

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

National Art Honor Society: 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.

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

Activities: Virginia Blood Services Blood Drive, Pennies for Patients, and Relay for Life. Help in several school sponsored activities: Adjudication for prospective students, Shadow Day, The Beth Davis Scholarship Gala, Pre-registration for Incoming Freshmen, and Graduation.

Peer Tutoring: To provide academic support to the students in need.

Activities: After completing ten sessions of tutoring, peer tutors are recognized for their contribution in the ARGS award ceremony. Tutoring sessions are available for grades 9th-12th and languages, mathematics, science, and history.

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

Robotics Team: 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 a 5 de Mayo celebration at Petersburg Ladies' Home.

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.

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.

Writer's 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 Writer's Festival and hold literary readings in the community and at ARGS.

Yearbook: Members assist with taking photographs, proofreading, and collecting quotes and information for the yearbook.

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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.

Chess Club: To expand intellectual capacity and critical thinking skills while teaching the art of chess to the students. Provide students with instruction, and opportunities to improve their skills. Members are encouraged to play the game with each other, to practice openings and to learn notation and strategy.

Activities: Compete in tournaments sponsored by the Club (Chess-a-thon) and in tournaments held in collaboration with other schools.

Dance Company: A touring dance company that selects ARGs dance students. 2015-16 is the company's inaugural debut. Students audition in the spring for the following school year. All choreography is primarily ballet, modern, and contemporary dance created by Ms. Richardson, guest artists, and/or varied talented students.

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.

Debate Team: To encourage critical thinking and analysis through research and well-supported argumentation.

Activities: “Think on your feet” debater topics, strategy building (introducing and concluding an argument, rebuttals, public speaking, supporting an argument), in-school debates, virtual debating, Ethics Bowl.

Dragon Phenomenon: Student-led and alumni-coached 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.

Drama Club: To honor excellence in theatre education and to promote theatre as a tool for social change.

Activities: Charitable fundraisers, Coffee Houses during lunch, VTA conference, touring show.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA): Christian based organization/club that sponsors food drives to feed the hungry/ clothes drives/fundraisers to donate to various groups.

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

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 Learn International (GLI) : To discuss and advocate for the rights and education of women on a global scale. Fundraisers help support the education of girls.

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.

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 foreign 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 share the positive effect that magic tricks have on people and to promote an interest to learn. This includes teaching someone a trick if they show an interest in actually performing it.

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.