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Spring is in the Air

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Early May Edition

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Saturday, April 21, 2018, proved to be a night to remember as seniors and juniors (and some sophomores) spent an evening in the “Big Apple.”

The theme for the 2018 RCS prom was “New York, New York,” and Hotel Roanoke’s AKA Room was transformed into “the city that never sleeps” complete with skyscrapers and twinkling lights.

Students gathered before the dance in The Shenandoah Room, which was decorated in the “New York, New York” theme as each table denoted famous attractions in the city, to enjoy a festive dinner buffet that offered a variety of choices for all.

Delia Pilgreen exclaimed,

“The dinner was fantastic and the decorations were really cool, too!”

Catherine Carroll and her date, Ian Chorba, enjoyed their meal at the Flatiron Table, while the chaperones (teachers) sat at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Upon the conclusion of dinner, students lined up in Peacock Alley to begin the RCS tradition of walk-ins. Mr. Hemphill introduced each student and his/her date as parents and friends took photos.

A new addition this year was the couple’s “ship name,” which brought laughs throughout the entire night, for example: Grikie (Grace and Ikie) and Dallas (Daniel and Alice).

Hiking with National Parks By: A.J. Bennett

The National Parks class embarked on an exciting and remarkable week on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, when they headed cross country to conquer the Grand Canyon.

The students arrived in Phoenix, Arizona, and began the next leg of the journey to Flagstaff, Arizona, where they would camp and begin the descent into the canyon.

As the group descended, the canyon’s walls left the National Parks students believing that they

were headed into the abyss of no return.

They ventured to the Colorado River on a steep decline with no trail in sight. Luckily, the guide, Jack, helped the group maneuver through the rocky terrain.

Enthusiastically, the students reached the Cave of the Domes, the halfway point within the canyon, and began exploring the depths of the cave.

The hot Arizona sun made the hike out difficult and stren-

After a quick farewell to parents and friends, prom attendees made their way down a set of stairs to the AKA Room for dancing and socializing. Students danced to all genres of music and even enjoyed an ice cream bar.

Once the dance concluded, everyone made their way to Thunder Valley for the after prom party. Students spent the remainder of the evening playing putt-putt, enjoying laser tag, and racing go-karts.

At the end of the celebration, chosen winners received Vineyard Vines products, Beats headphones, a Polaroid camera, and cash for gas money.

Overall, prom and after prom was a huge success and a night to be remembered for years to come.



uous, but the group hiked the ascent and felt tremendous pride in accomplishing a challenging feat that they can now check off their bucket lists.

Spring Break Adventures By: Megan McEvoy

Spring break always invites a well-needed break from the drudgery of winter that can be characteristic of living in Western Virginia.

This spring break students and faculty headed off to faraway places to experience new cultures, have some fun, and enjoy deserved relaxation.

Eighth grader Mikey Goad traveled to Tennessee and stated that, “[Tennessee] was very country, but it had a lot of really cool technology.”

Others, like Marissa Stover, traveled north to New York City.

She stated that, “Walking around NYC was a nightmare, but we saw a lot of awesome stuff and even stayed near the 9/11 Memorial.”

Junior Cameron Deeds was part of the National Parks Field Institute class and hiked the Grand Canyon with

other RCS teachers and students.

He commented that the trip was, “Pretty cool. We saw a lot of diversity within the canyon and hanging out with friends was a lot of fun.”

Sophomore Ian Yeaton went to Washington, D.C., and saw all the beautiful monuments our nation has to offer.

He said, “We walked a lot, but saw a ton of really influential and important monuments.”

RCS students did not just stay in the United States, though; senior Audrey Wagner went to Cancun, Mexico with her family.

She reflected about her trip, “It was really fun; the water was really blue.

We went to this restaurant with amazing pressed juices and everyone there was extremely nice.”

Junior Abby Algeier traveled with her family to Williamsburg to tour colleges.

Abby remarked, “We visited the College of William and Mary and then went to Busch Gardens and had a lot of fun.”

Spring break is always a nice time to escape, enjoy the blooms of spring, and await the arrival of the end of the school year. Spring break means family, friends, and new places!



AP Exam Tips By: Isabella Jessee

The AP tests are coming! These include: AP Biology, AP Literature, AP Language, AP U.S. History, AP Chemistry, and AP Physics.

