



**GRENVILLE BAKER  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

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135 Forest Avenue  
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**2023-2024**

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# Dear Club Family,

As we begin our program year, we are reminded of our Club's history and the **legacy** and **vision** of the community leaders who came before us. Through their hard work and financial support, our Club has had a **lasting impact** on the young people of the greater Locust Valley area.

Since 1950, thousands of children have grown into responsible citizens and community leaders thanks to our Club's unique, **fun and effective programming**. As we begin a new program year, we are excited to continue that tradition, while introducing some wonderful new programs to meet the needs of our kids today.

We would not be able to do this without the commitment and support of so many individuals who **invest in our mission**. Our Board, staff, and volunteers also play a vital role. Above and beyond their wide range of talents, they bring their deep compassion and concern for the young people of our area.

Our **Board of Directors** volunteer their time, share their expertise, and give generously to ensure that our Club's mission is preserved, its quality upheld, and its future secured. Their guidance and policy setting is **essential** to the Club's mission.

Our **staff** convey a message of respect to each child. At our Club, young people learn the importance of respect for their peers, the staff, and our facilities. The kids are taught that to earn the respect of others and to become a true leader, they must first show respect for others, especially those they seek to lead.

We rely on our **volunteers** to help with programs, special events, and fundraisers. Our volunteers work with our kids as tutors, coaches, and mentors. They serve on our committees, rolling up their sleeves to help with our Thanksgiving Dinner, Pancake Breakfast and our Gala. They range in age from teenagers to retirees and have an enormous impact on our members and our Club. **Please consider joining them.**

**Please review this Program Guide. I know you will find it useful and informative. In the next few pages, you will find important details about our K-5 programs, hours, staff and more.** We encourage you to register for membership and for specific programs.

Feel free to call the Club with any questions or for further information.

**Sincerely,**  
Ramon Reyes  
Executive Director

## About Us

### WE PROVIDE....

#### A SAFE, POSITIVE, AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO LEARN AND GROW

All young people are welcomed and accepted at Grenville Baker. Our youth development professionals model behaviors that help youth feel physically and emotionally safe, and create positive experiences that engage everyone, and our youth demonstrate respect and fairness.

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO LEAD, SHARE IDEAS, AND BE HEARD AND RECOGNIZED

We believe in the importance of youth voice. We empower young people to actively shape and own their Club Experience.

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL, AND HEALTHY CONNECTIONS WITH PEERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Young people form crucial connections at Grenville Baker. When members feel connected to peers and caring and supportive adults, it helps them develop socially, learn to be responsible, show respect for self and others, be fair-minded, and express care and concern for others.

#### EXPERIENCES THAT FOSTER HOPE, A SENSE OF BELONGING, AND A SENSE OF PURPOSE

The high-quality Club Experience can unlock young people's potential, not only by sparking hope, but also by instilling in them a sense that they are part of a community, with a sense of purpose for their lives.

#### HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT BUILD UPON YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRENGTHS, ALLOWING THEM TO EXPLORE NEW EXPERIENCES

Through our programs, young people build upon their strengths when introduced to new experiences. Through these experiences, and with the guidance of caring adults, youth learn to get along with others and build many skills, along with developing the character virtues of responsibility and citizenship.



## THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IS \$80

*(Expires 12 months from date of activation)*

All youth must possess an active general membership to participate in any programs at our Clubhouse.

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# Program Leadership



*Melissa Rhodes*  
Director of Programs and Professional Development

Melissa holds a bachelor's degree from NYU in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and a master's degree from LIU in TESOL. Melissa started her 23-year Boys & Girls Club career here as our Director of Education and continued on to work for four other Boys & Girls Club organizations across the country, including Boys & Girls Clubs of America. In 2019, Melissa rejoined the GBBGC team as the Director of Programs and Professional Development.



*Will Cohn*  
Director of Sports & Fitness

Will holds a bachelor's degree in History & Spanish from Ohio Wesleyan University. His career includes working at the Huntington YMCA as a Camp Counselor, and the Brookville Center for Children's Services as a Teaching Assistant. Will started at the Club in 2013. Will also is a volunteer firefighter with the Huntington Fire Department and a EMT with the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.



*Michelle Gallucci*  
Senior Director of Youth Programs

Michelle holds a bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Farmingdale State College. She started her career as a gym and health teacher in Baldwin. She started at the Club in 2018 as the Assistant Athletic Director. In 2019, Michelle became part of the program team as a K-5 Program Director. In April 2023, Michelle was promoted to Senior Director of Youth Programs.



