DWIGHT AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
GRADES 9-12
WINTER 2017

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WELCOME

At Dwight, our after-school activities are an important extension of the day and reflect our dedication to igniting the spark of genius in every child. We offer numerous opportunities for students to develop their interests and talents — and to discover new ones — through extra-curricular programs that reinforce what they learn in the classroom, encourage skill development, and build self-esteem. Along the way, students share enriching experiences, forge friendships, and challenge themselves to grow.

The range of Dwight after-school offerings is extensive, with choices to spark minds, bodies, and imaginations. All are age-appropriate, as outlined in each of our catalogs for students in grades 1-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

We have three seasons: Fall, Winter, and Spring. Our programs are taught by Dwight faculty or leading outside professionals, depending on the activity. No matter the instructor, coach, or mentor, students will have fun, learn, and cultivate their unique spark of genius.

We look forward to seeing your children after school!

Warm regards,
Fiona Imboden

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our After-school Program offers a wide variety of specialty classes and activities one day a week per session. Session length and cost can vary; sessions are held from 3-4 pm or 4:30 pm, unless otherwise stated, on our Main Campus or at the Dwight School Athletic Center. Please visit the Programs section of our website for additional information.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

ADVANCED MASTER THEATER

The Advanced Master Theater Program is for students who have shown drive and who we feel possess the maturity needed to commit to a more in-depth theater learning experience. The program, which mirrors those at the college level but is designed specifically for high school students, provides participants with direct contact with artists working on Broadway and Off-Broadway stages. It also affords those who may not plan on pursuing theater in college or as a career with an opportunity to build public speaking skills and the ability to think and act creatively on the spot. The program's most unique and exciting feature is the working relationships we have with the Manhattan Theater Club and the Atlantic Theater. The Advanced Master Theater Program is individualized for every student. We personally mentor each one and provide guidance to help students pursue their spark of genius in theater or music on and off campus, connecting them to resources and additional programs that can nurture their further development and success. For further information please contact program Director, Terry Christgau, at tchristgau@dwight.edu

A-LIST TEST PREP

At Dwight, we're committed to providing students with the finest counseling and resources to help guide them through every step of the college admissions process. As students are required to take standardized tests for college admissions, we have partnered with A-List, a highly regarded test preparation and college admissions organization, to offer students in grades 9–12 supplemental standardized test preparation assistance designed to boost confidence and standardized testing performance. With a proven record of success, A-List focuses on the individual needs of students and matches each one with an educator based on his/her learning styles and motivation. Please email Director of Extra-curricular Activities, Fiona Imboden, at fimboden@dwight.edu, for more information about group courses or private tutoring with A-List.

DWIGHT CONSERVATORY PROGRAM

The Dwight Conservatory provides students in grades 1-12 with an opportunity to take individual music lessons and ensemble instruction after school. The program offers a breadth of musical

styles led by a committed team of creative and highly experienced professional musicians and teachers.

Lessons are reasonably priced and conveniently located on campus. We currently offer instrumental instruction in piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, double bass, percussion, flute, clarinet, saxophone, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, as well as music theory and composition. For questions regarding the Dwight Conservatory Program, please contact Director of Music, Alistair Hamilton, at ahamilton@dwight.edu.

PRIVATE/SEMI-PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

The Dwight School Athletic Center offers swim lessons for children and adults at our world-class facility (located at 2116 First Avenue) on weekdays after 3 pm and every Saturday, from 9 am-12 pm. Taught by certified and experienced swim professionals, our lessons offer something for everyone — at every level. Please contact Aquatics Director, Chiarna Morton, at cmorton@dwight.edu to schedule lessons.

SPARK TANK

Spark Tank is Dwight School's incubator for students to develop skills in the areas of entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership. Students can develop projects from a simple idea through five stages concluding with the successful launch of their project.

During Spark Tank's after-school sessions, students meet with Spark Tank faculty mentors for guidance and feedback throughout the process. Faculty mentors also work with students to prepare them for Spark Tank events, where they present their projects before a panel of judges for funding requests, feedback, and additional mentoring requests.

Students who have an existing project or idea can join Spark Tank, or those who simply want to learn more about entrepreneurship and innovation are welcome as well! Students can join on their own or with others to work on a team project.

How to participate: Spark Tank meets every Tuesday and Thursday, from 3-4:30 pm, in Room 205 of the Main Campus building (next to the Middle and Upper School Library). Students can attend either session (no sign-up required). Students wishing to register in advance can complete this form: bit.ly/joinsparktank.

