HMS Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) 2019 - 2020

**When?** Every other Wednesday after school until 3:00 pm

**Where?** School Counseling Office

**Who?** All students are welcome to join the club.

**What?** A Gay-Straight Alliance is a student club that works to...
- Promote a more inclusive and accepting learning environment for all students!
- Reduce harassment or teasing, especially related to a person's real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.
- A safe place to discuss concerns such as: how to support a friend who is realizing he/she is gay, how to respond to direct harassment or joking remarks about sexual orientation, or gender identity and where to get help if you or a friend need it.
- Provide peer and adult support for students experiencing with sexuality and gender identity issues.
- Plan events to educate the school community and to debunk stereotypes about LGBTQ individuals and issues.
- Empower young people to become leaders and role models within their school community.
- Have fun!

**Questions?** If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs. Lilly Richardson, the 8th Grade Counselor at lrichardson2@bcps.org

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(Please detach below and return to school.)

**HMS GSA Permission Slip**

Name ___________________ Grade ________

Parent/Guardian Phone Number/email ____________________

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date ______