



# BOYS VOLLEYBALL SEASON KICKS OFF STRONG!

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- *High School (Zion Campus) Boys Volleyball Players, Coach Nathan Vitatoe, and Assistant Coach Gabe Peecher*

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY KHAYTA DIONGUE (JUNIOR/SENIOR), MILLANE BERRY (FRESHMAN),  
AND SADIE CAMPBELL (EIGHTH GRADER)

## HOW IT STARTED

After a spark of interest in more extracurriculars and sports at RCCA, our very own Mr. Nathan Vitatoe, along with Mr. Gabe Peecher helped formulate RCCA's first ever *boys* volleyball team.

Coach Nathan Vitatoe, "So it all started with Gabe Bevan informing me of his interest in a boys' volleyball team at RCCA." He goes on to speak about Gabe's plans to play volleyball...

Señor Vitatoe: "He had heard about CHS' team, which was started by my brother, several years ago, and he first attempted to go to RCCA, but play for CHS. However, that didn't work out. I believe he then spoke with his father and Gabe talked with some of the other boys who played sports at RCCA HS

and he pushed towards playing as a team this year. For this reason, Gabe was suitable to become the team captain."

The team started with clinics and help from assistant coaches, Gabe and Kennedy Peecher, while also participating in the CHS open gyms. Andrew Vitatoe and CHS were a big help overall. Roy Kelly put together a schedule of over 20 games, giving our first team a full season as well! So many people put effort into the development and creation of this team to give more to RCCA's students.



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April 2023

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## THE FIRST HOME GAME

The game is started off by an impressive overhand serve by Nathaniel Clevenger, earning the eagles' first point.

The team strongly presents their skills by working together with their first bump-set-spike! Unioto puts up a compelling fight against the eagles, but Jayden Beverly is up for serve, and he gets in five serves before a surprise strike right on top of them! A few points later and they easily get it back, Aiden Peecher achieves strong serves.

"Uno, dos, tres...FAMILIA!"

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## HOME GAME SCHEDULE



APRIL 28TH - WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN - 5:30PM



Unioto's team sees the competition they're up against and the eagles continue to dominate the set. RCCA's players continuously demonstrate collaboration and a strong team bond as the first part of the game continues. The 1st time out is called by our guests, UHS. The crowd rumbles with excitement at the success of RCCA's talented young men.

The 1st point after the time out goes to our guests. 3 points later, the old "stop the flow" time out trick seems to be working. But after a single missed hit, Jayden Beverly's serve breaks back open and the guests call their second time out!

The eagles team only loses a few points until they get their mojo back soon enough. At set point, the team takes the first win due to a missed serve by Unioto, ending the score at 25 to 17.

- SENIOR- TRACE DIXON
- JUNIOR- CARSON RAMEY
- JUNIOR- AIDEN PEECHER
- SOPHOMORE- GABE BEVAN
- SOPHOMORE- SAMUEL CLEVINGER
- SOPHOMORE- DANIEL GARABEDIAN
- SOPHOMORE- MATTHEW TITLER
- FRESHMAN- JAYDEN BEVERLY
- FRESHMAN- NATHANIEL CLEVINGER

## PLAYERS



## AWAY GAME SCHEDULE

MAY 1ST - HILLSBORO CHRISTIAN - 5:30PM  
MAY 6TH - FAYETTE TOURNAMENT - TBA





# BOYS VOLLEYBALL

## THE FIRST HOME GAME

April 2023

WRITTEN BY MILLANE BERRY (FRESHMAN), KHAYTA DIONGUE (JUNIOR/SENIOR), AND SADIE CAMPBELL (EIGHTH GRADER)

We got the first point of the second set after a long volley. We have a few overthinks, finding ourselves under the other team, but we quickly make it up after spikes and serves that speak nothing of their inexperience. Gabe Bevan captivates the crowd when he hits the volleyball over the net, making it twist and curve away from the outstretched arms of the opponents, gaining them another point. We are ahead by five and our backcourt keeps us ready. But after the opponents jump three points, the Eagles call time out at 20 to 18.

After an encouraging huddle, our team gets back out there. Unioto makes it to 20, but we jump on them, gaining three points in a row, and the guests call a timeout at 23 to 20. After a heart slamming few volleys we call time again at 23 to 24. And we all gasp and jump in anticipation when we tie at 24 to 24 and go overtime! Both teams fight for what seems like years before the set ends with 24 to 26.

