

James River High School
Club Handbook



2011-2012
Academic Year

Administrators

Principal:
Jeff Ellick

Assistant Principals:
Kathryn Catina
Jennifer Coleman
Amanda Voelker
Michael Fennessey

Deans of Students:
Jeanine Grabham

Guidance Counselors

Erin Gardner
Laurie Hogan
Michele Lawrence
Amy Cook
Wallace Dietz
Julie O'Bryant
Sarah Cooke

Academic Team

The Academic Team involves students in academic competition at the county, regional, and state level. All students who are interested in challenging and fun competition should stop by the weekly meetings. There are no dues.

Sponsor: TBA
President: TBA

Aftershock

Sponsor: Brad Smart

American Chemical Society

The American Chemical Society is open to any student interested in the field of Chemistry. Students do not have to be currently enrolled in a Chemistry class to join, but must have taken Chemistry in the past. Throughout the year the club participates in scientific competitions and fundraisers during the school year. Dues are \$5.

Sponsor: Tara Brunyansky
President: TBA

Animal Care Club

Animal Care Club is an organization dedicated to the humane, loving care of animals. We work together to raise funds for organizations that care for animals and we dedicate time to assist with the placement of orphaned animals into loving homes. Anyone who has an interest in the well-being of furry or scaly friends is welcome!

Sponsor: Ms. Krissy Scougal
President: Chrstine Franke

Art Guild

Art Guild is an art club that any JRHS student can join. We meet once a month after school and members participate in fun, artsy activities. All you need is a love of art and an open mind. Dues are \$5.00 annually.

Sponsor: Allison Duvall
President: TBA
Vice President: TBA

history classroom or their home, with the dynamic cultures of East Asia. The club will meet monthly, or as deemed necessary by the members or sponsor.

Badminton Club

Sponsor: Brent Vandell &
Jim McLean

Athletes Who Care

Athletes Who Care is a club that was founded to give athletes and those who care about sports the chance to make a difference in their school and community. One goal is to break the myth of the "dumb jock" and show that athletes care about school and the world around them. Besides helping with school events, we ran an ultra-marathon to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We ran the distance from James River High School to the Superdome in New Orleans. We also raised nine thousand dollars through this event. We will continue this fundraiser for different charities each year.

Sponsor: Mr. Josh Thomas

Beta Club

The Beta Club is an academic leadership-service organization for students in grades 10-12. The purpose of the club is to encourage effort, reward achievements, and promote good leadership. Sophomores with a cumulative un-weighted 3.2 academic average and no serious discipline action are invited to submit an application in the spring of the school year. Those approved will be notified and inducted into Beta Club during a ceremony. Each member then performs required club sponsored service hours to maintain membership. Projects have included peer tutoring, teacher helpers, Talent Show, and many other worthwhile activities. Dues are \$5 for Juniors and \$10 for Seniors.

Sponsor: Shannon Castelo
President: TBA
VP's: BA

Biology Club

Sponsor: Chuck La Rocca
President: Jordan Hiegel
Vice Presidents: Matt James and Adel Husayni

Chess Club

The game of chess has been played for over six centuries by both kings and commoners. Chess playing is associated with the development of analytical and mathematical skills. The JRHS Chess Club provides students with an opportunity to learn the game of chess or develop their skills by playing against club members. Membership is open to all JRHS students.

Sponsor: Mr. Chuck LaRocca
President: TBA

College Survival Club

Sponsor: Sarah Barrow

Creative Writing Club

Sponsor: Allison Marchetti
President: Dillon Highsmith
VP: Brooke Hyatt

Debate Club

This club involves research, development of communication skills, and debate technique. Activities include preparing, researching, practicing and periodically attending and competing in tournaments. Novices and experienced debaters are welcomed. The club meets once a week after school and costs \$20.00 to join.

Sponsor: Beth Schwind
President: TBA

Deca Club

The goal of this co-curricular club is to provide professional, social, and civic understanding within a business environment. District, State, and National competitions are held. A club member must be enrolled in a marketing educational class. Meetings are held monthly and the cost of \$18.00 covers district, state, and national dues.

Sponsor: Jeanette Baird
President: Morgan Moyers
VP:

Do Something

The Do Something Club endeavors to improve the human condition, effect social change, and service the community through energetic and charitable fundraising. Dues are \$12.

