

Astronomy Club

To whomever this may concern,

On October 4th a groundbreaking meeting was held in room 306 where 14 enthusiastic students, driven by their thirst for knowledge, came together to change Barrington High School for the better. They came for Astronomy. Here at BHS there are no Astronomy classes, nor any Astronomical outlets for the students, which is why so many feel as though their interests are unsupported. This first meeting has made ever more clear of the growing demand for Astronomy, since the 14 students eagerly came despite minimal advertising. Astronomy, *the branch of science that deals with celestial objects, space, and the physical universe as a whole*, is a branch of science which holds great importance here in the 21st century, and each day its importance grows. We are not asking for a class, but a simple club. Under the wonderful guidance of AP-Physics teacher Debra DePietro we believe the sky is **not** the limit for the possibilities of this club. During our initial meeting each and every student was able to vocalize their desires and/or ideas for the Astronomy Club, and they did so with pleasure. One student offered to bring in their telescope, while others offered to bring in DVD's on Astronomy to watch for later meetings. One hour and a full whiteboard later, our purpose was clear:

To learn the general topics of Astronomy, such as planets and their types/conditions, galaxies, constellations and other astronomical objects observable with the naked eye, theories, history, and more. We hope to do so by watching documentaries and/or lectures, creating projects, discussing and even organizing events and stargazing sessions. And beneath all of these aspirations we will maintain a fun, easygoing, environment that is open for all those who, below the infinite, wish to feel...*humbled*.

Thank you,

Matthew Collyer