In the early to mid-May, juniors and seniors direct all of their knowledge towards the AP testing. Students hope to earn a 5 on their exams since they have spent nearly all year preparing for them! Here are six tips for students to ensure testing goes smoothly:

1. Keep an eye on the clock. Check the clock every now and then to decide when you may have to work faster;
2. Slow is smooth, and smooth is fast. Don't rush, but pace yourself;
3. Don't over-think the question. Trust your instinct;
4. Re-read passages. Especially for English tests, questions require a bit of extra thought;

5. Get yourself in a zone. Narrow your mind, and get focused;
6. And finally, bring a calculator, batteries, extra pencils, and scratch paper!



DIY Windowsill Garden By: Sydney Reichardt

Although the weather does not want to admit it, spring is finally here, and the beautiful plants are beginning to bloom! Bring some of this energizing color into your home by creating a windowsill succulent garden. Flowers are vibrant, exotic, and durable — even for those who don't have a green thumb.

To begin, gather your materials.

You will need a dish, planter, or pot. Drainage holes are optional but can help remove moisture if you accidentally over water your plants; gravel can also help with extra drainage. You will need soil specific to succulents and cactuses, as it will have the best composition to allow your plants to thrive. Lastly, choose your flowers!

To plant your succulents. First,

place gravel in the bottom of the container. Second, pour the soil to almost the top of the container. Third, plant your flowers and water the plants and place your garden in a windowsill. Water every two to four weeks. Lastly, delight in the beautiful pop of colors and the compliments that will come with your dazzling, delightful new succulent garden!

Upcoming Events

At Roanoke Catholic School

May 7 - AP Chemistry exam

May 8 - AP Physics exam

May 9 - AP English Literature exam

May 11 - AP US History exam

May 14 - AP Biology exam

May 15 - AP Calculus exam

May 16 - AP English Language exam

Around Town Events

May 6 - World Music Ensemble
Hollins University

May 7 - Salem Red Sox Baseball game
Home game at 7:05 pm

May 12 - Greenway Festival
River's Edge Sports Complex, 5 -7 pm

May 26 - The 50th Roanoke Festival in the Park

May 26 - Run for your Neighbors 5K & 1K Fun Run



Spring Sports Update By: Spencer Krohmer, Maret Whalen, A.J. Bennett, and Adrian Whorley

Soccer: The girl's soccer team has been working very hard within the last few months and has pulled together as a team that overcomes great adversity. The team lost many key players in the lineup as a result of injuries. Despite this, they remain optimistic and hope to turn it around and finish the season with a win.

Golf: The golf team has been driving home wins, starting with two games against their cross town rival North Cross. The Celtics, led by Jared

Grinde, defeated the Raiders twice in a row. The team has high hopes for a successful play-off season.

Track: The track team continues to work vigorously and expects to end the season on a high note. The team has done very well in their meets and have even broken some school records. Naomi Hemphill broke a school record when she threw the shot put 27 feet and 3.5 inches. Many other athletes are set to break other school records. A myriad of runners have al-

ready qualified for states, and the Celtics hope to bring a large team to the state meet this year.

Lacrosse: The lacrosse team has had a strong start to the season. The team is 6-3 with wins over St. Benedict's, Christiansburg, and Hargrave. Overall, the team is packed with talent and continues to aim for a successful season. They should be able to complete this goal if they keep up they good work.

Fishing Tales in the Valley By: Chris Pyle and Isaac Chitwood

Winter never seems to end. The traditional outdoor activities of spring have been challenged by the bitter cold that was relentless this past April.

Unfortunately, the weather kept anglers away for a few weeks and made for a disappointing start of the pre-spawn bass angler season. Do not worry, though. There is still plenty of perfect weather to fish later this spring.

There are multiple options within the valley for perfect fishing spots. On

Virginia's Blue Ridge website there is a list of the best places to go fishing. The top choice is Carvins Cove. The reservoir is soled annually with stripped bass and is perfect for day fishing trips.

For many anglers that own fishing boats, Smith Mountain Lake is a great spot. Smith Mountain Lake is challenging to fish in because of the boat traffic and the overcrowding of fishermen. Despite these issues, it is a 20,600 acre lake and there are treasured spots throughout it that offer opportunities

to land an impressive catch.

Finally, Roaring Run offers a great fishing location. Roaring Run is not just an impressive fishing spot, but it is also a well-known swimming location. Students can bring their family and friends who may not be interested in fishing and all can stay entertained and enjoy the day!



Chris Schaible enthusiastically shows a 14 lbs. striper he caught at Smith Mountain Lake.