Sponsor: Stuart Nabors
President: Allie Sullivan
VP: Hannah Hoffert

Drama Club/ International Thespian Society

The purpose of the Drama Club is to support, produce, and experience theater. The main activity is to produce a fall and spring show with full staging. Other activities include student directed one-act plays, play festival, workshops in acting and stage combat, guest artists, set construction, field trips to plays and a spring picnic by the river. The club meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Applications are available in M3, or at orientation and guidance. Auditions are open to all students; however, students cast in a play must join the club. Dues are \$5.00 (\$10.00 after Oct. 1st).

Sponsor: Allison Oyler
President: John Pickard
4 : Chelsea Dickens

**FBLA (Future
Business Leaders
Of America)**

The purpose of the FBLA is to work with students and the community. The goal is to prepare students for the world of business. Activities include community service, fundraising, guest speakers and social activities. Meetings are held once a month. A club member must be in a business class. Cost to join is \$14.00.

Sponsor: Denise Lepard
President:

**FCA
(Fellowship of
Christian Athletes)**

All Students are welcome to join. For meetings and information check the club board or see sponsor.

Sponsor: Tony Yanta &
Peter Greenwald
President: TBA

**FCCLA
(Fellowship)**

All Students are welcome to join. For meetings and information check the club board or see sponsor.

Sponsors: Sarah Jurewicz and
Thomas Sears
President: TBA

Fencing Club

The Fencing Club provides the opportunity for students to learn and practice the basics of foil fencing. The club meets Wednesdays from 2-3:15, Experienced students and a parent volunteer teach rudimentary fencing skills. The club meets in room 1101 for a brief business meeting and then practices the skills in the bus parking lot. The club has fencing foils, masks, and jackets that students share. Dues are \$35.00.

Sponsor: Carolyn Schmitt
President: Nick Elam
VP: John Walsh

Forensics

Forensic team members have the chance to practice and showcase their talents in the categories of storytelling, humorous and serious dramatic interpretations, prose and poetry readings, original oratory, and extemporaneous and impromptu speaking. Members compete in local and statewide tournaments. The club meets once a week after school with additional practices scheduled the week before a tournament. Those students who enjoy public speaking, performing and making literature come to life are welcomed to join.

Sponsor: Beth Schwind

French Club (Le Cercle Francais)

The goal of this club is to learn more about French culture and to have fun! The activities of the club include watching French films, having cooking demonstrations of French foods, playing culturally relevant games, doing service projects, hosting a French dinner for all students in May, and participating in school events such as the Homecoming parade. Meetings are usually held once a month after school. Dues are \$7.00 for all members. All students of French (past, present or future) are welcome.

Sponsor: Laurel Maughan &
Carmen Thornton

President: Marie Conte
VPs: Sarah Dawson and Cheyenne
Neblett

Freshman Class

The freshman class participates in Homecoming and several other activities. Elections are held in the Fall. Please see sponsor for details.

Sponsor: Betsy Thomas
President: James Childress
VP: Jay Tee Daniels

Freshman Kick-Off

Faculty Advisor: Mary Ellen Fines

G.S.A (Gay Straight Alliance)

The purpose of the James River Gay-Straight Alliance is to promote tolerance and equality among students of all sexual orientations and gender identities through education efforts and awareness building; to inform members of the student body of issues and events effecting the lives gay and straight ally youth; to create a safer, more respectful learning environment for all students; to work in coalition with administration and other on-campus clubs to promote a respectful environment; to create a safe, welcoming space for gay and straight ally students to socialize and talk together about issues they hold in common.

Sponsor: Ann Reinke
President: Wyatt Albertson

Gents, Gems

Sponsor: Karen Brown and
Michelle Lawrence

German Club

The purpose of the German Club is to promote an interest in German language and culture. The club's meetings take place monthly in room 1216 at 2:00. Social events for the month are typically scheduled for Fridays or weekends. Some possible events for this year include dinner in a German restaurant, an outing to a German opera/symphony, an Oktoberfest at Busch Gardens, a black forest cake making contest, a gingerbread house decorating contest, attendance at the state convention for German students, regular showings of German movies, a German cultural trivia contest, German card games, participation in an inter-language volleyball competition, picnics by the river (with plenty of German sausages!), and participation in the Homecoming parade. Students wishing to join should attend the first meeting (TBA). Students not taking German are also welcome. Dues are \$20.

Sponsor: Dr. Stuart Gapper
President: Cameron Taylor
Vice Presidents: Stuart Mapes
and Kent Livesay

H.E.A.T. (Humans Equally Accepted Together)

Sponsor: K. Macklin
President: Jamal Fayad
VP: Lovepreet Singh

Interact Club

Interact provides service for the school and community and allows students to "interact" with one another. The members perform services that benefit the community as well as the members of the club. Activities include Walk America, Midlothian Food Festival, Dance for the Mentally Challenged, Christmas Mother, a school Christmas dance, and school beautification. The club meets twice a month in the sponsor's classroom. To join, a student must sign up at the orientation meeting, attend meetings, and be an active participant. The dues are \$5.00.

