

Welcome Back, Students and Staff

Meet the Arrowhead Staff

The Arrowhead staff members are excited to share school news with you this year. Members of the staff are Seniors, Thomas Brown, Jesse Burton, Kayla Crigger, Kade Davenport, Chris Dunford, Brandon Johnson, James Meredith, Laura Midkiff, Cailie Pollard, Bryce Poole, Kelly Quinley, Shyanne Tate, Kaitlyn Trivitt, Haley Turner, and Lakin Wyatt; Juniors, Madison Bishop, Taylor Cline, Krystal Hill, Grace Jarrett, and Ben Sowers; Sophomores, Lance Rakes and Kelsey Vannatter; and Freshmen Kori Frye and Lucas Hagerman. The 2017-2018 adviser is Ms. Smith. We have a variety of talents on the team and we are certain readers will enjoy school news, as well as staff original pieces. If you have a newsworthy idea, please see any staff member or our adviser, Ms. Smith.

Get Involved

There are many clubs and organizations at our school. Some of these student-led groups are nationally recognized organizations, which focus on community service and leadership. Others are locally-founded and serve the school and our community. Regardless of your interests, there is a club for you!

DECA. The Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) was founded in 1946. Coach Sexton is the adviser at

RRHS and states, "DECA helps prepare leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high school." You can join the local chapter as soon as you enter high school, and you can remain a member until you graduate college. Members may participate in various competitions throughout the region. DECA prides itself on helping shape the leaders of tomorrow. Local dues are \$14. See Coach Sexton in Room 172 to join and for more information.

▪Jesse Burton

FBLA. The Future Business Leaders of America was founded in 1940 and is the largest career student organization in the world. "Our mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs." (www.fbla-pbl.org)



The 2017-2018 leadership team is President, Kaylee Jones; Co-Vice Presidents, Sarah Steffey and Kayla Shumate; Secretary, Grace Caudill; Treasurer, Hannah Roberts; Reporter, Molly Mlynski; Parliamentarian, Dustin Smith; and Historians, Bryce Poole and Brooke Smith.

The dues are \$15 and are due by September 22. Those interested in joining should see the local adviser, Ms. Smith in Room 185.

▪Kaitlyn Trivitt

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA is an international nonprofit Christian sports ministry. The club was founded in 1954 and has offices located throughout the United States. The vision of FCA is to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through influences of coaches and athletes. FCA is student-lead with a purpose of evangelism, discipleship, and outreach and fellowship by using athletics. The club is open to everyone who wants to be involved, as well as students who participate in sports. Here at RRHS most students lead FCA through their fellowship. FCA did not meet on the first club day, but will hopefully be meeting throughout the school year. FCA gives students a chance to lead out their faith through sports, as well as just school. For more information, see Coach Sexton in Room 172.

▪Laura Midkiff & Taylor Cline

FCCLA. The Future Career and Community Leaders of America club consists of an average of 160,000 young men and women nationally. Meetings generally consist of discussing upcoming events and how to prepare for those events. The first meeting was simple and was mostly voting on club officers, establishing club fees, and when those fees are due. They discussed a little bit about the annual projects and what new events they would like to incorporate this year. This year's officers are: President, Gabby Runyon; Vice President, Dorian Delp; and Reporter, Luke Smith. At RRHS there are typically 40 to 60 members of FCCLA. See Mrs. Burkentine in Room 158 for more information.



▪Grace Jarrett

French Club. French Club is the perfect club for people who want to learn about French and sample French cuisine. Every meeting Ms. Snyder, the club sponsor, prepares a French food for the club to try. Ms. Snyder has traveled to France on several occasions including living with a French family during the summer before her senior year of high school. Ms. Snyder states, "I have also taken groups of students to France (1999, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2016), Canada (2003), and Italy (2011). I took my first Wythe County trip with students in 2016. I am planning and have students signed up for a trip to France and London in the summer of 2018!"

The President of the club is Cailie Pollard; Vice President, Sarah Steffey; Secretary, Emily DeBord; and Treasurer, Hunter Matney. French Club is so much fun for everyone involved and anyone who has had French, or plans to take French, should join. Dues are \$10. See Ms. Snyder in Room 155 for more information

▪Cailie Pollard

Help Save the Next Girl. The nationally-recognized organization was established after Morgan Harrington's death. Morgan was kidnapped and murdered in Virginia during a music concert in Charlottesville. The organization's website states, "Through diligent activism in education, victim support, and legislation, we create a strong foundation against violence as we strive to help save the next girl." (www.helpsavethenextgirl.com/) The RRHS chapter was established this year and is sponsored by Mrs. Lyon and Mrs. Carter. Any student interested in joining may see either sponsor in Rooms 145 or 150, respectively. Dues for the club are \$10. The first ten members to pay dues

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will receive a Help Save the Next Girl t-shirt. Join today to help educate our school and community on preventing acts such as this from happening in our hometown.