N. Clevenger serves and misses, and Unioto gets 3 points in a row. After the 3rd point we get it back and our teams stay neck and neck for a long time. A. Peecher does great at hitting in the front and back. We serve again when we have 14 points, and thanks to C. Ramey and N. Clevenger digging deep we get some great serves, making the leap from 14 to 20. At 21 to 19, Unioto calls first time out of the set. The set ends quickly after that, and we win after a missed serve by the guests; 25 to 23.

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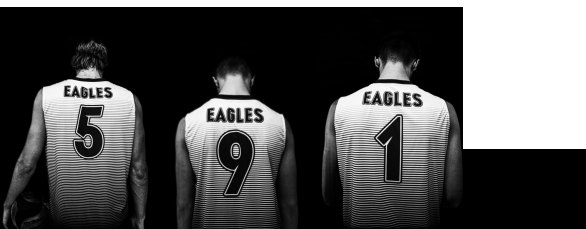
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The guest's libero serves first, making the first point. After that the battle is constantly going back and forth. The game has been neck and neck the entire game, and this set is no different. There's no way to tell which way the game will go. Nathaniel Clevenger dives, sets, and blocks with a spirited attitude that helps his team. The volleys last for what seems like hours, and the fans are tiring in wait to see the end. Eagles call time at 17 to 22. After the call the Eagles continue to struggle as Unioto gains back its confidence. They try hard, but Eagles call time out again at 17 to 24. We start fighting again and earn four more points, served by N. Clevenger, and Unioto call time at 21 to 24 points. The tension is up, and after a long fight the guests win the set, 22 to 25. It was still an exceptional comeback on the Eagles behalf.

In the immense excitement of it all, we have made it to a fifth set! Coach Vitatoe shouts to his team as they leave the huddle, "Have fun, guys. Have fun."

The encouragement seems to work and we get the first point! After S. Clevenger spikes on the guests, we get another point, and the serve goes back and forth twice. Then J. Beverly is up for serve, and he makes his debut with perfect overhand serves, making the crowd wild. Unioto calls time at 7 to 2, but they can't break the teams spirits. It's a heart pounding sight, as J. Beverly serves 12 straight points, earning us a grand victory: 15 to 2!





# BOYS VOLLEYBALL

## RCCA VS CHS

April 2023

WRITTEN BY KHAYTA DIONGUE (JUNIOR/SENIOR), MILLANE BERRY (FRESHMAN), AND SADIE CAMPBELL (EIGHTH GRADER)

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The eagles went against a formidable opponent, Chillicothe High School. Although they lost in a strong game against the varsity team, they came back- winning the JV game. Considering this is the eagles' first year and CHS has had boys volleyball for about 8 years, they still did very well against the opposing team. With 3 sets, CHS took the win. During the JV game, the eagles claimed all three sets played. On April 11, 2023, they played CHS again at the Brookside gym. The games went exactly the same as last time. CHS took the first three sets in the varsity game and RCCA won against the JV.



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## COACH VITATOE

"It's exciting to see our team come together not only to learn a new sport, but to promote our school, our town, and surrounding communities. We're having a lot of fun and appreciate everyone coming out to support RCCA Boys Volleyball."  
- Nathan Vitatoe

## RCCA VS HILLSBORO (HOME GAME) STATS



1ST SET:  
RCCA- 26  
HILLSBORO- 24

3RD SET:  
RCCA- 25  
HILLSBORO- 17

2ND SET:  
RCCA- 19  
HILLSBORO- 25

4TH SET:  
RCCA- 25  
HILLSBORO- 19





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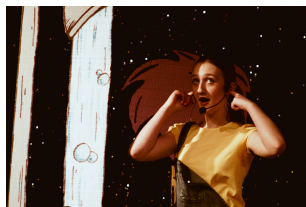
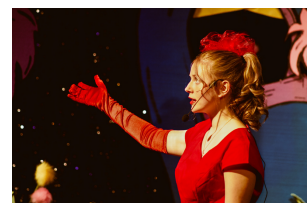
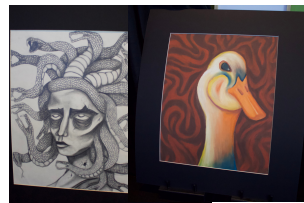
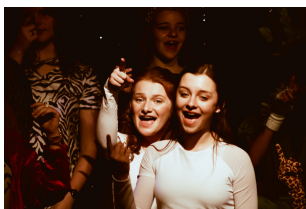
# SEUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL AND THE SOPHOMORE ART SHOW!

