

# Get involved at Father Ryan!

There are many different activities and organizations available to students at FRHS.

Below is a list of club descriptions and club moderator(s).

Feel free to contact the moderator(s) or Mrs. Colleen Maxson in Campus Ministry if you have any questions.

*\*Indicates an activity that requires an audition, application, or a class to participate. Talk to the moderator for specifics.*

## New Clubs and Activities at Father Ryan 2022

### **American Red Cross—Meghan Nordman**

Father Ryan hosts a Red Cross blood drive in both the fall and spring semesters. The fall drive will be held this year on Wednesday, October 19 (A-day) from 9:00-2:00. Please consider donating for this very important cause. Each pint of blood donated can help save up to three lives! Donors must be 16 years old.

### **Social Media Ambassadors—Cara Hunter**

Interested in social media? Learn how to create social media content, assist with Father Ryan social media ideas, learn social media strategy, gain experience in digital marketing, and more!

### **American Sign Language Club—Suzie Barry, Matt Puryear, Kelli McClendon**

Join the American Sign Language Club. We are a hands-on connection of language and lives!

### **Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Club—John Durand**

Interested in developing a city one day? If you like to tinker, see how things works, or create... ACE is the place for you!

### **Art Club—Ellen Dempsey**

The art club provides any student the opportunity to meet after school to work on special art projects and to share art experiences with their fellow students. You do not need to be enrolled in an art class to join.

### **Behind the Crest—Wade Privett**

Interested in becoming the next Lee Corso, Bob Costas, or Doris Burke? BTC provides in-depth coverage for Irish Athletics through broadcasting, filming, editing, photographing, using social media, and more. Learn what sports media is all about with Behind the Crest!

### **Book Club—Paula Harris and K.C. Williams**

Calling all book lovers! Have you ever wanted to get ideas for your next great read? Do you love talking about books and want to find others who enjoy reading and sharing ideas? Come join Father Ryan's Student-Led Book Club! We will choose a new book to read each month and meet during Break to share ideas.

### **Cercle Francophone (French Club)—Sven Oelhafen**

Parlez-vous français? Practice speaking French and discover the cultures of the French-speaking world through activities such as a crepe workshop, French karaoke, cheese tasting, and more!

### **Chess Club—Cyrus Pour**

Learn the game or perfect your skills with Mr. Pour and friends. Members play after school and enter in monthly tournaments.

### **Coding Club—Elaine Demeter**

The Coding Club will meet twice a month during break on Tuesdays in Library 102. Students can choose your own topic or join with others on a project to learn the basics of coding apps, games, work with microcontrollers or create websites. They are welcome to meet in the lab after school if an adult is available to be with them.

### **Cooking Club—Jennifer Allen and Lindsay Wentworth**

Do you enjoy cooking and baking? Gather at the table with us to learn a few new recipes and participate in fun themed events.

### **Creative Writing—Amy Grubbs**

Tolkien and Rowling had to start somewhere, right? Express yourself at writing events throughout the year and submit work to The Gadfly.

### **Dungeons and Dragons Club—Jason Eggold**

Ever want to fight evil monsters or save a city? Now you can! Join with friends and enter a fantasy world where your characters get to control their own destinies. Make your own epic story!

### **El Club de Español Club—Paola Partlow and Abby Irvine**

Hola amigos! Experience the Spanish and Latin American cultures with us! We will watch short videos that portray various cultural events, do activities to celebrate important holidays in Latin America, and discuss issues facing the Hispanic community in Nashville. You do not have to be a Spanish student to join in the fun ¡Gracias!

### **Entrepreneur Club—Cheri McGowan and Betts Clippinger**

Have you ever dreamed of owning your own business? Do you have aspirations of becoming a millionaire, perhaps a billionaire? Join us as we explore business ideas and opportunities in the Entrepreneur Club.

### **Environmental Awareness—John Durand**

Get your green on by helping with the recycling program, raising awareness, tending the native plant prairie, and promoting Earth Day activities at FRHS.

### **Father Ryan Anglers—Jay Sheppard and Don Thielke**

Fishing is a perfect low-stress, low-impact activity that keeps you moving for hours. Anglers host at least four derbies to such places as Cajun Lake Lodge, Caney Fork, Camp Marymount, and Father Ryan. So grab your friends and let's go fishing! No experience necessary.

### **Fellowship of Christian Athletes—Greg Carson**

Athlete or not, FCA is open to all Christians for praise and worship in the Chapel during Break on Wednesdays that fall on a B-day.

### **Gadfly—John Durand and Ellen Dempsey**

Searching for creative individuals with public relation, publicity, and computer editing skills to work for Father Ryan's literary arts magazine!

**Garden Club—Russell Norment and Brent Fernandez**

Got a green thumb? Members work in the FRHS garden to learn about composting, planting, harvesting, and the benefits of growing your own food.