SCHEDULE: WINTER 2017 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

WINTER TERM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Race Matters	Spark Tank (Drop In)	Business & Investment Club	Spark Tank (Drop In)	Asian Culture Club
	Jazz Band	Advanced Master Theater	Dwight Tutors	Boxing	Greener Earth
		Boxing	Future Physicians	Chamber Music	Philo Club
		Ceramics	Improv With A Purpose	Model UN	
		Dwight Times	Mock Trials	WISER	
		D-TV	Meditation	Mock Trials	
		Dwight Writers & Literary Magazine	Dwight Feminist Club	Portfolio Prep	
		Dwight Photographers		Yearbook	
		Yearbook		Zumba	
		Math Team		Upper School Math Homework Help	
		Mock Trials		Chess	
		Upper School Math Homework Help			
		Rock Band			
TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS	**8**	**9**	**11**	**11**	**9**

AFTER-SCHOOL
CALENDAR 2016-17

Friday, November 11	No classes, Faculty Development Day
Sunday, November 20	Winter online registration begins
Wednesday, November 23, Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25	No classes, Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, December 2	Winter online registration closes
Thursday, December 15	Last day of fall after-school activities
Wednesday, January 4	Winter after-school activities begin
Monday, January, 16	No classes MLK Holiday
Friday, February 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, February 17,	No classes, Faculty Development Day
Monday, February 20 &	No classes, Presidents' Day vacation
Tuesday, February 21	
Sunday, February 26	Spring online registration begins
Friday, March 10	Spring online registration closes
Friday, March 17	Last day of winter after-school activities
Monday, April 3	Spring after-school activities begin
Monday, April 10,	Passover (no after-school)
Tuesday, April 11 &	No classes, Passover
Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Monday, May 29	No classes, Memorial Day
Friday, June 2	Last day of after-school activities for 1-12

AFTER-SCHOOL POLICIES

- Classes have limited capacity: 15 students per activity, unless otherwise stated.

- Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Confirmation of registration will be sent out shortly before the start of the program.

- Dwight reserves the right to cancel any after-school program that does not have adequate enrollment of at least six students. You will be notified of any cancellations prior to the first week of classes.

- If a student decides to drop a program, payments are fully refundable until the second class.

- THERE ARE NO REFUNDS after the second week of programming has ended. There are no exceptions to this policy; please be familiar with the policy before registering your child for after-school programs.

- Dwight does not offer make-up classes or refunds for any missed classes.

- After-school and programs observe all school holidays and do not meet on the days with a noon dismissal.

- In the event of inclement weather, after-school programs may close and advance notice will be given.

HOW TO REGISTER

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

1. The registration link for all after-school programming is on MyDwight under Programs, After School & Extended Day.

2. If you were enrolled in after-school programming at Dwight in the previous school year or trimester, your username and password will remain the same. If you have forgotten your username or password, please log in and follow the prompts to receive or change your password.

3. All new families and students in grades 6-12 should have received a link to the After-school Program and a temporary username and password to access the site.

4. If you did not receive or cannot find this email, please email Fiona Imboden, fimboden@dwight.edu and we will resend the information.

5. Once you are logged into the system, you will find all choices in the program registration module. Once you enter the module, all programs will be broken down into different categories.

6. Should you have difficulty registering, please email Neil Brier, nbrier@dwight.edu for assistance.

DESCRIPTIONS

THE DWIGHT MEDIA TEAM

D-TV

Dwight-TV is a new activity that has been planned as a collaboration between our Communications Department, students, faculty, and Spark Tank to record life at Dwight through online videos.

DAY: TUESDAY

DWIGHT TIMES

Dwight Times is a new activity that has been planned as a collaboration between our Communications Department, students, faculty, and Spark Tank to record life at Dwight through traditional newsprint. This may be your first step towards a career with *The New York Times* or *Wall Street Journal*!

DAY: TUESDAY

DWIGHT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Dwight photographers is a student service organization that collaborates with the Dwight media team to provide photos for the Yearbook, Dwight Times, The Dwight Literary Magazine, and D-TV.

DAY: TUESDAY

DWIGHT WRITERS AND LITERARY MAGAZINE

This year-long after-school activity provides an open and supportive environment for high school students interested in creative writing including: fiction, poetry, drama, nonfiction, and all other genres. Time is devoted to individual writing as well as work-shopping within the group, focusing on constructive and positive feedback designed to guide students into more compelling creative efforts. Additionally, the group publishes the Dwight Literary Journal, handling layout, artwork, promotion, and all responsibilities of the Editorial Board including: recruiting, selecting, and editing creative pieces for publication from across the Dwight community.

DAY: TUESDAY

YEARBOOK

The Yearbook staff plans, designs, and implements the production of the entire School yearbook. They learn and apply the skills of graphic designers, advertisers, sales agents, and publishers. Students can register for one or both days.