*Maria Arana*  
Director of Youth Programs

Maria holds a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Inca Garcilaso de la Vega University. Maria began her career as a preschool and elementary school teacher in Lima, Peru. In 2014, Maria started volunteering at the Club when her children were young members. In 2018, she officially joined the team as a part-time staff member and was recently promoted to the Director of K-5 Programs in April 2023.



*Stephanie Urio*  
Senior Director of Teen Programs

Stephanie is a graduate from the College of the Holy Cross where she double majored in history and political science. After college, she worked as a Site Director for the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club before joining Grenville Baker where she has worked with teens for the last ten years. Stephanie is a National Training Associate for Boys & Girls Clubs of America.



*Stephanie Canales*  
Director of Tween Programs

Stephanie holds a bachelor's degree in Visual Communications Design from University of Hartford. Stephanie is a Club alumna, served as Keystone President, and was the 2016 Youth of the Year. After working in many departments at the Club over the years, she was promoted to be the Director of Tween Programs in March 2023.

*Our Mission:* To inspire and enable all young people to realize their potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens and community leaders of tomorrow.

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving youth in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. The Club provides a safe place for youth to go after school and in the summer. The Club is a place where members can have fun and participate in a variety of programs designed to help them reach their full potential. A staff of trained professionals delivers programming in Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, Character & Leadership Development, The Arts and Sports, Fitness & Recreation. We could not achieve these goals without your help. Please consider donating to help us keep serving the youth of our community.

# Afterschool Elementary Enrichment Program Grades K-5th

**FEE:** \$475/school year (September 11, 2023-June 26, 2024) *Sibling Discount offered.*

Includes all school full days and school half-days/early dismissals. *\*(does not include singular non school days/holidays, Vacation Week Camps during School Winter/Spring Breaks)* Includes daily transportation from school (LVCSD Schools only) to Club, low staff-to-youth ratio, a healthy snack, homework help, structured program schedule, enrichment programs including art, science, literacy, sports, cooking, and much more. **Hours are Monday – Friday 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** If you have an elementary student interested in the **K-5 program**, please register online at [www.GBBGC.org](http://www.GBBGC.org). For questions about our K-5th program, please contact Michelle Gallucci, Senior Director of Youth Programs, ext. 221 or Maria Arana, Director of K-5 Programs, ext. 220.

**Power Hour:** Each afternoon the Club focuses on this homework help and tutoring program, providing members with space, time and assistance to complete their assignments. Power Hour helps members be more successful in school and encourages them to become self-directed learners. A child's participation is tracked for recognition through our incentive program.

**Khan Academy:** The program gives opportunities to our members to continually apply their math skills using Khan Academy. Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empowers learners to study at their own pace. Youth will receive points for completion of activities and see their names rise on the Leaderboard.

**SMART Girls & SMART Boys:** SMART Girls/Boys is a small-group health, fitness, prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program designed to meet the developmental needs of girls and boys. Through dynamic sessions, highly participatory activities, and mentoring opportunities, children will explore their own and societal attitudes and values as they build skills for eating right, staying physically fit, and developing positive relationships with peers and adults.

**Culinary Arts:** This program will provide a cooking or baking experience allowing young chefs to express their creativity. They will discover new skills within each lesson focusing on nutrition and health.

**Literacy Club:** Children will write, read, create, dream, grow and develop love for books. Members will learn writing skills and apply reading skills to create cartoon books, newspapers, and a yearbook.

**STEM:** Based on the idea of educating members in four specific disciplines: science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary and applied approach, kids will develop their problem-solving skills as well as collaborative work skills. They will learn coding, and participate in hands-on experiments.

**Library Club:** The program is designed to help improve reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. Members will also be visiting the Locust Valley Library once a week to read with library volunteers.

**Arts:** Our Arts programming encourages creative expression in a relaxed setting. Kids will explore a variety of art formats including visual art, graphic design, theatre, music and vocal performance, and a Club favorite, arts & crafts.

**Triple Play:** A dynamic wellness program that is designed to help youth create opportunities to take charge of their personal health and wellness through fitness activities, challenges and games.



To help us ensure that ALL children have access to high quality programs, please visit [www.gbbgc.org](http://www.gbbgc.org) and consider making a tax deductible donation today.

