



WRITTEN BY: Cailynn Bash



Men's volleyball is a sport that has been growing at a rapid pace at the high school level, leading many schools to establish teams in recent years. In 2023, RCCA decided to add men's volleyball as an option for our athletes who don't have a sport to play during the spring season. Mr. Vitatoe selflessly agreed to take on the task of coaching the boys, with the help of Gabe and Kennedi Peecher. Coming off an 18-6 record in their debut season, we can only begin to imagine what they can accomplish this season. The men's team currently has a record of 4-1. Their only loss so far is to a men's program which has been in place for 8 years.

The guys never fail to deliver incredibly fun and exciting matches every time they step onto the court, drawing a crowd that grows with each game. The matches are fast paced and full of impressive plays that draw the spectators in, leaving them unable to look away. What's more, the players have undeniable chemistry, due to the fact that they are all very close friends, leading to games which are remarkably fun to watch. Their joy is infectious, causing the coaches and spectators to smile and laugh along with the players.

If you haven't had the chance to catch a match, I would definitely recommend attending one. Our men's team is a very talented, hard-working, Christlike team, led by a man who is the embodiment of those characteristics. Our school is so blessed to have a coach and athletes who have all been willing to learn how to play a new sport together, to the best of their abilities. In doing so, they are exhibiting their fun-loving personalities and being amazing examples of the success that can come from hard work and dedication.





WRITTEN BY: Emily Herringa

Mrs. Thomas

“When my husband and I married, he was a new Christian, and I was searching. I had not been faithful in years. I really did not know who God was. It took going halfway around the world to Guam to figure it out. I started going to worship with my husband and studying my Bible with the preacher. He showed me how simple it was to know God’s will and what I needed to do. He taught me the importance of knowing what the Bible says and applying it to my life. The verse he had me memorize and sticks with me each day is 1 Peter 3:15- “But **sanctify the Lord God** in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

He made me realize what was missing from my life and what I needed to do to fix it. I was baptized in the Pacific Ocean by my husband January of 1985, and strive to live each day by following Him. Now that I drive an extended time to work each day, I incorporate extra Bible reading into my drive, by listening to my Bible, so I am truly able to give a reason with meekness and fear.”



Everyone has a testimony, whether it is great or small. Sometimes, our testimonies could be the only witness of Christ that another person will ever see. Not only is our testimony important to our witness, but it is also important in fending off the enemy. A testimony is a testament to the goodness of God, and the devil hates that! Revelation 12:11 says, “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”



BY: Maleah Speakman

Every high schooler has heard about how important their grades are, but your future is more than getting straight A's on your transcripts. As you go through high school, you should start thinking about your future: What am I passionate about? What career do I want to have? Do I even need to go to college to get the job I want? These are questions to be considered, and high school is the perfect time to think about them. You don't need to have the answer to every question by your freshman year, though. For each year of high school, it would be wise to think about these questions and answer them one at a time, so you could know by graduation exactly what you want with your future.



Of course, as a Christian, the most important thing you should do with your future is follow God's will in your life. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - *Jeremiah 29:11*. Jesus tells us not to make plans of our own far in advance, big plans like these, because He may have different plans for us. We must follow Him and what He calls us to do and we will, as it is written, have "hope and a future." He can show you His plans for you through the little things; through your passions and natural gifts, through opened doors and opportunities, through basic prayer and Bible study.



As a freshman, you're usually reminded constantly that your grades are immensely more important now than they've ever been, and that a few bad grades can drastically alter the course of your entire future. Getting one bad grade on a math test won't completely derail your future, though; not unless you intend to go to Harvard. Nonetheless, that doesn't mean you shouldn't try. You should always try to get the best grades that you can. Freshman year is also a good time to start thinking of what you'd like to do after school if you hadn't thought about it yet. What are your hobbies? Your interests? Passions? Do you like sports or art? Does Science spark your interest more than English, or English more than Science? Asking yourself questions like these earlier on will make it much easier for you to figure out what you want to do after high school; senior year will arrive much sooner than you think.