▪Chris Dunford & Kade Davenport

LEO. Rural Retreat High School helped support the start of the Leo Club. The Leo Club stands for Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. The Leo Club was chartered in November 2016. The objective of the Leo Club is to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the community. The club has grown a lot in the last 50 years. Leos now make up a network of over 6,500 clubs in 140 different countries.

The Rural Retreat Leo Clubs officers are President, Emilie Buchanan; Vice President, Josh Crewsey; Secretary, Dustin Smith; and Treasurer, Amber Palmer. New officers are soon to be elected to serve for the 2017-2018 school year. If you like to help the Leo Club grow at Rural Retreat High School please contact Mrs. Reardon in the guidance office.

▪Lakin Wyatt

Power-in-Prayer. Power-in-Prayer is a club that not only meets on club day, but meets every morning at 8:05 in the auditorium. The sponsor of the club is the Rural Retreat Baptist Church Pastor, Jacob Vanover and Youth Pastor, Zach Newsome. During the meetings there are guest speakers who come deliver messages and devotions. The meetings are held on club days. During meetings, members play team-building activities. For more

information, see Pastor Jacob at a morning prayer meeting.

▪James Meredith

Pep Club. Pep Club is sponsored by Mrs. Burkentine and anyone is free to join. In meetings of Pep Club we discuss what we can do to make the student section at all games more spirited. We purchase confetti cannons, megaphones, air horns, etc., with the dues, which are \$5. To be a member of the Pep Club dues must be paid. See Mrs. Burkentine in Room 128 for more information.

This year the Pep Club has an Instagram account called @rrhsstudentsection. Every week, the club members will designate a dress-up theme. High school students are welcomed to dress up for school as long as they are school appropriate, and everyone is encouraged to dress up for the games. All games home and away are included. Join Pep Club and help make the student section more energetic and the home side more spirited.

▪Kelsey Vannatter

FFA. Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a nationally-recognized organization for students who are interested any occupation, not just production farming. "The National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education." (www.ffa.org) The advisers are Mr. Alexander and Mr. Copenhaver and dues are \$20. This year's officer team will be elected at the September club meeting. See either adviser in the Agriculture building for more information.



▪Krystal Hill

Upward Bound. Upward Bound is a college-prep program for high school students, which helps them develop academic skills, personal skills and the motivation necessary for college success. Upward Bound provides tutoring, career exploration, and college tours. They also assist with SAT/ACT prep, help with completion of financial aid paperwork, and college applications. Upward Bound students participate in a Summer Enrichment Program which provides academic classes, cultural enrichment activities, dual enrollment workshops and college success information. (www.wcc.vccs.edu/trio-programs)

Upward Bound is also only open to upcoming freshmen and sophomores. It operates through WCC. Meetings are in the library during school once every month. We also meet at WCC on the first Saturday of every month except December. Each summer, classes are held for all members to attend. Those who attend at least two summers are eligible to obtain a \$1,600 scholarship to WCC. See Mrs. Reardon in the guidance office for more information.

▪Madison Bishop

Class Leaders

Every year, a new team of leaders is elected for each class. Dues are set to help finance class activities, such as Homecoming, Prom, and more.

Senior Class. President, Bryce Poole; Vice President, Catey Mlynski; Secretary, Brandon Johnson; Treasurer, Destinee Testerman; Parliamentarian, Zachary Sheckells; Chaplain, Charlie Haun. Class dues are \$10 and may be paid to Destinee Testerman by September 8 in order to participate in

Homecoming activities. See Mrs. Lyon in Room 145 for more information.

▪Bryce Poole

Junior Class. President, Whitney Douglas; Vice President, Grace Caudill; Secretary/Reporter, Hannah Roberts; and Treasurer, Lanie Williams. Dues are \$40 and must be paid to Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Morris, or Ms. Smith by September 22 in order to participate in Homecoming activities. Remember, you are responsible for Prom, which is an expensive event. It is important dues are paid on time. Please see Mrs. Dalton in Room 206 for more information.

▪Krystal Hill

Sophomore Class. President, Abigail Musser; Vice President, Lexi Hawthorne; Secretary/Reporter, Jolie Hall; and Treasurer Michaela Fiscus. Dues are \$10 and are due by September 1. Abby is designing the Homecoming t-shirts and would like your input. See her today with your design ideas. Lexi is organizing the float and would like your help. See her to sign up. Jolie will be in charge of organizing the Powder Puff team and coaches. If you are interested, see her to sign up. See Mrs. Burkentine in Room 158 for more information.

▪Kelsey Vannatter

Freshmen Class. President, Paiten Burkentine; Vice President, Johnny Canales; and Treasurer, Blake Battaglia. Dues are \$5 and must be paid to Blake by October 6. See Mrs. Patrick in Room 146 for more information.

▪Kori Frye

Have a newsworthy story to tell? Are you an aspiring journalist? Contact The Arrowhead staff to possibly have your work published. therrhsarrowhead@gmail.com

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