



2024-2025



**GRENVILLE BAKER  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

# Hello friends and families!

Welcome to another amazing year at Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club!

As always, our program is designed with our community's children and families' needs and interests in mind. We provide a safe, nurturing space that encourages creativity, fosters academic achievement, and promotes physical and emotional wellness.

We offer a wide range of programs and activities to our membership that focus on three priority areas:

**Future Readiness:** Programs focusing on future readiness are designed to equip our members with the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world, while also building empathy and a sense of service above self. Our goal is to empower Club members with the tools and knowledge to proactively shape their futures.

**Learning and Innovation:** Programs focusing on learning and innovation are designed to cultivate a culture of curiosity, creativity, and continuous improvement. Our programs address on academic skill building so that members can achieve their full potential in school and beyond.

**Health and Well-Being:** Programs focusing on health and well-being are designed to promote physical, mental, and emotional wellness among our Club members and their families. These initiatives aim to educate, empower, and support members in making positive lifestyle choices and fostering a balanced and healthy life.

We understand the importance of balancing work and family life, and our program aims to provide peace of mind knowing your child is engaged in a productive and enjoyable environment. Our staff are dedicated professionals, aided by many volunteers, who are passionate about making a positive impact on each child's life.

The Club is grateful to everyone who has and continues to invest in our Mission each year with financial support and participation at our annual events.

If you are new to GBBGC, I personally invite you to reach out to me to visit our program, meet our team, and see firsthand the positive and engaging atmosphere we offer.

Thank you to all who have been a part of the GBBGC family. We look forward to a phenomenal school year and to celebrate 75 years of serving our communities in 2025!

Warmly,  
Melissa Rhodes  
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 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IS \$85

*(Expires 12 months from date of activation)*

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

For more information contact us at: 516-676-1460 • [www.gbbgc.org](http://www.gbbgc.org)

# Program Leadership



*Stephanie Urio*  
Director of Programs and Professional Development

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 twelve years. Stephanie was promoted to Director of Programs and Professional Development in July 2024.



*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 physical education 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 Canales*  
Senior Director of Teen Programs

Stephanie holds a bachelor's degree in Visual Communications Design from the 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 brought on as a full time staff in March 2023 and was promoted to Senior Director of Teen Programs in July 2024.



*Giancarlo Servedio*  
Director of Tween Programs

Giancarlo holds a Master's Degree (M.B.A) in Marketing Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Saint John's University. Giancarlo's career includes working as an Athletic Manager for Fast Athletics, and a College Professor for SUNY Old Westbury. After working as a Sports and Fitness Coordinator at the Club, he was recently promoted to be the Director of Tween Programs in July 2024.

*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:** \$525/school year (September 9, 2024-June 27, 2025) *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 a 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 Moves:** A mental health promotion program that helps young people build the social-emotional skills to make healthy decisions and avoid risky behaviors with sessions that cover effective communication, self-management, developing positive relationships and refusal skills.

**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 (\$85) is required. Transportation from Locust Valley Middle/High Schools and Finley Middle School and Glen Cove High School is provided (separate registration required). Tween/Teen program hours are Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 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 Giancarlo Servedio, Director of Tween Programs at 516-676-1460 ext. 231. For questions about our teen program (high school), please contact Stephanie Canales, Senior Director of Teen Programs at 516-676-1460 ext. 235.

**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.

**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.

**Innovate:** Through a partnership with Apple, members will have the opportunity to develop their technological skills using some of the latest programs. They will work on video and graphic design projects which will be displayed in a showcase.

**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, fundraisers 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: 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 23.**

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-2  
LEAGUE PLAY FOR GRADES 3-8  
LEAGUE WORKOUTS: NOV 4, 6, 7 & 8  
CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY MARCH 22  
BASKETBALL AWARDS MARCH 27



### 2024-2025 Dance Program Schedule

Classes start September 2024 and will run until June 2025.

Saturday

<b>Grades K-1 Ballet</b> 9:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	<b>Grades 5-8 Lyrical</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>High School Jazz</b> 12:30 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.
<b>Grades 2-4 Lyrical Combo</b> 11:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	<b>High School Tap</b> 1:15 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.

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# Club Calendar 2024/2025\*

## Holiday Closures

- Columbus Day - October 14, 2024
- Thanksgiving Break - November 28-29, 2024
- Winter Holiday Break - December 23, 2024-  
January 3, 2025
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 20, 2025
- Presidents' Day - February 17, 2025

- Memorial Day - May 26, 2025
- Juneteenth - June 19, 2025

ADDITIONAL DAYS CLUB IS CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

- November 11, 2024 • February 21, 2025
- April 21, 2025

## 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.*

- October 3-4, 2024
- November 5, 2024
- November 27, 2024
- January 29, 2025

## Vacation Camp

All active members in grades K-5 may register for Vacation Camp. The Daily Rate is \$50/day. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Field trips offered at an additional registration and fee.

- Winter Break Camp February 18-20, 2025
- Spring Break Camp April 14-18, 2025

*\*Subject to change.*

## Club & Social Events

**New K-5 Parent Orientation** - September 5, 2024

**Opening Day** - September 9, 2024

**Day For Kids** - September 21, 2024

**Alumni & Friends Golf Outing** - October 7, 2024

**Hispanic Heritage Dinner** - October 18, 2024

**Halloween Party** - October, 2024

**Leader Circle** - Fall 2024

**Thanksgiving Dinner** - November 26, 2024

**Club Holiday Party** - December 13, 2024

**Basketball Awards Ceremony** - March 27, 2025

**Pancake Breakfast** - April 5, 2025

**Dance Recital** - June 7, 2025

**Banquet of Champions** - June 11, 2025

**Gala** - Spring, 2025

## 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.

**DAY FOR KIDS**  
**Luan**  
**at**  
 **GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**September 21, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**\$5 admission at the door**  
**ALL AGES WELCOME!**



## Getting into College Just Got Easier

Applying for college can be a stressful time for teens and their parents, but at the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club we are committed to supporting them through the entire process.

High school Club members can hear from guest speakers about the application process and attend workshops to help them figure out their “best fit school”. Starting sophomore year members are also eligible to attend college visits. These could be nearby campuses or more extensive visits during school breaks. Seniors receive help with filling out all financial aid forms and the common application as well as applying for scholarships.

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

*Having A*  
 Party • Conference • Reunion

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)



**GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

# Summer Camp

*Where campers make friends and have an unforgettable summer camp experience.*

**DAY CAMP/TRAVEL CAMP/SPORTS CAMP**

*Save THE Date*  
**OCTOBER 7, 2024**

**GO & F**  
*Alumni & Friends*  
*Outing*

## 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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the milestone throughout the  
2024-2025 year!

**75<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
1950-2025

**Return Service Requested**

**Melissa Rhodes**, Executive Director, ext. 225 | **Marc Bilbrey**, Associate Director, ext. 218 | **Christine Thomaides**, Director of Special Events and Corporate Development, ext. 211 | **Roura Rosales-Rosario**, Finance Manager, ext. 212 | **Stephanie Urrio**, Director of Programs & Professional Development, ext. 213 | **Stephanie Canales**, Senior Director of Teen Programs, ext. 235 | **Giancarlo Servedio**, Director of Tween Programs, ext. 231 | **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 | **Rosalia DiMaggio**, Membership Services Coordinator, ext. 216

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*The Difference*

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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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