

# The GSA's Monthly First Meeting

## By Darcy Kizis '25



The GSA had their first meeting on October 12, 2022 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. It was held in the library and was hosted by Mr. Ruseskas. The meeting lasted one and a half hours.

The GSA is a club for the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. It is a club that is inclusive, supportive, and kind to everyone. Anyone from the highschool is allowed to join the club, no matter who you are. The club is a place where everyone can feel safe and supported.

This club is a safe space for many individuals. In this club, you can feel safe no matter who you are and why you decided to join the club. It is a place of constant support and kindness where anyone can feel welcome.

During the meeting, many things were discussed, but one thing that was significant was the fact that the club's executive board was announced. When they were announced they stood up and said their name, grade, and pronouns.

Another thing that was discussed was the fact that we would be a part of the homecoming parade, which was a huge deal. This meant that we would be able to spread our message to many people who may want to or may consider joining the club.

Another important thing that happened at the meeting was that all the club members made posters. These posters were important to be able to hang up around the school and spread our message to those who may notice these posters.

It was truly amazing to see everyone in the club putting in their effort to make these posters.

The variety of posters was also wonderful. One poster was heart-themed, another one was frog themed, and another was based off of the Disney show *The Owl House*.

There was an enormous variety of

posters and it really showed the personalities of all the different people in the club. It expressed how different everyone in our club is, despite being brought together by one club and one message.

The last event that occurred was that these posters were hung around the school. It was truly amazing to see all our hard work be hung up around the school. This was also wonderful to see our message being spread around the school.

Overall, the meeting was very successful and we hope that every meeting after this will be just as successful.

## Key Club By Isabella Ermert '25

Wyoming Valley West High School has a new club that has been doing well so far. Key Club is a club run by English teachers Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Toupin.

They do different activities and volunteer work each year. Last year, Key Club participated in a Trunk or Treat that the Swoyersville Kiwanis invited them to.

They also held a t-shirt fundraiser to help a former Spartan that has a serious medical issue, and the Key Club came together and raised some funds to help alleviate some of the medical costs. Gladly, the Key Club raised enough money to help with the medical costs.

On April 9th, 2022, the local Kiwanis Club attended the Mayor's Bumper Bunnies Event that was held at Roosevelt field on Church Street in Swoyersville. On August 9th, 2022, they had their division's August newsletter indicating anyone who is interested in becoming an officer can attend the officer training happening on August 18th from 1:30-3 at Wyoming Area.

The Key Club is a great club for students to get involved doing fun activities out of school and

have meetings in the High School cafeteria for every club day.

Anyone who is interested in Key Club can sign up with either Mrs. Davis in room 407 or Mrs. Toupin in room 406. Signing up is very easy.

This year it will cost \$25 dollars, plus a Key Club shirt. When you sign up you get a Key Club pamphlet on what they do, you also get your own Key Club ID cards along with a Key Club pin.

Anyone can join and each year they vote on who is the Key Club president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. This year they have The Key Club photos held by Ms. Temarantz.

As the year continues, the Key Club plans on making it the best year we have ever had. We will have different out of school activities and volunteer work to help different organizations raise money and have fun at the same time. The Key Club has helped so many different organizations all throughout last year with volunteer work and will continue to do so.

