



A New Beginning

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Welcome Back, RCCA!

Welcome back students of RCCA! We hope that you guys have had a wonderful summer and made great memories that you will cherish for years to come. RCCA is doing better than ever with the addition of new electives, the new building at the Brookside Campus, and new teachers at the Zion Campus. In addition, our very own Ross County Christian Academy Middle School has moved to the Calvary Campus! We are excited to see what the 2023-2024 school year has to offer!



New Additions To RCCA

We have had many wonderful things happen at RCCA over the years, and they have been provided by our amazing community! Our community has been so kind, holding fundraisers to provide RCCA with an additional building at the Brookside Campus. Students who have been waiting to attend RCCA for years finally have the opportunity to attend our wonderful school. We have been blessed by both God and our community. Calvary Baptist has also opened its doors, and it is now operating as the Middle School Campus for Ross County Christian Academy! Now, we have more room to help the RCCA family grow. God has blessed us with all of this, and He blessed us even more with the new staff at the High School Campus! We have welcomed Mr. Andrew Hill and Mr. Brody Colegrove to our family! If you see them in the hallways or teaching your class, make sure you welcome them and show them some love.

RCCA is growing now more than ever. We are stepping up this year and getting involved in the community, as well as providing a Christ-centered education. If we all pitch in, we can make this a year to remember!



Electives Offered

The RCCA High School Campus had many new additions throughout last school year, and now they are even more prepared for this school year! They have given the students the wonderful opportunity to choose what elective they want to participate in. The first option given was Psychology. Mr. Adam Hill has the opportunity to give his students a basic foundation in Psychology with a Christian perspective. If you intend to go to college, this elective might be for you because you will most likely need to take an introductory class in Psychology. Mr. Hill's hope is to '...allow students to be able to enter college and possibly the world of Psychology comfortably and proudly with their Christian Worldview.'

Mrs. Wright-Parker has taken the opportunity to teach the students at RCCA about music and encourage them to try their best every day. She hopes that the students in her class will get the chance to participate in concerts, Honors Choir, OMEA, and Ensemble Contests. She believes that she has a great group of girls and that the choir has the potential to grow over time!



Improved Security

RCCA has always wanted to protect its students and provide an education in a safe environment. This year, RCCA received a grant from the state to provide top notch security. This includes cameras in every school room and in the office, along with some new technology to allow staff to view the exterior of the building. A new door allows students and staff to look outside without people being able to see inside. RCCA has also hired a new resource officer, James Rout. James has 27 years experience in law enforcement. These additions will ensure that our students are instructed in a safe, Christ-centered environment.





WRITTEN BY: Cailynn Bash

The RCCA Girls Varsity volleyball team has been having a very successful season! They are currently 12-7. Our Lady Eagles have a very strong, talented, and hard-working team.

What's more, the varsity volleyball team has been packing out the gym and delivering exciting matches all year! Our setter and only senior, Jill Jude, has been connecting with our middle and outside hitters phenomenally all season, setting the stage for her hitters to deliver powerful and effective spikes. The Lady Eagles have undeniable team chemistry, which leads to games that are incredibly fun to watch. The girls work so well as a unit and seem to enjoy every moment they have on the court together.

In their game against Horizon Science, our junior varsity girls won in two quick sets. The first set ended in a score of 25-3, and they secured the match in the second set with a score of 25-13. Our J.V. girls absolutely dominated! Following the Junior Varsity game, our varsity squad took set one with a score of 25-11. In the second set, our varsity girls pulled out a 25-12 win, followed by a 25-13 win in the third set! During the varsity girls game, our hitters Rylee Elliott (junior) and Abby Bevan (sophomore) put their talents on display by making multiple blocks and delivering spikes left and right. Eden Ridder (sophomore) showed all the fans why she is our libero, diving for and saving countless serves or spikes from the other team, setting her teammates up for the chance to score. Sophomores Kennedi Peecher, Jocelyn Jude and Bella Ramey, as well as freshman Shyan Burns also made amazing defensive and offensive plays, leading to multiple points on the board for our Lady Eagles!



There is no doubt that we have a very talented team that displays amazing sportsmanship, always letting the love of Christ shine through how they play. They are able to have fun and dominate their opponents, while also maintaining their Christlike attitudes and fun-loving spirits. Truly, they are a team of whom we can all be proud.



WRITTEN BY: Millane Berry

Since last year, our school has been providing hot lunches that are delivered straight to campus for the kids. They are available for anyone to order online up to the day before. This growing project has gone from larger restaurant orders to fancy catering services in what probably seemed like no time to the students. In reality, there was a lot of hard work behind the scenes.



These three people worked hard, spending their time on making life easier in any way they could. Next time you receive a hot lunch, or notice someone who is working on this project, remember the hard work they are doing to make your high school experience better.



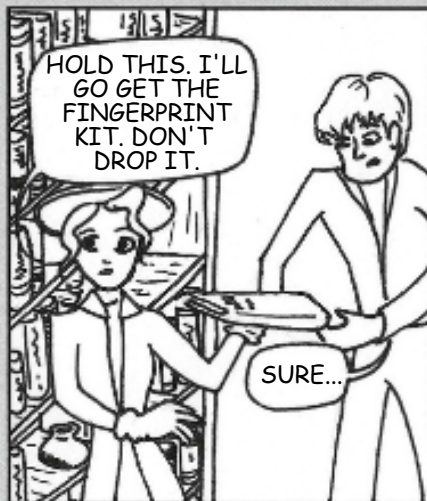
Thanks to Dr. Jones and Mrs. Pinson, our school has been gifted with the time-saving, easy-to-order, hot lunches. Dr. Jones has worked hard to get the project up and running for a year now, Mrs. Pinson has worked with her to coordinate it all, and Mrs. Peters distributes these to around fourteen students every day.