Another option that becomes available once you get into high school is the College Credit Plus, or CCP, program. The CCP program gives you the opportunity to take college-level classes while in high school. Personally, though, I wouldn't recommend starting this program (if you're interested in it) until Junior year. CCP classes can be online or on-campus, and they are completely your responsibility, not RCCA's. You would need to find your own time to complete the assignments that are given, which could be extremely stressful as a freshman or sophomore, since those two grades have the most amount of classes. You may not even have an available study hall if you take certain extracurriculars. By your Junior year, you could have about 2-3 study halls, and the ability to come late and leave early, which would make managing your CCP classes much easier.





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Sophomore year is when you start getting approached with more career opportunities, especially with the Pickaway Ross Career and Technology Center. Pickaway Ross is very hands-on and career-focused, and it's a good option for someone who doesn't want to go to college but still wants a good, well-paying job. Most people that go to PRCTC get a job right out of high school, or even while they're still in school. I know of a Pickaway Ross senior that finished up all of the classes she needed to take by the end of her first semester, and all she has to do to graduate is work at her job and report her times, which is incredible for a high school student. If you don't think that Pickaway Ross is for you, then continue to consider other options, especially colleges if you still wish for a good job.

During your Junior year, you get more opportunities to go on different college visits, and this is a good time to try and decide whether or not college is for you. If you decide that you do want to go to college, but you aren't sure where you want to go or what you want to do, these visits to campuses are a great opportunity. Keep your mind open to all of the options you have and start thinking about factors that could affect your decision. How far away are you willing to be from home? Would you want to live on or off campus? Consider the finances: do you have a budget for tuition prices? What scholarships are available for you? Could you play on a sports scholarship? Would you prefer being on a large campus, or a smaller one? There are many factors to consider, but figuring out what you wouldn't want to do is a good place to start.

Then comes Senior year; the year that decisions must be made. You must decide if you want to go to college or not, and if not, what you plan to do after graduation. You must decide which college you want to go to and begin preparing for it by applying, getting finances figured out, etc. You must make sure that you have all of the credits that you need to graduate, and also that you have the sufficient amount of community service hours needed. If you aren't going to college, are you going to PRCTC for their Adult Education programs? Are you going straight into the workforce? Are you planning on traveling? Although you don't need to have your whole life planned out by your Senior year, you should at least know what your next step is and have the answer to one important question: where are you going to be next year?

As a Christian, the most important thing to remember about your future is to make sure that it follows God's will for your life. The verse previously mentioned, Jeremiah 29:11, is a great verse to keep in mind as you make plans for your future. It's a good reminder that we need to follow His plans over our own because we don't know what the outcome of our own plans will be, but He does, and He wants what's best for us. Also, I can't stress this enough: you don't have to have perfect scores and all A's to have a good future! Just do your best, and God'll do the rest.





WRITTEN BY: Isabel Minton



If you hear a joyful laugh or see a cheerful smile, chances are good that it belongs to Mrs. Stephanie! Mrs. Stephanie is the Executive Office Manager for Zion Baptist Church, but she is so much more than that for RCCA. Principal Jarod Lloyd characterizes her as being the “liaison with the church.” Or, more specifically, the liaison with Pastor Troy Grey. Due to this, he said, “If we have any issues, we go to her.” When asked what Mrs. Stephanie does for RCCA, Dr. Valerie Jones said, “whatever we need her to.” One major thing that most people know she has done is provide Dr. Jones with her own office in the church's executive suite. However, she does countless things that many do not know anything about. For example, she donates to student fundraising endeavors. At a recent Student Council Iced Coffee Day, Mrs. Stephanie came into the kitchen and gave us money. Not to receive a coffee, but to “sow into” what we were doing. She also never fails to ask about upcoming school events and games. If I were to describe her, I would say that she is a cheerful giver, a great communicator, a faithful servant, and one of the most caring and selfless people you will ever meet! Thank you, Mrs. Stephanie, for all that you do for us! Thank you for what you do behind the scenes, and for what you do openly! You are a wonderful asset to RCCA, and we cannot even begin to express our thankfulness and gratefulness to you!



PIECE BY: Millane Berry



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.





PHOTOS BY: Maleah Speakman



This March, the Sophomores took a trip downtown to Nellie Dog and handmade their own mugs! After they were made, the Sophomores went back and hand-painted them, ending up with these wonderful mugs.

Congratulations to the Sophomores, everyone did a wonderful job!