WRITTEN BY: KAMDYN NOBLE, FRESHMAN AND CALEB DORRANCE, EIGHTH GRADER

Seussical Jr is a play retelling and combining various Dr Seuss stories, including Gertrude McFuzz, Horton Hears a Who!, and Yertle the Turtle. Millane Berry, playing Gertrude McFuzz and Jayden Beverly, casted as Horton the Elephant, are the leads of this production. Many students (6th-10th graders) and staff brought this musical to life. The story follows Horton the Elephant finding a clover, which introduces the planet, Who, the smallest one in the sky.

On April 13 and 14th, the play was performed at Brookside Church's theater room- and both performances were completely sold out! The play had an interactive moments with the audience, such as bubbles being sent across the room to the audience and cast spraying water during the storm scene! The leader of the drama department at RCCA, Gabe Peecher, worked in the sound booth during all five performances! The cast only had one day where they practiced together before performances, starting at 9 AM until 6 PM. Families and students were amazed at this wonderful performance.

The sophomore art class presented beautiful pieces prior to the Seussical performance as well! Art teacher, Mrs. hacker, once again put on this show, with every student's piece placed in a beautiful matte board for presentation. Some of the featured and award-winning artists include Anna Wiseman, Gabe Bevan, and Daniel Garabedian.

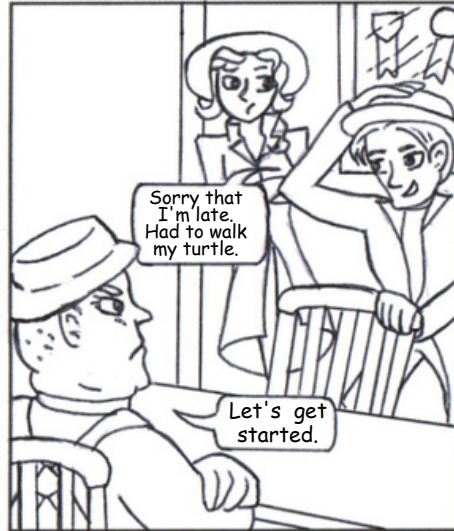




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PIECE BY MILLANE BERRY, FRESHMAN

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KHAYTA DIONGUE ( YEARBOOK PHOTOS )





## MINI BIBLE LESSON

WRITTEN BY AUSTIN HISEY,  
FRESHMAN AT RCCA ZION  
CAMPUS

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

As we go through life we face trials and are afflicted with all sorts of maladies but a verse like this can give us hope. For those that are saved this verse provides hope of a better day. That day might not be tomorrow or even three years from now but that day will come and it will be everlasting.



## DEBATE CLUB AT RCCA?

WRITTEN BY JESSIE STEINBROOK,  
FRESHMAN AT RCCA ZION  
CAMPUS

Rcca has been wanting to have many more extracurricular activities at this school for some time now. With the new addition of the Newspaper Club, advisor Dr. Josh Cooper and founder Khayta Diongue, this sparked an idea in my head. I then proceeded to to meet with Mr. Adam Hill to start a debate club here at RCCA. Now, we have another club at RCCA! You may be wondering what a debate club is at a private school. A debate is when you have a civil and logical argument between two opposing teams trying to prove that their side is right. This is a great opportunity to join because there are a lot of benefits that come with this club. Here in this club you can expect to improve leadership skills, writing and researching skills, as well as learning how to have a civil argument between people. If you are interested in joining this club, there are sign-up sheets in the cafe area. If you have any questions please contact the following:

