

# Clubs at ARGs

**National Art Honor Society (NAHS):** To inspire and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in art. To aid members in working toward the attainment of the highest standards in art areas, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community.

Activities: Develop and organize The Visual Arts Fest Week; organize and oversee student shows, exhibitions, website and Visual Art student activities; assist visual art staff in maintaining and managing studio activities.

**National Honor Society (NHS):** A service organization whose intent is to organize high school students who show achievement in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Activities: Pennies for Patients, help in several school sponsored activities: Adjudication for prospective students, Shadow Day, Pre-registration for Incoming Freshmen, and Graduation.

**Peer Tutoring:** The ARGs Peer Tutoring Club provides To provide academic support to the students in need for all Dragons in any content area. Tutors are high performing ARGs students who meet outside of class to assist their peers once or twice per week.

Activities: Providing academic support. Seniors participating in peer tutoring will receive a green and gold cord at graduation.

**PETE Club (People for the Ethical Treatment of the Environment):** To promote a greater awareness and respect for our environment.

Activities: Monthly club meetings, running a school-wide recycling program, taking part in river clean-ups, planning, creating and maintaining a rain garden at ARGs, leading environmental education and action activities during Earth Week each Spring, and many more activities.

**ARGs Robotics Team (ART):** To find direct, hands-on applications of STEM education.

Activities: Robot design, building, programming, and control. We participate in the FRC (First Robotics Competition), and take part in community STEM outreach.

**Spanish Club:** To promote the use of the Spanish language, expand knowledge of Hispanic culture, and provide a place where students may learn, grow, and practice.

Activities: Cultural presentations; singing and dancing to Hispanic music (salsa, meringue...); playing traditional Hispanic games, and community activities.

**Spectrum:** To create a safe school for all ARGs students by raising awareness of sexual orientation and gender identity issues through education and school-wide activities; to create a safe space for LGBTQA students. Open to all regardless of sexual orientation.

Activities: Social gatherings, LGBTQ History Month; Guest Speakers; RVA Pride; lobbying the General Assembly with Equality VA's Day of Action; GSA Summits

**Tabletop Gaming Club:** The Tabletop Gaming Club creates a community of shared interests. In that community, students have the opportunity to learn skills and lessons in an exciting and hands-on experience. This community allows students to meet and develop friendships through shared interests and provides a place for students to relieve stress, increasing students' overall health.

Activities: Play trading card games, play board games, and coordinate efforts with service clubs' charity events.

**Tri-M (Music Honor Society):** The international honor society recognizes secondary music students for their musical ability, academic excellence, school involvement, and community service.

Activities: Tri-M offers a complete system of rewards to inspire students and recognize excellence in individuals and chapters. Builds self-esteem and provides a channel for personal fulfillment.

**TSA (Technology Student Association):** The TSA fosters personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Members apply and integrate STEM concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs. All students in good academic standing are welcome to join TSA. Students should simply have an interest in technology and be self-motivated.

Activities: Students will participate in projects and competitions within the classroom and throughout the school. Additional competitions may be available for TSA members.

**Video Announcements:** Students collaborate to write, record, edit, and produce a weekly broadcast featuring video announcements and other segments.

**Writers' Club:** In our meetings, we discuss published literature as well as our own work, we also strive to reach the larger community through the written and spoken word.

Activities: We host a school-wide Writers' Festival and hold literary readings in the community and at ARGs.

**Yearbook Club:** Members assist the students taking Print and Online Publications: Yearbook with taking photographs, making pages, proofreading, and collecting quotes and information for the yearbook.



**Art Club:** To foster appreciation and exposure to the multi-faceted phenomenon that is “Art.” Emphasis on professional development, creative expression, and camaraderie.

Activities: Creating posters, t-shirts, and logo designs which give the students a chance to explore their talents and share their ideas.

**Dance Company:** An outreach and service dance company that performs in the wider community. Members are auditioned for entry. Choreography is primarily modern and contemporary dance.

Activities: The company performs out of school at various community outreach centers, which include retirement homes and middle schools throughout the entire year.

**Dance Focus Workshop—NHSDA (Dance Club):** To provide the opportunity for all Dance Focus Majors to meet, plan projects, and prepare for events which promote ARGs Dance. All Dance Majors attend the Dance Focus meetings.

Activities: Students work on developing their eligibility for the NHSDA by planning fundraisers, service projects, and dance performances. When the space allows, dancers will share creative works and projects. Dancers also discuss current trends and issues in dance arts.

