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Ring Christmas Bells

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On December 3rd, RCS choir, band, and drama club performed the first Lessons and Carols service in St. Andrew's. After spending the whole fall semester rehearsing, their hard work finally paid off. Isabella Jessee attended and says, "I brought my grandma, who thoroughly enjoyed it, and I thought it was a great way to start the Christmas season!"

Mr. Hemphill explained the service as, "Originating in the late 1800s in the Church of England, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service that — through Scripture readings (lessons) accompanied by an-

them and hymns (carols) — tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of a Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. The best known of these services is performed each year by King's College, Cambridge, which debuted its version on Christmas Eve 1918 as an offering for people suffering from the horrors of World War I."

With arrangements from contemporary Ken Burg to traditional songs by Boris Ord, the evening was filled with songs recounting the promise and coming of the Messiah.

The band played an arrangement of "Little Drummer Boy" by Mr. Mabry, putting a new twist on the classic song.

Having the drama club act out the Scripture readings brought a new twist to this traditional service. The students did a great job of visualizing what occurred over 2,000 years

ago.

The service closed with high school students and lower school students joining together to perform "Christmastime."

Alice Radjou, who performed a solo in the event, said, "All of our hard work paid off, and we had an amazing performance."

The choir and band wanted to integrate a new tradition that would kick-off the Advent season, and hopefully Lessons and Carols will continue for years to come.



Step Into Christmas By: Isabella Jessee

Family traditions hold special meanings. Often times, they define a family and express the ways in which a family chooses to celebrate a holiday, especially Christmas. With the Christmas season upon us, students and faculty have begun celebrating the joyous season and shared some of their favorite things about "stepping into Christmas."

When asked about his favorite

Christmas tradition, Tre Clark says, "My elf on the shelf arrives!"

While Tre looks forward to a visit from a North Pole friend, Deionte Waller enjoys giving gifts.

"I like giving gifts because I like to see other people smile," he exclaimed!

Michael Pyle, an eighth grader, states, "We all really like clothes, so we usually get clothes for

Christmas, and we always empty our stockings first!"

Sydney Reichardt spends Christmas Eve with her family as they decorate their Christmas tree together.

No matter how each family celebrates Christmas, the joy of the season never fails to return each and every year.

Model Arab League By: Megan McEvoy

This past November, 11 RCS students traveled to Hollins University to participate in the Appalachian Regional Model Arab League Conference.

Model Arab League is a program created by the National Council on U.S.-Arab relations that helps high school and college students understand more about Arab politics, diplomacy, and ethics.

RCS students participated in councils regarding the environment, Palestinian affairs, joint defense, and Arab politics. They competed against students from colleges such as Hollins University, Virginia Tech, and Roanoke College, as well as other high school students from Franklin County High School. Representing the country of Kuwait, our RCS diplomats helped solve common problems in the Arab

League dealing with issues involving the Gaza Strip, piracy, and how to implement the Paris Accord.

After three days, the conference came to an end with our fellow students learning more about the Arab League, and the politics that are vital to the area, as well as how to debate and problem solve. The students gained a better understanding of political interactions and how to respectfully disagree with their peers. Seniors Ethan Hager, Isaac Chitwood, and Casey Welch won "Distinguished Delegate" with their stunning skills in diplomacy and politics. If you want to become involved in this program, please contact Mrs. Wright.

Magic Window Cookies

1/4 cup shortening	1 tsp baking powder
1 cup sugar	1 tsp salt
2 eggs	6 packages of lifesavers
1 tsp vanilla	
2 1/2 cups flour	

Mix shortening, sugar, eggs, and flavoring. Blend flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover; chill at least 1 hour. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough 1/8in thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into desired shapes, using cutters, or design your own patterns. Place cookies on aluminum foil-covered baking sheet. Place Lifesavers candy in cutouts. Bake 7-9 mins or until light brown and candy is melted. If not melted, spread with spatula. Cool completely. Makes 6 dozen 3-in cookies.

