

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: 8/7-10
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR RVGS: 8/22

# RVGS Newsletter

June 2023



## Counselor's Corner

Greetings and Happy Summer! Schools are now officially over for everyone, and summer activities have begun. We said goodbye to the RVGS class of 2023 with our traditional senior events: senior sunset, senior dinner, and senior breakfast. We also held the spring ultimate frisbee tournament with proceeds going to Feeding America. As we say "goodbye" to our seniors and "see you soon" to our underclassmen, we are also preparing for our new group of students who will begin with us during New Student Orientation. We are excited about the new school year and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

During this time of fun, sun, and hopefully relaxation, students can also prepare for the new year to come. Remember that having a healthy and regular sleep schedule is still important, even during the summer. Time management when it comes to summer assignments is also crucial. The school year will start off with the habits that are in place during the summer.... good or bad...so create a schedule and stick to it!

I am in the office through June 15th and return on July 24th. I will check my email periodically during my summer break, but if you need an immediate response, please call the main office and speak with Mr. Levy.

*-Kathy Sebolt*

## Junior Jump

Twenty-five RVGS juniors participated in the inaugural "Junior Jump" on Saturday, May 13th at Apple Ridge Farms in Copper Hill, VA. The event was designed to be a 'get-to-know-you' mingle for 11th grade students who attend RVGS on different schedules (AM vs. PM), as they will all be in AM classes together next year as seniors.



The students in attendance completed a low ropes course, which involved team building activities such as traversing between 3 platforms using wooden planks, balancing on thin wire through an obstacle course of trees, passing through a tractor tire suspended 3 feet off the ground, and trust falling from an elevated platform.

After spending about 3 hours together in the woods of Apple Ridge Farms, students took the bus back to RVGS and enjoyed a boxed lunch from Heavenly Ham in our outdoor area around back.



## Message from the Director

I hope that everyone is enjoying a relaxing and peaceful start to summer vacation. Before turning our eyes to the future, I want to take a moment to applaud our students and teachers for an excellent end to the school year. I'm proud of our school community for finishing strong and maintaining the focus on learning and quality effort at the end of the year.

I want to give a special shout out to our recent graduates. The class of 2023 were a special group of students and it was my pleasure to get to know each of you. While we will certainly miss you, we are excited for you to enter the next stage of your lives. Know that you will always have friends here at RVGS and be sure to stop by and visit!

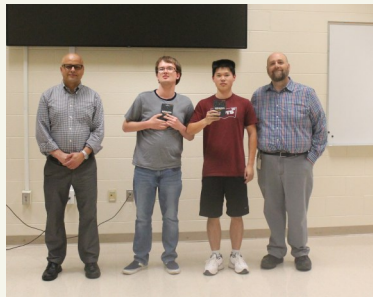
I want to remind returning students that there are summer assignments in the majority of classes, and I encourage you to pace yourself instead of waiting until the end! Summer assignments are posted on the RVGS website in a link under "Announcements".

If you have any questions or problems over the summer, don't hesitate to email or call. Enjoy your summer!

## Shelley Stem Challenge



On April 22nd, the Annual Shelly STEM Challenge was held at RVGS. Students competed in a STEM driven challenge that required them to use both their logical reasoning and imagination. This year's challenge was sponsored by Pinnacle Reliability. They provided \$100 Amazon gift cards to the 1st place team and \$50 Amazon gift cards to the 2nd place team. Mrs. Shelley attended the awards ceremony where her husband was honored for his service in helping create the Roanoke Valley Governor's School.



## Senior Sunset

As the Seniors began their year with a Senior Sunrise, it was only fitting to end the year with a Senior Sunset. It was a beautiful evening to enjoy some final moments with friends and remember their journey of the last few years at Governor's school. Students and faculty gathered on the Ultimate Frisbee field for an evening of fun and treats. Students brought blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the beautiful sunset in between breaks for smores, corn hole and croquet. Adding to the atmosphere, students joined together to sing some favorite songs while being accompanied by students playing the uku- lele. It was a beautiful evening to enjoy some final moments with friends and remember their journey of the last few years at Governor's school.