**Investment Club—Greg Carson**

Interested in becoming the next Dave Ramsey? Learn how to make informed decisions about investment opportunities.

**Irish Service Corps—Katie Swinnerton**

ISC promotes monthly service projects in the Greater Nashville area and on campus—all coordinated by students!

**Latin Club—Bobby Huddleston**

The Latin Club is alive and well and meets once a month celebrating Roman Culture blended with a few Catholic holidays.

**Magnificat: Girls Faith Group—Janet Lytle**

Come join a fun Girls Faith Group where female students gather once a month to talk about faith, choices, relationships, and discernment.

**Melchizedek Project—Eric Francisco**

Meet with like-minded Catholic men to consider, study, and pray about vocation to priesthood, religious life, or married life.

**Mock Trial—Mary Caitlin Spining**

Do you plan to go to law school or need a real-life Law & Order fix? Take on the role of attorney and mimic actual court cases. Compete with other students and schools while learning the workings of the legal system and trial procedures.

**Model United Nations—John Dooling and Emilie Armstrong**

Interested in international relations and politics? Represent a country with a group of your friends and compete with other high schools in TN.

**Multi-Cultural Student Union—Brooke Reusch, Marisol Preston, Tony McLeod, and Scott Shaver**

Bring awareness of issues, both within our Father Ryan community and the global community, to our school population. Work to create authentic ethnic and cultural celebrations. Participating in ethnic and cultural discussions, bringing guest speakers on campus, off campus enrichment experiences, and other landmark opportunities.

**Music Ministry—Julie Cox**

Share your musical talents at all-school masses each month. All guitar players, singers, and drummers are welcome!

**\*Peer Mentors—Rhonda Jones**

The nicest group of upperclassmen you will ever meet! Serve as a guide and leader to incoming freshmen and transfer students throughout the year. Applications for Peer Mentors are made available in January to rising Juniors and Seniors.

**Positive Action Club—Mary Hausman**

Work together with club members to promote and inspire positive attitudes and actions within the Father Ryan community.

**Purple Masque Players—Kelli McClendon**

Calling all artists!! Want to act, sing and/or dance? Want to paint, build and create? Join the Purple Masque Players and become a part of producing the fall musical and the spring play.

**Quizbusters—Kate McGee**

Do you know a lot of "useless" trivia? Do you aspire to be on Jeopardy someday? Join Quizbusters to show your smarts during lunch.

**Relay for Life—Michelle Mast, Jonathan McGee, and Colleen Maxson**

Support the fight against cancer! Father Ryan hosts the largest student-led Relay for Life event in the country (per capita)! Create a team to participate in Relay night and raise money for the cause. Save the date for Saturday, October 30, 12-8:00 pm for this year's Relay for Life.

**Respect Life Club—Janet Lytle and Violeta Robbins**

Members join the Pro-Life campaign by participating in monthly activities and traveling to Washington, D.C. for the Right to Life March in January.

**Rock Climbing Club—Adrienne Spraggins**

Come learn how to rock climb with a great group of people! The group schedules weekly climbs at Climb Nashville West for the Fall semester only.

**Rocket Club—Cyrus Pour**

The title of the club sells itself! Use science and math skills to build rockets and conduct other fun experiments! Future engineers apply within.

**Science Club—Mary Hausman**

Want to experience the wonderful world of science? Join science club to create podcasts and videos on scientific topics, interview Father Ryan science teachers and other science professionals, win prizes on science trivia and most importantly--MAKE FRIENDS AND HANG OUT!

**Science Olympiad—Steve Harden, Neelie Croke, and Jenny Herrera**

Interested in becoming the next Einstein? Start early by joining this fun group of scientists in competitions in physics, chemistry, space, and more!

**Shakespeare Club—Amy Grubbs**

Read, watch, talk about, and perform Shakespeare plus all those his works have inspired!

**Social Justice Club—Joshua Johnston and Jonathan McGee**

Through the lens of the Catholic faith, come examine injustices in our society and learn about ways to advocate for change, serve those impacted and seek to stop the problems at the root.

**Speech, Acting, and Debate Team—Sarah Kieffner and Josh Wilson**

Have you ever been told to save the drama for your mama? Take part in speech and debate activities and competitions! Get happy—join SAD!

**\*Student Ambassadors—Catherine Womack and Josh Wilson**

Interested in helping prospective students and parents learn why Father Ryan is such an awesome school? Consider applying to be a Student Ambassador! Applications are made available to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors in March.

**Youth in Government—John Dooling and Emilie Armstrong**

Are you TN's next Senator or Representative? Check out what life is like for our Congressmen and women as you spend a long weekend working inside our state's capitol. See how a bill becomes a law as you debate, create, veto, and pass legislation in a statewide competition.