By: Lily Kryczkowski



GUESS WHO?(answers on back below word bank for word search)

Designing With Adscape By: Diana Portillo and Chelsea Gilday

On Thursday, October 26, 2017, students from the Photojournalism classes attended the 2017 Adscape Workshop held at Radford University. Eleven students, along with many other students from other local area schools, participated in the opportunity to learn about the advertising and media industry.

During the workshop, students

listened to guest speakers who offered tips and guidance about careers within the industry. Many RCS students believed that the experience allowed them to see the industry from others' perspectives, especially those who are in the business.

Deionte Waller, a senior, participated in the graphic design and social media workshops.

"We created mood boards, which we learned are handy when designing flyers and ads," Deionte said.

Even though graphic design is not Deionte's career choice, he viewed the field trip as a hands-on learning opportunity that provided him with an authentic experience.

Upcoming Events By: Nora Huang and Isaac Chitwood

At Roanoke Catholic School

Dec. 14-15	Jingle Ball Tournament (all bball teams)
Dec. 14	Exams (1&2)
Dec. 15	Exams(3&4)
Dec. 18	Exams (5&6)
Dec.19	Exam (7)
Dec. 20-	
Jan. 2	Christmas Break
Jan. 3	Girl's Basketball vs. Holy Cross Regional Catholic School
Jan.12	End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 18	Diocesan March for Life Trip
Jan. 29-	
Feb. 2	Catholic School Week

Around Town Events

Dec. 14	Railyard Dogs vs Bulls @ Berglund Civic Center
Dec. 15	Dickens of a Christmas @ downtown Roanoke
Dec. 20	NCAA DIII Stag Bowl @ Salem Civic Center
Jan. 5	No Limits! Monster Trucks @ Salem Civic Center
Jan. 12-13	Stampede Championship Rodeo @ Salem Civic Center
Jan. 26	Take Me To The River Live! @ Jefferson Center

Winter Sports Kickoff By: AJ Bennett and Chris Pyle

Boys Basketball:

The team has a new coach this year, and are excited about their prospects this season. Deionte Waller says, "This is going to be a great season, and I am excited about Coach Good. He will help me play in college." RCS is very excited about the new basketball program and cannot wait to see where our teams go.

Girls Basketball:

Under new leadership, Coach Damen Johnson, the Lady Celtics have started their season with a 1-1 record. Still a

program. Many players attribute their amazing new plays to their wonderful new coach and his amazing warm-up tape, which he wrote himself.

Wrestling:

The wrestling team has the biggest turnout it has had in years. "Most of our wrestlers have a bit more experience this year, so I am expecting great things," says coach David Wesley. They have scheduled tough competition this year, and more big tournaments throughout the state.

Swimming:

The swim team appears to be making waves this season, and they have very high expectations. Sophomore Sydney Reichardt says, "We have a lot of new swimmers, and it is very exciting to see the progress we are all making this year." Eight grader, Serena Beirne, has already qualified for states in the first meet of the season. The team prepares to dive into this year with a splash.

State Champs ...Again!

By: Spencer Krohmer and Deionte Waller

On a chilly evening, the Celtics made the short trip to the The Swamp for the VISAA Division III State Championship. The Celtics faced the Fuqua, in a thriller of a game. Chris Pyle started off the game forcing a fumble, picked up by Marcus Myers. Mykah English scored the opening touchdown

leading the team to control the first quarter.

Fuqua fought back hard with the Falcons leading 16-17 in the second quarter. Just before the half, though, English scored again and gave the Celtics a five-point lead.

English, who played an amazing game, continued to score more points for the Celtics, making the score 23-30 at the end of the third quarter.

Fourth quarter opened with Kawuan Ray running a 37 yard touchdown, followed by two more touchdowns.

After the state win, Deionte stated, "This was the best football game of my life! Earning a second state championship in two years is a great way to end my high school football career."