DAY: TUESDAY & THURSDAY

MIND & BODY

BOXING

After-school boxing is a non-competitive, individualized activity that is designed to improve fitness as well as give students a base for learning other martial arts. It is also a wonderful CAS experience for candidates in grades 11 and 12 looking for a fun way to earn CAS activity credit! This activity involves instruction in warming up and stretching, technique instruction, physical fitness drills, and the correct way to cool down after a workout. Contingent on your schedule and interest, you may sign up for either one or both sessions each week.

DAY: TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club offers high school students the opportunity to enjoy the challenging game of chess. Every high school student is invited to join this student-suggested after-school activity -- no experience is necessary because the students who initiated this club will teach you to play. And if you are more advanced, they will help you improve your game! Plans for this club include a choice of recreational and tournament play, speed chess, online chess, and classic chess board chess.

Juniors and seniors participation in this club will also have an opportunity to earn creativity CAS credit!

DAY: THURSDAY

MEDITATION

Think of how you feel when you are stressed on a day when nothing seems to go right. Now think of how you feel when you are sitting on a beach with nothing to do but relax. By learning to meditate, you can come back to the beach anytime and anywhere!

DAY: WEDNESDAY

PHILO CLUB

Have you started to recognize your power of critical thinking? Are you looking for an opportunity (outside of class, and in an engaging way) to refine these skills? Broadly speaking, in this club we will explore the philosophical issues that help us better understand ourselves and the world around us. Each issue will be explored in a two-week process. In the first week, students will engage a philosophical question via interaction with a short excerpt, podcast, video, etc., to encourage conversation. In the following week, we will experiment by creating artifacts (for example, an infographic, creative writing, visual arts) that express the knowledge gained, both about

what students learned about the nature of the philosophical issue and its relevance to their individual lives. This club will help you sharpen your thinking skills and broaden your cultural appreciation, all in an environment where you are encouraged to take risks and have fun!

Some topics for consideration include: What is happiness? What is freedom? What is consciousness? What is free will? What is love? Do we need a state? What is beauty?
DAY: FRIDAY

ZUMBA
Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance fitness program that blends red-hot, high-energy, international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! There is no other fitness class like a Zumba fitness party! It's easy to do, effective, totally exhilarating, and is led by our in-house certified Zumba instructor!
DAY: THURSDAY | $295

INTERNATIONALISM

ASIAN CULTURE CLUB
The Asian Culture Club will explore many aspects of Asian cultures. The club plans to visit and review Asian restaurants, participate in community service, do some fun activities, and watch and listen to current Asian films and music. Other subjects to be investigated include challenges Asian students face adjusting to American culture and current geo-political issues facing different Asian countries. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join.
DAY: FRIDAY

DWIGHT FEMINIST CLUB
The Dwight Feminist Club seeks to educate the Dwight community about women's rights by focusing on current events concerning inequality. Weekly meetings will begin with a specific topic. Diverse opinions will be encouraged, as we educate ourselves through videos, lectures, and presentations.
DAY: WEDNESDAY

GREENER EARTH
Greener Earth is an environmental club devoted to advocating changes and looking for ways to save the environment. The club's goal is to improve sustainability here at Dwight. Planned activities include composting, recycling, and raising awareness.
DAY: FRIDAY

MODEL UN

Students gain a working knowledge of the procedures and operations of the United Nations. They have assigned topics in preparation for a one-day Model United Nations Conference held each term at a local school or university. Each delegation (school) is assigned a country and required to research that country's policy on specific international issues. Students who join this activity commit to attending the conferences as well as the weekly meetings.

DAY: THURSDAY

RACE MATTERS

Dwight's Race Matters Club serves as a resource for students with shared interests, issues, and a common bond or background. It is open to all students who want to explore their own racial identity and how it factors into the larger societal context of race. The group will plan and organize events/discussions that help educate and celebrate diversity within our community.

DAY: MONDAY

WISER

WISER (the Women's Institute for Secondary Education and Research) is a non-profit NGO, which opened the first girls' boarding school in Muhuru Bay, Kenya, to provide girls with the opportunity to overcome life obstacles through education. Dwight works with WISER through its Partner Program to build global relationships, create an international exchange of ideas, and assist in providing scholarships for girls. Members of Dwight's WISER group will work on continuing and building relationships with the girls and teachers in Muhuru Bay, as well as further promoting WISER within our Dwight community.

DAY: THURSDAY

CREATIVITY

CERAMICS

The Ceramics program is open to both beginners and those experienced with clay. We will create three-dimensional works using techniques including pinching, coiling, slab, sculpting, and more. Students will learn different techniques, and individual projects and experimentation are encouraged. Come have some fun learning to play with clay!

