the Hudson Guild's Holiday pop-up shop, and so much more. We had a lot of fun while forming lasting connections both inside and outside of Avenues and making a meaningful difference in our community through 150+ hours of service and volunteerism!

## The Woman of Color Association (WOCA)

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Women of Color Association (WOCA) provides a safe space for Women of Color at Avenues to share our experiences, have conversations about important topics regarding our identity, and to be our authentic selves. We tackle concepts like self-perception, predominantly white environments, colorism, eurocentric beauty standards, cosmetic inclusivity, and more. We will be doing some fun field trips as a group in addition to our regularly scheduled meetings. We are always open to feedback and ideas regarding our agenda from our club members!

## **TREEage**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** TREEage is an environmental justice organization, working to fight the climate crisis, spread climate education, engage in politics locally, and fight systemic injustice through mutual aid and community organizing work. We are part of the larger TREEage organization, a citywide movement that supports social justice efforts and diversity, equity and inclusion-focused political movements. If social equity and human rights interest you, come join!

#### **Ultimate Frisbee Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Ultimate Frisbee Club is a place where students can come and enjoy the sport of Ultimate Frisbee where we play games and practice to increase our skill. Anyone is welcome who wants to learn and play the sport of Ultimate Frisbee.

#### **UNICEF Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The UNICEF Club will partner with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to educate, advocate and fundraise to support UNICEF's lifesaving work. Students will play a very important role in helping the world's children survive by supporting UNICEF's work in more than 190 countries and will have a unique opportunity to involve members of their community in global humanitarian issues. The Club will engage in a variety of activities to promote children's issues: they will write letters to elected officials, participate in UNICEF Project campaigns, produce benefit concerts, host speakers, and write school newspaper articles about UNICEF's work.

## **Upper Division Book Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** Students select a new book to read and discuss: classics, non-fiction narratives, works of literary fiction, and memoirs. Together they try making sense of how the stories are written, what animates them, and if they're any good.

## **VALORANT Esports Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The VALORANT Esports club is a club based around appreciating and engaging in all types of ESPORTS with a main focus on the competitive FPS VALORANT. We will meet to talk about the newest roster moves, discuss approaching matches and reviewing pro level gameplay to help ourselves get better at the game. There will be a space for sharing ideas and highlights. We hope to one day in the future, field a roster so that we can compete in online tournaments to see how we stand up against the rest! Come join us if you're interested in esports! We're open to talk about all games no matter the style as we look to create a safe space for all gamers.

## **World Cup Club**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The World Cup Club will be a place for anyone who has any interest in soccer. To us, there is no sport in the world that has the same impact as soccer. We will talk about soccer strategies, controversies, and much more. Feel free to bring your ideas to our meetings, this will be a space for our members to bond over a common interest: the best sport in the world. Don't think, we're just going to talk, though. We will definitely be watching games, highlights (and lowlights), and obviously, THE WORLD CUP!! You don't need to have any previous experience with soccer to be in this club, in fact we encourage that.

## Yearbook

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The yearbook is a fun and creative space for students to come together and share their passions of design, documentation, organization, editing etc. Everyone is welcome to join and put their creative inputs into what they wish to see in this year's yearbook.

## **Zero Waste**

**CLUB DESCRIPTION:** The Zero Waste Club strives to learn more about sustainability and educate our Avenues community on how they can be more environmentally conscious. We also aim to make tangible change, and implement sustainable practices/solutions inside and outside of school.

We are open to taking these goals in any direction, and will continue to expand upon this BYOC initiative, arrange earth week activities, collaborate across grades and campuses, continue the roof compost, and help organize environmental volunteer opportunities!