# Senior Dinner



On May 8th, the senior class, their families, the Governor’s School’s faculty, and RVGS Board and Foundation members all came together at Hotel Roanoke to celebrate our graduates. After opening remarks by Mr. Levy and an introduction Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Fisher took the stage to deliver the Keynote speak to the students. She spoke on the importance of finding your own path and not allowing yourself to be influenced by outside pressure. She also stressed the importance of giving back to the community and the difference that one can make in the world. Seth Richards and Sophia Schumaeker followed to represent the student body. Both spoke about their time at RVGS and how much it shaped their high school experience. They were especially grateful for the support and guidance they received from the RVGS faculty. Special Senior awards were announced, including Distinguished Research Scholars, Faculty Awards, Blease Awards and All A’s list. Students received their senior pins while their self-submitted proudest accomplishments were read by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Browning. Then it was time for the much-anticipated Senior Faculty Roast



where students highlighted each teacher’s personality and quirks, real or perceived. A great time was had by all in attendance while we honored our Seniors and wished them a bright future!



## 2023 SENIOR CLASS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The 54 graduating Seniors of the RVGS class of 2022 certainly had a year to remember. Members of the RVGS class of 2023 are attending 20 different colleges, from as close as Virginia Western (3 miles) to as far off as University of Arizona (2,081 miles). The most popular destinations this year are Virginia Tech (17 students) and the University of Virginia (13 students).

Other popular schools were: George Mason, Georgia Tech and Old Dominion University. Students were offered over \$3 million in scholarships. We will miss these amazing students next year. Be sure to come back to visit and share all of your exciting plans. And remember, it’s not goodbye just see you later!



# Congratulations Class of 2023!



<b>Charles Beasley Jr</b>	<i>Hampton-Sydney</i>	<b>Aidan Mayhue</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Robert Berry</b>	<i>Randolph Macon</i>	<b>Zoie Mills</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Benjamin Blevins</b>	<i>Washington &amp; Lee</i>	<b>Luke Moon</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Trinity Breedlove</b>	<i>Wingate University</i>	<b>Forrest Moorman</b>	<i>University of Arizona</i>
<b>Seth Caldwell</b>	<i>Embry-Riddle University</i>	<b>Autumn O'Connor</b>	<i>George Mason University</i>
<b>Paulo Carey</b>	<i>Georgia Tech</i>	<b>Maggie Parkhurst</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Parker Chapman</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>	<b>Falan Peters</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Titus Counihan</b>	<i>University of Richmond</i>	<b>Cole Price</b>	<i>Old Dominion University</i>
<b>Roxanne Culley</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<b>John Paul Prusakowski</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Tristen David</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>	<b>Reese Redford</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Natalie Davis</b>	<i>University of Alabama</i>	<b>Seth Richards</b>	<i>Lipscomb University</i>
<b>Benjamin Dye</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<b>Maximillian Roberson</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Canaan Fetzer</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<b>Ainsley Robertson</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Josephine Fraticelli</b>	<i>University of South Carolina</i>	<b>Sophia Schumaecker</b>	<i>Georgia Tech</i>
<b>Coleman Grindstaff</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<b>Emma Seidel</b>	<i>Old Dominion University</i>
<b>Leo Halsdorf</b>	<i>Haverford College</i>	<b>Gene Seo</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Aaron Henion</b>	<i>Virginia Western</i>	<b>Penelope Smith</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Thomas Hinson</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<b>Cameron Snyder</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Georgia Honts</b>	<i>Workforce-Plumbing</i>	<b>Nathan Sprouse</b>	<i>Virginia Western</i>
<b>Thomas Joyce III</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>	<b>Cole Stelter</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Tristan Kerr</b>	<i>Wake Forest University</i>	<b>Christopher Stevens</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Emily Kiser</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>	<b>Krischal Sutar</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Alex Kurtz</b>	<i>Virginia Western</i>	<b>Tyler VanDyke</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Barbara Lamos</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<b>Claire Wei</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>
<b>Eleanor Little</b>	<i>University of Virginia</i>	<b>Brayden Whitlow</b>	<i>George Mason University</i>
<b>Nicholas Louvet</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<b>Timothy Wilson</b>	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
<b>Lucas Mann</b>	<i>Yale University</i>	<b>Darryl Wilson III</b>	<i>Virginia Western</i>