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# Tween/Teen Program Grades 6-12

The Club strives to support members' pursuit of a high school diploma with a plan for their future. Our Tween and Teen Programs offer leadership and community service experiences through Torch Club and Keystone Club, financial literacy education through Money Matters, and secondary education exploration and support through College Prep. In addition, programs such as Healthy Habits, Art, SMART Girls, and Passport to Manhood provide our members with skill-building opportunities for a healthy lifestyle. To participate as a middle school or high school member, a general membership (\$80) is required. Transportation from Locust Valley Middle/High Schools and Finley Middle School and Glen Cove High School is provided (separate registration required). Teen program hours are Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. If you have a middle school or high school student interested in membership, please register online at [www.GBBGC.org](http://www.GBBGC.org). For questions about our tween program (middle school), please contact Stephanie Canales, Director of Tween Programs at 516-676-1460 ext. 235. For questions about our teen program (high school), please contact Stephanie Urio, Senior Director of Teen Programs at 516-676-1460 ext. 213.

**Power Hour:** Each afternoon after school the Club focuses on this homework help and tutoring program, providing members with space, time and assistance to complete their assignments. Power Hour helps members be more successful in school and encourages them to become self-directed learners. A child's participation is tracked for recognition through our incentive program.

**City Club:** Members of City Club will have the opportunity to explore the many wonders of New York City. With monthly trips into the City, this program allows our members to discover all of the sights and sounds of the greatest city in the world. Please contact the Teen Director for Trip Schedule.

**College Prep:** Teens visit colleges and attend workshops on what to expect in college. Participants also receive assistance with college applications, financial aid forms, scholarship applications, and admissions interviews. Members prepare for the SAT and ACT, through strengthening their English, Math and Essay Writing skills.

**Healthy Habits:** Members learn about living healthy lifestyles and nutrition. They also have the opportunity to cook a variety of foods.

**Keystone Club:** A teen leadership program where students work on community service and leadership projects. Teens from age 14-18 elect officers, choose their own service projects, and attend the Keystone National Conference.

**Money Matters:** A financial literacy program that teaches members about saving, budgeting and creating your own business. Through guest speakers, field trips and interactive computer lessons, members prepare for the financial challenges of college and beyond.

**Passport to Manhood:** Members discuss the many issues middle school-age boys are facing today. The program encourages healthy attitudes and lifestyles that will enable our boys to develop to their fullest potential.

**SMART Girls:** Members discuss the many issues middle school-age girls are facing today. The program encourages healthy attitudes and lifestyles that will enable our girls to develop to their full potential.

**Torch Club:** A leadership and service club for Tweens ages 11-13. Members elect officers and work together to plan events, dances and activities for the Tween members.

## Sports and Fitness Programs

### WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND FITNESS PROGRAMS

throughout the school year. All of our programs focus on sportsmanship, cooperation, and teamwork, while learning the skills and techniques of the sport and building the habits around living an active and healthy lifestyle. In addition to our popular Basketball program and our year-round Dance program, some additional program offerings may include: swimming, gymnastics, flag football, soccer, baseball and softball. **All programs and registrations will be available at [www.gbbgc.org](http://www.gbbgc.org). For questions about our sports and fitness program contact Will Cohn at 516-676-1460 ext. 224.**



**REGISTRATION TO OPEN  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25.**

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-2  
LEAGUE PLAY FOR GRADES 3-12  
LEAGUE WORKOUTS: NOV 13-17.  
CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY MARCH 16  
BASKETBALL AWARDS MARCH 20

2023-2024  
**Dance Program Schedule**

Classes start September 2023  
and will run until June 2024.

**Thursday**

<b>Grades 4-7 Lyrical</b> 5:30 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.	<b>Grades 4-7 Jazz / Hip Hop</b> 6:15 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.
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**Saturday**

<b>Grades K-1 Ballet</b> 9:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	<b>Grades 8-12 Jazz</b> 11:45 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
<b>Grades 1-3 Hip Hop</b> 10:15 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	<b>Grades 8-12 Tap</b> 12:30 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.
<b>Grades 2-4 Ballet/Lyrical Combo</b> 11:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	

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# Club Calendar 2023/2024\*

## Holiday Closures

- Columbus Day - October 9, 2023
- Thanksgiving Break - November 23-24, 2023
- Winter Holiday Break - December 25, 2023-  
January 1, 2024
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 15, 2024
- Presidents' Day - February 19, 2024