Sponsor: Michael Stewart,
President: Crawford Cannon
VP: Sara Heflin

James River Book Club

The James River Book Club meets once a month throughout the school year. Our mission is to find fun books to read that will be interesting to discuss with other readers. Both the sponsor and the students try to pick books that are not too long but have interesting subjects that are ripe for discussion. Come to the club when you can and skip when you are too busy. Either way students meet in the library computer lab during lunch with desert provided.

Sponsor: Sue Midkiff

Junior Class

The Junior Class participates in Homecoming and several other activities including planning and running the Prom. Please see sponsors for details.

Sponsor: Helen Oakey and Sara Snell
President: Luke Jefferson
VP: James Callahan

Junior State of America

Sponsor: Jeff Doyle

Key Club

Key Club is a service organization whose activities include volunteer opportunities at a local elementary school, contributing to underprivileged children and families at Christmas, assisting with various local festivals and events, and many others. Meetings are held after school on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. To become a member, submit an application with 2 recommendations. Annual dues are \$15.

Sponsor: Scott Hartman
President: Reed Hinton
VP: Matt Williams

Latin Club

The purpose of the Latin Club is to promote the study of Latin and the Classics. Activities include State Convention (in the fall), National Convention (in the summer), Certamina, Saturnalia and Ides of March socials, field trips, public service, and other activities as desired. Meeting times and locations are to be announced at the beginning of

the year. To join the club a student must currently be a Latin student or have successfully completed two or more years of Latin. The dues are \$25-\$50, depending on how much members earn from fundraising.

Sponsor: Donna Dollings

Literary Magazine

Sponsor: Kelly Bisogno and Allison Marchetti

Minority Expressions

The purpose of this club is to strengthen the academic performance of minority students, facilitate increased participation of minority students in school organizations and activities, increase visibility of minority parents, and increase knowledge, understanding and appreciation of diversity. Activities include resource speakers, forums, community service projects, cultural enrichment activities, career mentoring, fund-raisers, and awards recognition. Meetings are held twice a month. Any student may join for the annual \$10.00 fee.

Sponsor: Mrs. Karen Brown

Model United Nations

The purpose of Model U.N. is to give students an idea of what goes on in an actual United Nations session. The club is open to all students willing to participate. Dues are \$10. Also, students must pay for all expenditures at conferences and on trips.

Sponsors: Wesley Hedgepeth, Shelby Carbaugh, and Bryan Hannum

President: Allie Sullivan

VP: Victor Lucan & Arias Aibara

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is an organization whose purpose is the promotion of scholarship and enjoyment and understanding of mathematics among high school students. Meetings are held regularly and students are involved in activities such as tutoring and organizing events for National Math Week. To be eligible for induction, a student must have met the following minimum requirements: completion of four semesters of college preparatory mathematics and completion of, or enrollment in a more advanced course, with no grade less than a "B" in any course.

Sponsor: Steve Taylor

President: Hannah Hoffert

National Art Honor Society

The purpose of this club is to recognize outstanding art students and to allow them to support the school through their talents. Members are chosen after a portfolio review and interview with current members and sponsors. Selection is based on character and attitude demonstrated in art class, as well as quality of artwork. A club member must be willing to assume responsibility for National Art Education Association activities and attendance at all meetings. In addition, a student needs to be currently enrolled in an art or photo class and maintain a minimum "B" average. Dues are \$5.00.

Sponsor: Laura Wright
Presidents: Bridget Williams
VP: Michael Couchman and Sara Dillhunty

National English Honor Society

Sponsors: Allison Marchetti

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society promotes scholarship, leadership, service and character. Juniors and Seniors with a cumulative 3.6 academic average are eligible to submit an application describing their extracurricular and volunteer activities. Those approved by the faculty council, a committee selected by the principal, will be notified before being inducted into the NHS during a ceremony. Dues are \$15.