**Dragon Phenomenon:** Student-led step team. This team is selected through a rigorous audition process. This team provides a great deal of spirit and heart to the school as they represent the core principles of what it means to be an ARGs Dragon.

**Dragon Scales:** To create and perform A Cappella music for the Appomattox Regional Governor’s School (ARGs) and its neighboring communities. Dragon Scales is a mixed a cappella group comprised of student males and females. Dragon Scales gives students from all focus areas a chance to come together to learn about a cappella music and then entertain audiences of all ages in that same genre.

**E-Sports:** Plays video games in a competitive setting against teams across the state and the nation. Livestreams these games on Twitch.TV for the student body to watch. Exists to help foster a sense of community and teamwork within the team and within the school.

Activities: Members compete in video game tournaments through VHSL to be livestreamed to the school.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA):** The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at ARGs supports students as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, Bible study, worship, and serving others.

**Film Appreciation Club:** Views and discusses a variety of cinema.

**French Club:** To extend an appreciation of the French Language and Francophone Cultures.

Activities: Monthly club meetings, National French Week “Coffeehouse,” Club Picnics, other proposed events from club members.

**Forensics Club:** Forensic speech is the study and practice of public speaking and debate, according to the American Forensic Association. School and college contests are patterned after ancient Greek competitions at public forums. Students learn and practice speech and research skills to inform or persuade an audience.

Activities: Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Impromptu Speaking, Storytelling, Humorous Dramatic Interpretation, Serious Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Prose Interpretation, Humorous Duo Interpretation, Serious Duo Interpretation, Duo Improvisation, and Oratorical Declamation.

**German Club:** To create, promote and deepen interest for the German language and culture

Activities: German week, sample authentic German food, German way of holiday celebrations.

**Girls Flag Football Team:** To provide girls with an opportunity to learn and enjoy playing 11-per side flag football.

Activities: Players will experience the "Friday Night lights" enjoyment of the game. There will be games against opponents to include Maggie Walker, Greenville, and others. Play against each other for the school class championship. Take National Federation of High School State Association certificate courses, including the nationally recognized Captain's Course. Participate in Zoom meetings with college and NFL personnel, to include current and past NFL players.

**Girls Learn International (GLI):** G.L.I. is a national group supported by the Feminist Majority Foundation. Girls Learn International (GLI) empowers and educates middle and high school students to advocate for human rights, equality, and universal education in the U.S. and around the world. Student-to-student, and student-to-parent, GLI is building a movement of informed advocates for universal girls’ education and a new generation of leaders and activists for social change.

Activities: We raise money each year to support girls education world-wide. Past fundraising partners have included Cambodian Scholarship Foundation and the Apne Ap foundation in India.

**Interact (Rotary International’s service club):** To develop leadership skills while helping others.

Activities: Complete two community service projects that further international understanding and goodwill.

**Inter-Club Council (ICC):** The specific mission of the ICC is to serve most effectively the needs of the clubs and classes at ARGs.

Activities: To facilitate cooperation on a calendar of activities and fundraisers; to develop school-wide service projects and charity fundraisers; to foster a greater sense of cohesion and unity between ARGs student organizations.

**International Thespian Society:** To honor student achievement in the theatre arts and to encourage camaraderie among all supporters of theatre at ARGs.

Activities: Group readings and viewings of plays. Monthly coffee houses to showcase schoolwide talent.

**Key Club:** Assists Kiwanis in carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. Builds leadership expertise as they organize and perform acts of community service.

Activities: Students take turns running meetings which focus on community service projects, leadership and networking. Outreach and projects are usually done after school or on the weekends.

**Latin Club:** To promote the Classics and camaraderie between all world language club members.

Activities: Virginia Classical League Convention, Saturnalia activities, toga bowling, Olive Garden Banquet, Laser Tag; community service projects, monthly club meetings.

**Magic Club:** To explore the underlying themes that seem to make life more magical. From Shaktas and Meditation practices, to individual Auras, the meaning behind our dreams and the questions regarding our human existence – the Magic Club discusses these theories and encourages individual exploration and participation in that questioning. We welcome all DRAGONS.

**Model UN:** To provide students with an opportunity to witness and take part in a comprehensive simulation of United Nations proceedings.

Activities: Include historical and political research, debating, and attendance of the ODU Model U.N. conference in Norfolk, VA, the latter of which enables our students to assume the roles of actual United Nations’ delegates from numerous UN member states.

**Music Club:** Members of the music focus area meet to discuss and advocate for musicianship within ARGs.