



af·fin·i·ty
group

a group of people
linked by a common
interest or purpose.

Affinity Groups 2021- 2022

Allies Against Racism

Mental Health Awareness

Concern for Human Rights

AAPIDA and MENA

Exploring Catholic Identity

Hispanic & Latinx Affinity Group

Black Girl Magic

SAGA: The SAGA Continues

Allies Against Racism

Teacher Moderator: Jeff Mayer and Daniel Badgio



Group Objective:

To promote awareness, positive sense of belonging, place of dialogue, education for the school community to be actively anti-racist, and provide communication and methods of understanding the experience of all members of our community affected by racism.

Activities:

Teaming up with other racial identity affinity groups for Affinity Group time and to plan Community Time presentation; educate and take action in partnering with outside organizations for activism; participate in student leadership conferences; partnering with StuCo for school wide awareness and action.



The Hispanic + Latinx Affinity Group

Teacher Moderator: Trish Nowlan



Group Objective:

The Hispanic + Latinx Affinity Group is a space free of judgement where we learn about the culture and the current events happening in all Hispanic and Latin American Countries.

We celebrate diversity, encourage inclusion and bring a sense of community. This group wants to educate others about our different cultures and discuss our experience within the world.

Activities:

Immigration Outreach (Letter writing campaign, Contacting elected officials (congressmen and women, senators))

Political Activism

Guest Speakers

Presentations

Coordinating with Spanish Language Week organization

Music

Presentations about Hispanic people on GMM during Hispanic Heritage Month (Lin Manuel Miranda, Isabel Allende, Frida Kahlo, Dianna Trujillo, etc.)

Showcase



AAPIDA and MENA

Teacher Moderator: Pat Sack



Group Objective:

To share and celebrate our cultures and discuss topics relevant to our cultural identities.

Activities:

Sharing elements of their culture with one another and the student body.



SAGA: The SAGA Continues

Teacher Moderator: Mrs. Katie Cho



Group Objective:

- Come together to connect over shared identity
- Create a community
- Learn how to deal with difficult things
- Welcome all viewpoints
- Provide a support system within our school
- Have fun

Activities:

- Positive posts
- Review queer characters and the media
- Coloring
- Friendship bracelets
- Weekly check in
- Music
- Food! Fun! Community!



Mental Health Awareness

Teacher Moderator: Ali Kelly and Maria Carin.



Group Objective:

Our objective is to bring awareness to the unseen mental health issues in our community and to provide education and resources to our fellow sisters. Our hope is by spreading positive affirmation and engaging in community outreach that we can help prevent the hurtful stigmas surrounding mental health.

Activities:

School Positivity: Ex: Leaving positive affirmation notes on bathroom mirror or on lockers.

Correcting Stimas: Creating posters that debunk stigmas surrounding mental health and provide statistics of how women are more disproportionately affected by mental health and how that plays a contributing role in how women are labeled in society.

Celebration: In the month of May (Mental Health Awareness Month) speak/ present at community time about what we have done over the year.



Concern for Human Rights

Teacher Moderator: Suzanne Walker



Group Objective:

We think it is important to educate yourself and help others to learn about various needs and work to meet those needs using the resources available in our community. We also want to discover the resources that we have access to and learn how to make the most of those resources. We are very interested in learning and researching areas of concern for human rights.

Activities:

Sponsor/initiate a donation-based event

Sponsor/leading an awareness activity (bracelets/pins/ribbons) as school community

Hosting a presentation during community time, open to partnering with Ministry team or ministry events.

Talking about topics, raising awareness, working with MMC to put awareness into action



Exploring Catholic identity

Teacher Moderator: Sister Danielle



Group Objective:

To deepen our religious vocations, explore our identities in Christ, and be transparent with our religious journeys.

Activities:

Sharing personal experiences; Daily check-ins; Learn different Catholic beliefs and practices around the world; Compare and contrast Catholicism with other faith traditions; Read and learn lessons from Scripture and apply those lessons to current-day issues; Make Rosary Beads; Make Nativity models.