Advisor- Adam Hill

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Founder- Jessie Steinbrook

Email:jessie.steinbrook@rccacademy.org





## STUDENT TESTIMONY

WRITTEN BY JESSIE STEINBROOK,  
FRESHMAN AT RCCA ZION  
CAMPUS

Many of you guys who go to RCCA know who I am, just because I have told this story to everyone I meet so they know who I am. I grew up in a small town-Gadsden,AL- similar to Chillicothe, OH. My biological mother was raped at the age of 16 and found out she was pregnant, and had me at 17. So, I never knew who my biological father was. All through her life she struggled. She was heavily involved in drugs and so were her parents. She didn't know any other life, just the paradigm that she was raised in. Because of this, it was a struggle for her to get her life together. She always believed that there was God but never really went to church or anything. When I was five years old, my mother had my twin brothers. About 10 months later, they were placed in the home that we remain in now. This was a loving home. Built on the foundation of Christ. Soon after they received my brothers, they ended up with me because the Department of Human Resources had reports of Neglect and Illegal drug use in the home. So I moved into this nice home with a couple who were unable to have children. My parents, mostly my adoptive mother, said that I was a gift from God, and I always believed that until at one point in my life I didn't.

While I was living here in this home, it was loving. It was really weird for me to accept. There were not any burnt spoons laying around and there was no yelling at each other. It was just peaceful. I was always told that I needed to be a Christian, but they were never the parents that forced you. I went to church with them every Sunday and did weekly Bible Studies. When I was around the age of eight, my parents told me that I knew right from wrong. If I wanted to be Christian, they were fine with it and could continue to go to church. If I didn't want to be a Christian I didn't have to, but I could still be respectful and go to church. So I decided that I wanted to be a Christian so I got saved.

On February 4, 2018 my mother and I found my brother dead in the morning. I was 10 at the time. My faith got really shaky but I still tried as hard as I could keep faith in God.

In 2019, we moved to Ohio. I started to go to church with my Grandmother, Joy Martin, at Lighthouse Baptist Church. I really liked this church and found the environment kind and helpful. I even met my best friend at the time, Isabella Ramey. She really helped me get closer to God and always made sure that I was doing Bible Studies. During this time I took my faith seriously. I even got baptized. Everything was going well at this point in my life.

On August 20, 2021 my mother passed away from Covid-19 in the hospital. I actually watched as they pulled the plug and her passing. I knew she would have done the same thing. After this I quit going to church and I just went on a rampage. It messed with my head in a way I can't describe. I was really mad at God and even turned to Satan to try and help me but nothing did. I was just lost and felt like I had no meaning. So, I started to self-harm. I then decided that I didn't believe in God or Satan. I was an atheist. But that changed when I started to attend RCCA.

When I first started attending RCCA, everyone already knew that I was atheist. They never judged or anything. They treated me normally like anyone else. I was a little shocked at this because I thought they were going to be all over me asking so many questions but they didn't. They accepted me...for who I was. When I started to go to Bible Class, Mrs.Tami Hacker really helped me open my eyes. The way she taught the word of Christ really helped me.

Just recently I got saved. And I am proud to say that I am a Child of God. I really think that most people can relate to me on some level and I love that. Being able to help people I absolutely love. There are two people in that I would like to give a special thanks to:

Mrs.Tami Hacker and Khayta Diongue. Thank you guys for never giving up on me! If you are not sure you are saved, please turn to someone you trust and ask questions. You never know, there might be someone just like you going through similar situations.







# Teacher Spotlight

WRITTEN BY ISABEL MINTON

This interview was conducted on Thursday March 30, 2023 by RCCA Newspaper Club member Isabel Minton. This interview took place at Zion Baptist Church, the highschool campus for RCCA. Minton asked Mrs. Anne Thomas a few questions about RCCA itself as well as a few personal questions.

Isabel: Do you mind if I ask you a few questions for a teacher spotlight for the newspaper?

Mrs. Thomas: Oh no, that's fine!

I: Okay! What is your role at RCCA?

MT: I am the 8th grade reading and grammar teacher and intervention specialist.

I: Ok. And now, how long have you worked here?

MT: I've worked here for 6 years.

I: Cool! What is your favorite thing about working at RCCA?

MT: The fact that I can talk about God and not get in trouble. And I love the kids and teachers and the parents.

I: Yeah! So what church do you attend?

MT: Rio Grande Church of Christ.

I: Okay. What is your favorite worship song or just like church song in general?

MT: Jesus loves me. But I like other big people songs too.