Sponsors: Kelly Wolfsheimer,
Eileen Rowe

One Community

Sponsor: Ms. Jeanette Spur
President: Melanie Cooper
Meetings: every even Monday

P.E.A.C.E. Club

Sponsor: Connie Bolte

P.I.E. Club

Sponsor: Tim Crane

Dep Squad

Sponsor: C. Wingfield

Pickelball Club

Sponsor: Jim McLean

PUBLICATIONS:

The Current (newspaper)

Sponsor: Diane Flemming
Editor-in-Chief:

Literary Magazine

Sponsor: Elizabeth Morris
Editor-in-chief:

Yearbook

Sponsor: Kinsey Sparre
Editor-in-chief:

Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll, the International Honor Society for High School Journalists, was organized for the purpose of encouraging and recognizing individual students' achievements in journalism and scholastic publication. To become a member of Quill and Scroll, students must be recommended by their teacher/advisor.

Sponsor: Elizabeth Schwind

Rapid Fire

Rapid Fire is a team focused on showcasing the skills and athleticism of students with varying levels of physical and mental abilities. As a participant in the Z.T. Medford Basketball League, sportsmanship and participation are the primary concerns of the team. School-wide participation is encouraged to promote support for the players and cheerleaders.

Sponsor: Mr. Randy Early

Respect Yourself

Sponsor: Karen Brown

Rock Climbing Club

Cost is \$20.

Sponsor: Frank Constanzer

President: Haden Bricker

Rock Solid Bible Study

Those interested should see Mr. Brad Smart for details.

Sponsor: Brad Smart

S.E.A of Japan

Sponsor: Alex Addison

President: Paddy Blackburn

VP: Genesis Torres

SCA (Student Council Association)

The SCA is the governing body for the students, faculty and staff of JRHS and promotes positive club activities and involvement at school. Activities of the SCA include: Guides at Freshman Orientation, Homecoming Dance, Blood Drives, teacher recognition, teacher helpers, River Jam, school clean-up and beautification, etc. The club meets once a week for Officers and Senators. SCA representatives must apply in the spring for the following school year; Ninth- graders may apply in the fall for the current school year. They must be active to remain in good standing. Officers are elected in the Spring for the following year. There is no cost to join.

Sponsor: Katherine Ruse and A'Leigh Hamner

President: Maridee Rabb

Senior Class

The Senior Class participates in Homecoming and several other activities and special senior events such as Senior Night and the Senior Cookout. Please see sponsors for details.

Sponsors: Suzanne Wille,
Meg Heyssel
President: Sam Reid

Sophomore Class

The Sophomore class participates in Homecoming and many other events, such as the Ring Ceremony in March. Please see sponsors for details.

Sponsor: Mallory Brown and Kelly Bisogno
President:

Spanish Club

The mission of the Spanish club is to promote cultural understanding of Spanish speaking countries. Activities of this club include building a Homecoming float, conducting scavenger hunts in the target language, ordering a meal at a Mexican restaurant, and celebrating Hispanic customs and traditions. The Spanish Club meets once a month and is open to all students who demonstrate a sincere interest in the goal of this club. Dues are \$10.00 annually.

Sponsor: Stephanie Layton,
Maria Negron, Patricia Stocks
President: TBA

**Tri-M Music
Honor Society**

Sponsor: Keith Cottrill and Carol
Ann Dickerson
President: TBA

World Culture Club

Sponsor: Laurel Maughan

Young Democrats

The purpose of the Young Democrats is to elect Democratic candidates and encourage involvement in the Democratic Party. Members help in informing the student body about Democratic views and opinions. The members will sponsor and participate in debates on political candidates and issues, and they will host a voter registration drive.

Sponsor: Ann Reinke
President: Ted Stanton

Young Republicans

The Young Republicans are interested in informing the student body about Republican views. They debate with the Young Democrats and organize field trips to Republican events.

Sponsors: TBA
President: TBA

YOVASO

Youth of Virginia Speak Out

Sponsor: Officer Brian Monahan
President: Brittany Thomas

Clubs at JRHS

Club success at James River is based on student involvement. Club participation is essential to many annual projects, such as Homecoming, Christmas Mother, River Jam, and school beautification. The ICC (Inter Club Council) holds monthly meetings in order to update clubs on events and programs. Check the SCA Club Board for details and information regarding specific clubs. Clubs welcome new members, so become a part of the James River Experience!

This handbook is a publication of the Student Council Association. The SCA strives to include and involve students in school activities.

The 2011-2012 SCA Officers are:

President-Maridee Rabb

1st Vice President- Corey Parham

2nd Vice President- Shannon Larkin

Secretary- Madeleine Shaw

Treasurer- Matt Ott

Historian- Kylie Buzzeo



The information found in this handbook is believed to be accurate, however due to the changing nature of clubs and their components, some details may be inconsistent with the current status of each organization. Please forward questions, comments, and corrections to the SCA.