PIECE BY: Millane Berry

COMIC STRIP!!!!



Prayer Requests

Please remember that if you have prayer requests, you can go to locker number sixteen, write them down, and leave them inside. If you have a prayer request but are uncomfortable using the prayer locker, please see any staff member that you are comfortable talking to. They will be more than happy to pray over your request.

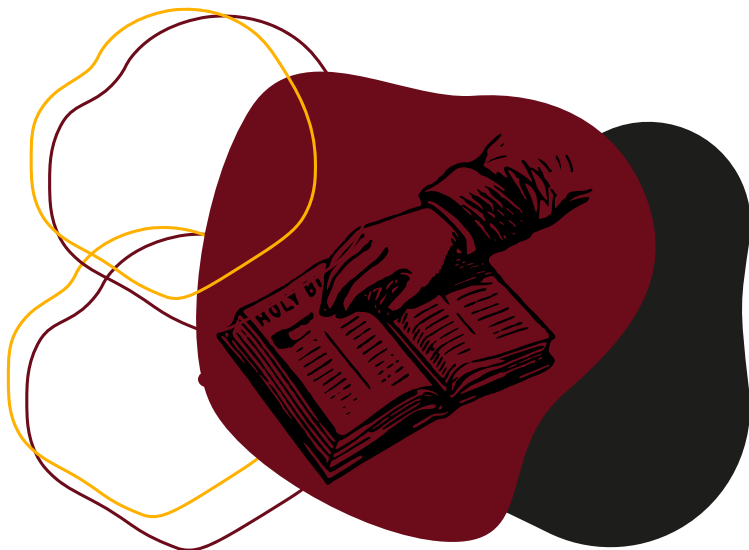


Mini Bible Lesson

WRITTEN BY: Austin Hisey

“For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning” -Psalm 30:5

This verse shows us that our feelings are fleeting and subject to change. It also shows that true joy in the Lord has a lasting impact, and provides us with a glimpse into the character of God. It shows that God can be angry and heartbroken over sinners and His wayward children, but it also tells us that His anger is not lasting. There is hope for tomorrow if you are a born again believer.



Student Testimony

WRITTEN BY: Caleb Dorrance

“I’ve grown up in a pastor’s home all my life, learning about God and the Bible, so hearing about salvation wasn’t anything new to me. I never had some magical transformation when I got saved. It’s not really one of those stories where I was hooked on drugs or alcohol and Jesus saved me. I was saved on the Wednesday of VBS at my old church. I had heard the message about salvation hundreds of times. I had heard my father and other pastors preach about getting saved, but it never really stuck with me. Even leading up to Wednesday, it was the same story I had heard multiple times over, but that night something felt different. The sermon put salvation under a new light, and it meant more to me.

“After the guest speaker finished praying and we left for games, I couldn’t get what he said out of my head. It just kept replaying over and over. So that night I went to my parents and told them that I wanted to get saved. They held my hand while I prayed and we called our pastor and told him the good news. The changes in my life weren’t something major that anyone could observe, but they were still meaningful internal changes. I didn’t really start taking my faith seriously until around 15 or 16. My family started attending a new church and I started going to the youth group there. In that time, I made new friends, people who I consider my best friends, who helped me grow in my faith and in turn we grew together.”

-Josiah Kallner



WRITTEN BY: Emily Heeringa

This interview was conducted by RCCA Newspaper Club member Sadie Campbell. The interview took place at Zion Baptist Church, the High School campus for RCCA. Featured in this interview is Mr. Andrew Hill, who shares his experience at RCCA, and answers some questions about his personal life.

Sadie: Do you mind if I ask you a few questions for the teacher spotlight for the newspaper?

Mr. Hill: No problem!

S: What is your role at RCCA?

MH: I teach English language arts for 9th and 10th grade.

S: Okay, and how long have you worked at RCCA?

MH: I've worked here for a little over a month.

S: What is your favorite thing about working here?

MH: Just to get to hang out with the students, learn more about them, and to see them push toward their future goals.

S: Cool! What church do you attend?

MH: I attend Richmond Dale Church of God.

S: What is your favorite worship song, or just like church song in general?

MH: As a worship leader, it's hard to choose a favorite song. I like Gratitude a lot, that's a really good one.

S: What is your favorite Bible verse?

MH: My favorite Bible verse would be 1 Corinthians 15:58.

S: Why did you want to teach at RCCA?

MH: I felt like this was where God led me, and I wanted to step into the plans he had for me.

S: What was your high school experience like?

MH: What was my school like? It was, average. I went to school pretty much every day, I hung out with my teachers, and we had a good time. I got pretty decent grades even though I probably should have studied more.

S: Okay, cool! When did you get saved?

MH: I got saved when I was 14 years old.

S: Well that's all I have, thank you!

MH: Thank you, Sadie!

Students need to know what's going on at school! Sometimes, it's hard to keep track! Here's some dates and announcements you may want to know:

STUDENT COUNCIL ICED COFFEE SALES WILL TAKE PLACE **EVERY FRIDAY**.
CHAPEL CHALLENGE IS BACK ON! DO NOT FORGET YOUR OFFERING MONEY.
NOVEMBER 10TH- NO SCHOOL DUE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 21ST- EARLY RELEASE AT 11:10 AM
NOVEMBER 22-24- NO SCHOOL DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK
DECEMBER 8TH- NO SCHOOL DUE TO CHRISTMAS-GIVE-A-WAY
DECEMBER 19TH-EARLY RELEASE AT 11:10 AM
DECEMBER 20TH-JAN 5TH- NO SCHOOL DUE TO CHRISTMAS BREAK



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