- Memorial Day - May 27, 2024
- Juneteenth - June 19, 2024

**ADDITIONAL DAYS CLUB IS CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

- November 10, 2023 • February 23, 2024
- March 28-29, 2024

## SCHOOL'S OUT BUT WE ARE IN...

We are open on specific days from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (\*Additional days may be added based on the LVCS D calendar)  
K-5 Afterschool Elementary Enrichment Participants: \$20/day. All other active members (Kindergarten - 5th Grade): \$40/day  
*Registration Required.*

- September 25, 2023
- November 7, 2023
- November 22, 2023
- May 24, 2024

## Vacation Camp

All active members in grades K-5 may register for Vacation Camp. The Daily Rate is \$45/day. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Field trips offered at an additional registration and fee.

- Winter Break Camp February 20-22, 2024
- Spring Break Camp 1 April 1-2, 2024
- Spring Break Camp 2 April 22-26, 2024

*\*Subject to change.*

## Club & Social Events

- New K-5 Parent Orientation - Sept. 7, 2023
- Opening Day - Sept. 11, 2023
- Day For Kids - Sept. 16, 2023
- Alumni and Friends Golf Outing - Oct. 2, 2023
- Hispanic Heritage Dinner - Oct. 13, 2023
- Alumni Reunion - Oct. 21, 2023
- Halloween Party - October 26, 2023
- Leader Circle - Fall, 2023

- Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 21, 2023
- K-5 Holiday Party - Dec. 15, 2023
- Pancake Breakfast - March 16, 2024
- Basketball Awards Ceremony - March 20, 2024
- Dance Recital - June 1, 2024
- Banquet of Champions - June 4, 2024
- Gala - Spring, 2024

## Volunteer Opportunities!

We offer a range of volunteer engagement opportunities from mentoring and tutoring our elementary children to coaching in our basketball program. All volunteers undergo a background check, and participate in required safety training prior to working with our members.

If you are interested in a volunteer position, please call Michelle at 516-676-1460 ext. 221 or go to the **Get Involved** tab on our website and fill out the interest form.

## Parent Committee!

Please contact the Club if you would like to help plan Club Events like our Pancake Breakfast, Day for Kids or the Holiday Dinner or to help in organizing our special events such as the Gala, Leader Circle and the Golf Outing.



## Getting into College Just Got Easier

The college admissions process can be a stressful time for kids and their parents...but here at Grenville Baker we help make it easier.

The Club provides to its members FREE SAT classes, college campus visits, assistance with applications and financial aid forms as well as admission interview training. The SAT classes utilize outsourced tutors and instructors. Once a month we visit nearby colleges and over vacations our members go on more extensive college tours.

If you are interested in this program for your teen, please call our front desk at 516-676-1460 or email [Stephanie.Urio@gbbgc.org](mailto:Stephanie.Urio@gbbgc.org).



Our Club has a variety of space available to patrons year round. Space is always contingent on availability, member activities and events.

**For more information, contact:**  
Marc Bilbrey at 516-676-1460 ext. 218  
or email at [mbilbrey@gbbgc.org](mailto:mbilbrey@gbbgc.org)

Save **THE**  
Date  
**OCTOBER 2, 2023**



**GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
**DAY FOR KIDS**  
**September 16, 2023**  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
\$5 admission at the door  
**ALL AGES WELCOME!**  
*Inflatables, Sport Games, Music, Carnival Style Games, Face Painting, Crafts and much more!*

*it's going to be*  
**EPIC**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
Alumni & Friends Reunion  
Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club

**SUMMER FEST**  
**DAY CAMP/TRAVEL CAMP/SPORTS CAMP**

## CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

Helping our young people learn and grow.

Our corporate partners make a lasting difference for our Club members. We look forward to discussing how your company, customers, clients and employees can help bring about great futures for all children.

Please contact [christine.thomaides@gbbgc.org](mailto:christine.thomaides@gbbgc.org) or call 516-759-5437 ext. 211 for more information.

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**Stephanie Canales**, Director of Tween Programs, ext. 235 | **Michelle Gallucci**, Senior Director of Youth Programs, ext. 221  
**Maria Arana**, Director of K-5 Programs, ext. 220 | **Will Cohn**, Director of Sports & Fitness, ext. 224  
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**Calling all tweens and teens!**  
**NOT a member of the Club yet, but want to try it out for a day?**  
**COME IN and ASK for a ONE-DAY PASS.**  
(Middle school and high school only.)

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