Mini Bible Lesson

WRITTEN BY: Austin Hisey

Matthew 28:5-6 (KJV)

“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

These two verses serve as a hope and reminder for all who believe in Christ to be their savior. In this, we see the fulfillment of Christ’s promises to us and His disciples of His undying love and grace. These verses are some of the most important in the Bible and should be shared with everyone.



WRITTEN BY: Sadie Campbell

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**.
JEANS FOR A DOLLAR **EVERY FRIDAY**.

JEANS FOR A DOLLAR, SWEATPANTS FOR TWO **EVERY MONDAY**.

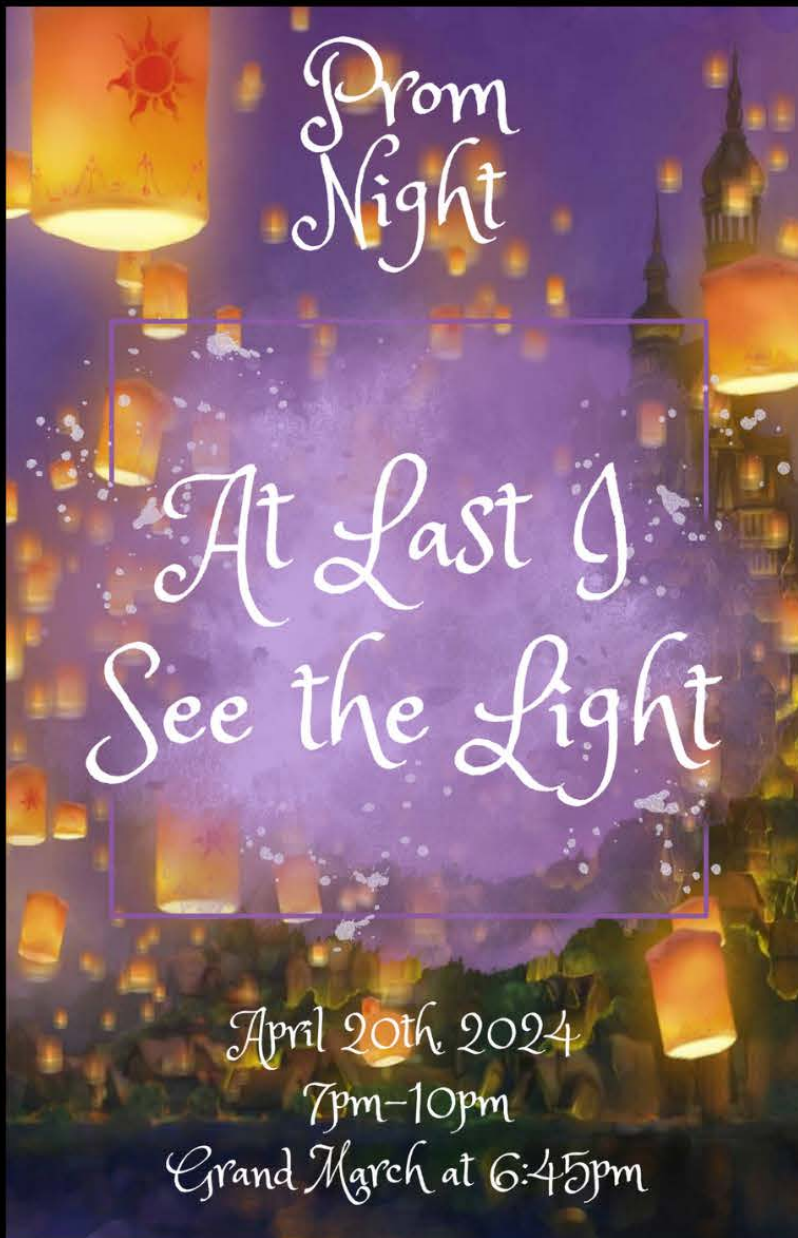
APRIL 15TH-19TH- STATE TESTING

APRIL 19TH- EARLY RELEASE AT 12:30

APRIL 20TH- PROM NIGHT

APRIL 22ND-26TH- MISSION TRIP

MAY 24TH- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Don't forget, this year's Prom, At Last I See the Light, is on April 20th, 2024, from 7pm-10pm with a Grand March starting at 6:45pm. This year's prom is being held at Creekside Occasions; come and join us if you can!

Tickets are \$15