DAY: TUESDAY | $495

CHAMBER MUSIC - STRINGS

This ensemble is for students in grades 6-12 who are more advanced as instrumentalists. An audition is required for this ensemble**.**

DAY: THURSDAY

CHAMBER MUSIC - WINDS

This ensemble is for students in grades 6-12 who are more advanced as instrumentalists. An audition is required for this ensemble.

DAY: THURSDAY

IMPROV WITH A PURPOSE

Relax after the school day, express yourself creatively, and laugh ... a lot! Students practice group improv games and learn skills helpful to successful improv scenes. One of the goals of this after-school activity will be to visit senior centers and hospitals to share our talents with others!

DAY: WEDNESDAY

JAZZ BAND

This ensemble is for students who love jazz music, and is taught by a conservatory teacher. Placement of each student in an ensemble is determined by the Music Director and based on their experience. Attendance and punctuality are required at all sessions to maintain a place in the ensemble.

DAY: MONDAY

PORTFOLIO PREP

High school students in grades 9-12 interested in art will work in the studio to build their portfolio. Are you interested improving your figure drawing, painting skills, or trying printmaking? Bring your ideas to the art studio! Instructors will help students with technique and idea development. The group will take advantage of the vibrant art scene in New York by visiting galleries and museums. Students will reflect and discuss their art, and art history, to help understand our present culture.

DAY: THURSDAY

SENIOR ROCK BAND

This ensemble is for students who love pop and rock music, and is taught by a conservatory teacher. Placement of each student in an ensemble is determined by the Music Director and based on his/her experience. Attendance and punctuality are required at all sessions to maintain a place in the ensemble.

DAY: TUESDAY

CAREER SERVICES

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT CLUB

Learn to make strategic investments by analyzing companies while having fun competing in a virtual stock market game!

DAY: WEDNESDAY

DWIGHT TUTORS

Being a Dwight tutor is an opportunity to make a difference as you earn SA or CAS credit by helping your peers and younger students to study more efficiently. Many of today's best teachers began as student tutors!

DAY: WEDNESDAY

FUTURE PHYSICIANS

This club offers opportunities for students who are serious about a career in healthcare to exchange experiences, collaborate, and help each other find interesting internships and volunteer opportunities in the medical field. Planned activities include presentations by surgeons, physicians, physician's assistants, and anesthesiologists who will share their experiences, provide advice, and answer questions as club members move forward to meet their educational and career goals.

DAY: WEDNESDAY

MATH TEAM

Our Math Team, one of the most competitive teams in New York City, is open to all Upper School students who are interested in exercising their brains to work challenging math problems. Your skills will be put to the test when you sit for competitive math contests!

DAY: TUESDAY

MOCK TRIALS

Learn what it means to be a lawyer or a witness in the American trial system in this year-long intensive after-school academic program that is open to all high school students. The program is coached by Mr. Wiesenfeld, Head of the English Department and a former prosecutor who has conducted numerous jury trials over the course of his career.

In September, October, and November, the program will meet twice per week to focus on all aspects of skill development with respect to public speaking and trial advocacy, including: lessons and activities on oral and written persuasion; the foundational elements of American trial law, such as the rules of evidence and burdens of

proof; and all components of a jury trial, for both student-attorneys and student-witnesses including pre-trial motions, opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, objections, rebuttals, and closing arguments.

At the end of November, the New York State Bar Association releases its official Mock Trial Case. The program, by that time, will have determined an "A" Prosecution/Plaintiff Team, an "A" Defense Team, a "B" Prosecution/Plaintiff Team, and a "B" Defense Team. The "A" Teams will compete in the New York State Bar Association Mock Trial Tournament; the "B" Teams will help to analyze the case; practice examinations, arguments, and testimonies; and serve as understudies and scrimmage squads for the "A" Teams.

In December, January, and February, the program will meet three times per week as the "A" and "B" Teams prepare for the Tournament. From the end of February, and through as many rounds as the "A" Team advances in the Tournament, the "B" Teams will continue to support through practice and serve as understudies. If the "A" Teams are eliminated from the Tournament, depending on the remaining time in the school year, the program will continue with re-mixed "A" and "B" Teams competing in a Dwight tournament or in trials against local competitor high schools.

Please note, if you participate in this program as a member of an "A" Team, you **must** attend all sessions.
DAY: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

UPPER SCHOOL MATH HOMEWORK HELP
This after school activity is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 pm. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to drop by to ask questions about their assignments, or simply have a seat and complete their homework. A math teacher will be available to help, as well as resources like textbooks and calculators.
DAY: TUESDAY & THURSDAY