I: Okay. What is your favorite Bible verse?

MT: Phillipians 4:13

I: Well, that's all I have. Thank you!

MT: You're welcome!



## BAND CONCERT

WRITTEN BY CALEB DORRANCE

The band concert is May 15th at Brookside Church and will consist of pieces performed by 8th-5th graders, and will be conducted by Mrs. Wright Parker.

## BAND PERFORMERS

Zion band performers include:  
Junior, Carson Ramey  
Freshman, Kamdyn Noble  
Freshman, Austin Hisey  
Freshman, Anna Reisinger  
Eighth grader, Caleb Dorrance  
Eighth grader, Keila DeGarmo  
Eighth grader, Shyan Burns





# Student Spotlight

WRITTEN BY ASHTON BEVERLY

The following interview of Nathaniel Clevenger and Jayden Beverly was one of several student interviews conducted by Khayta Diongue on October 19, 2022. The interview had a runtime of approximately four minutes, and it took place in Zion Baptist Church. In the interview, Khayta asked Nathaniel and Jayden a series of questions concerning their experiences going to school at Ross County Christian Academy. Nathaniel and Jayden provided Khayta with a wealth of insights into their own personal thoughts and opinions concerning the current state of the school.

JAYDEN: "I'm Jayden Beverly; I'm a freshman at RCCA."

NATHANIEL: "And I'm Nathaniel Clevenger, and I'm in ninth grade at RCCA."

KHAYTA: "How long have you been attending RCCA?"

J: "I've been attending RCCA for eleven years."

N: "And I've been attending RCCA for about five."

K: "What is your favorite class at RCCA and why?"

J: "My favorite class at RCCA is definitely English Class. I think it's probably the same reason as his because we have Mr. Cooper."

K: "What is your favorite thing about school outside of classes?"

J: "Definitely sports. We both love to play basketball; we're on the basketball team."

N: "Yeah, that's, yeah, basketball."

K: "Ok. In your opinion, what are your thoughts on the religious aspects of RCCA?"

N: "Chapel is on Thursdays, which is good. And then every other day is about Bible class, which we have with Mrs. Hacker. And I like it pretty good."

J: "Same here. I love having Bible class."

K: "What would you say to someone who is considering RCCA?"

N: "I would highly consider it just because it's just a great place to be and great people to be around."

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL GALLERY





# CALENDAR

Students need to know what's going on at school! Sometimes, it's hard to keep track! Here's some dates and announcements you may want to know:



**DOLLAR DRESS DOWN DAYS**  
**FIRST DAY OF EVERY SCHOOL WEEK**

**CHAPEL SCHEDULE:**  
**2 SANCTUARY CHAPELS**  
**1 GUEST SPEAKER**  
**1 SMALL GROUPS**

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FLOWER PICKUP  
**MAY 1**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
**MAY 4**

YELLOW DAY  
**MAY 5**

CONSERVATION CAMP  
**MAY 10-12**

BAND CONCERT  
**MAY 15**

BROOKSIDE CAMPUS FIELD DAY  
**MAY 17**

SENIOR BREAKFAST AND GRADUATION PRACTICE  
**MAY 18**

SENIOR GRADUATION  
**MAY 19**

LIGHTHOUSE CAMPUS FIELD DAY  
**MAY 23**

ZION CAMPUS COOKOUT AND FIELD DAY  
**MAY 25**

END OF THE FOURTH NINE WEEKS  
**MAY 26TH**

# Prayer Requests

Please remember that if you have prayer requests, you can go to locker number sixteen, and write down your prayer requests. If you have any prayer requests and are uncomfortable using the prayer locker, any of the teachers are welcome to pray for you



# **JOIN CLUBS! 23-24 SCHOOL-YEAR NEWSPAPER AND DEBATE CLUB APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

With the addition of two new clubs to RCCA, we are proud to offer more opportunities and extracurriculars for students. Student-led clubs have been in the works and some are currently in effect. To join next year's newspaper club or debate club, applications can be found in the office or cafe area at the Zion Campus!

If you have any questions, please contact the following:

Newspaper Club-  
Advisor, Dr. Josh Cooper  
Editor and Founder, Khayta Diongue  
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Debate Club-  
Advisor, Adam Hill  
Founder, Jessie Steinbrook

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