

Clubs and Activities at Father Ryan 2024-2025

There are many different activities and organizations available to students at FRHS. Below is a list of club descriptions.

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

American Sign Language Club — Suzie Barry and Shellie Braeuner

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

Art Club — Jennifer George

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 — Deon Sanders and Eric Francisco

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 — 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.

Brotherhood: Men's Faith Group — Jack Connors and Savannah Smith

Interested in deepening your faith alongside the men of Father Ryan? Come join the Brotherhood! We meet once a week during break to build community, read scripture, reflect, and work on becoming men of Christ.

Cercle Francophone (French Club) — Sven Oelhafen

Come explore the cultures of the French-Speaking World through fun activities such as games and contests.

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 101. 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 and Shellie Braeuner

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 — Allen Wilson and Joshua Johnston

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!

E-Sports — Allen Wilson and Joshua Johnston

E-Sports is a new club at FRHS that seeks to foster student development in leadership, teamwork, complex real-time problem-solving, and communication skills through exciting video gaming competitions. The E-Sports Club seeks to equip students with the ability to compete in E-Sports leagues with the potential to earn college scholarships.

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 — Betts Clippinger and Cheri McGowan

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 — Don Thielke and Jay Sheppard

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-days

Gadfly — John Durand and Jennifer George

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

Investment Club — Greg Carson

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

Knitting Club — Shellie Braeuner

If you ever wanted to learn how to knit, learn how to knit better, or just hang out and get a couple of rows done, join Ms. Braeuner in room 113 for knitting club on Thursdays during break!

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 — Savannah Smith and Jennifer George

Come cultivate a sisterhood rooted in joyful love and faith! Magnificat meets weekly to share the joys of our lives and deepened our relationship with the Lord through scripture, friendship, and laughter. We would love to have you!

Medical Careers Club — Dr. Elizabeth Klammer

Have you considered a fast-paced career that saves lives and supports healthy lifestyles? Explore the world of physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, nutritionists and other medical professions.

Melchizedek Project — Fr. Anh Tuan Phan and Eric Francisco

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

Mock Trial — Murphy Kenefick and LeeAnn Lockman

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, Emilie Armstrong, and Allen Wilson

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 — Angie Coffey, Tony McLeod, Brooke Reusch, Scott Shaver, Darius White

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!

Quizbusters/Trivia Club — Kate McGee

Do you know a lot of “useless” trivia? Do you aspire to be on Jeopardy someday? Join Quizbusters to show your smarts. We will play Trivial Pursuit once a week at break.

***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

Purple Masque Players — Kelli McClendon, Julie Cox, and Lauri Dismuke

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.

Relay for Life — Michelle Mast and Jonathan McGee

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. Participating in Relay for Life is a great opportunity to earn service hours, too. Save the date for Saturday, November 2, 12-8:00 pm for this year’s Relay for Life.

Respect Life Club — Violeta Robbins and Lauri Dismuke

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.

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 Olympiad — Dr. Neelie Crooke, Steven Harden, 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!

Social Justice Club — Jonathan McGee and Joshua Johnston

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 — Josh Wilson and Jennifer George

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.

Student Ministry (Liturgy and Retreats) — Louisa Bateman

If you want to lend your gifts to read at Mass, be a gift bearer, be an Altar Server, help plan retreats, and be involved in student ministry on campus, please sign up! We would love for you to be involved.

Youth in Government — John Dooling, Emilie Armstrong, and Allen Wilson

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.