New Teachers Ready to Make an Impact

by Anthony Moyer

Recently, two new teachers were added to the RHS staff, Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Henderson and Ms. Allison Kennedy.

Ms. Kennedy is the new supplemental teacher and Chief Henderson is the new Senior Army Instructor (SAI). Ms. Kennedy has an educational background of two years at Camden County College and then four years at Rowan University.

When asked how she knew she wanted to become a teacher, she said that she went to Camden County College for a degree as a PE teacher and then she went to Rowan. This is when she realized how much she liked being a special education teacher and finished her degree in Special Ed.

Ms. Kennedy says that her biggest accomplishments in life was graduating college with her degrees in Special Ed and Physical Education.

Also, she says that she is very proud that teaching at RHS is her first teaching job.

When asked about how she felt about RHS, she said “The staff and administration are very welcoming and friendly. This is a small district, but it is a good place.”

Chief Warrant Officer Henderson is the new SAI for RHS’ JROTC program. Chief was in the Army for 37 years. Chief’s MOS or his Military Occupational Specialty was 155 Echo Hotel or 155EH. He also was an Instructor.

Chief’s most recent MOS means that he specialized in being a pilot and flying planes for the Army.

Chief has a very inspiring story on why he joined the Army.

“When I was in second grade, I’ll never forget this. I was on the swings and I would always look up to Navy planes flying overhead because there was a lot of Navy Bases where I grew up so I thought to myself I want to do that one day.”

When asked about why he wanted to come to Riverside to be an instructor, he said that he spent about eight and a half years in an urban school district and wanted to come to a more suburban area and play a bigger role in the school.

Chief says that he really enjoys the environment of the school and that he likes the staff and the administration because they are easy to get along with.

Both of these teachers are great additions to RHS and we are happy to welcome them to the “family”.

76ers Fans Need to Trust the Process

by Alex Stockton

“With the number one pick in the draft, the Philadelphia 76ers select... Markelle Fultz,” said the NBA Commissioner, Adam Silver. This moment was the end of the pain and suffering for 76ers fans. Prior to this moment, the Sixers were, without a doubt, the worst team in the NBA.

The Sixers tanked, which means they tried to lose to get better draft picks. The idea of tanking was introduced to the 76ers by Sam Hinkie, the past General Manager for the team.

For four straight years they got the top three draft picks and selected: Joel Embiid, Jahlil Okafor, Ben Simmons and Markelle Fultz. Hinkie is the reason the 76ers went from a mediocre team, to a terrible team, to a team that is supposed to be a contender in the NBA Finals in the future. He is also the reason why they have Joel Embiid, who is arguably the best center in the NBA. They also have Ben Simmons, who is being compared to Magic Johnson and Lebron James, who are two of the greatest players ever. Joel Embiid is bound to be an all-star this year, while Simmons has a pretty good chance of being an all-star rookie.

Right now, the Sixers are 24-22 without their number one pick, Markelle Fultz, but they still have a lot of developing to do with their young team. The 76ers and their fans trusted the process and now high expectations are set for them.

The future is looking bright for them and hopefully they can bring home an NBA Finals Trophy in the next couple of years.
Villa Rosa

by Mya Coleman

Villa Rosa is a family owned Italian Restaurant in Burlington, N.J. The owner is a very friendly, down to earth family person. As I entered the restaurant, I noticed the dim, kind of romantic lighting. Upon entrance I was able to pick my own seat. On my visit, the restaurant was about ⅓ filled. It took the waiter quite a bit of time to come to the table. The waiter was nice and even cracked some jokes while taking our order.

They have an assortment of wraps, steaks, burger, sandwiches, hoagies and dinner platters which come with your choice of veal or chicken. They also have different pastas mixed with sauce, vegetables and meat. Lastly they have pizza. The pizza comes in the sizes of small, large and personal, which is smaller than the small size pizza.

First, warm pizza dough was brought to the table as a starter. I had asked for the wings to come out first, so I could eat them while waiting on the pizza. When the wings came out, I first noticed the almost opaque steam coming off of them. They were hot and crispy on the outside, but very tasty. Not too long after I finished my wings, my Personal pan pizza came out. It was very hot, the cheese was stringy and the crust was crunchy.

Overall, I enjoyed the meal and the service. The vibe is a “make yourself at home” vibe. I would recommend this place to a friend. It gets a 4 out of 5 stars.

Learning about Business

by Greg Thornton

The business club is a new club at RHS run by Mrs. Lea Lauletta.

When asked about the club, junior Elijah Abad, a business club member, said “We have discussed proper job interview etiquette. This includes what to say and how to say it, body language, eye contact and attire. We’ll be learning more about employment and money as the year goes on.”

The president of the club is Mike Montiero, Vice President Kai-tlyn Parker, Secretary Madison McNulty, Marketing Rep. Jenson Arias, Historian Joanna Dimiero, Mascot Eddie Salkowski and Project Managers Jose Matera, Serena Kanoc and Eddie Salkowski.

There are currently two upcoming trips, one is to the U.S. Mint and the other to the Cherry Hill Mall to see how things behind the scenes. Another project is in the works to work with the middle school students.

Mrs. Lauletta said “I look forward to an exciting year for the business club. The students are excited, as well as Mrs. G. and myself”.

Madame Franz

by Jordan Cahill

What is your favorite part about being a teacher?
Seeing the “light bulb” when a student gets it.

Why did you choose to become a teacher?
My uncle was my inspiration. When I was little he taught French and Spanish at the University of Kutztown.

What do you like most about Riverside?
The camaraderie amongst the students and the feeling of community in Riverside.

If you could teach anywhere; where would it be, and why?
Riverside because I have taught and have experience in Public and Private schools in two different states.

What will you always remember about Riverside?
Sports Night. No other school that I’ve been to does anything like it. The preparation, excitement and commitment make it special. I have a friend who graduated awhile ago, who still to this day texts her friends ‘Maroon Most Mighty’ if they win.
My New Year’s Resolution is...  
by Olivia Thompson

To learn green eggs and ham my heart - Miranda Goerlich

To drink more water - Mrs. Glaberman

To focus on getting a new job to pay for life after graduation - Matt Niedermayer

To keep up my good grades and finish my sophomore year of high school with honor roll - Jacqueline Lim

To get into a relationship - James Mitchell

To be more organized - Ms. Nicola

To practice “the pause” - Mrs. Starke

10 Strange Facts
By: Kacey Stratton

1. The longest time between two twins being born is 87 days.

2. The world’s deepest postbox is in Susami Bay in Japan. It’s 10 meters underwater.

3. The first American film to show a toilet being flushed on screen was Alfred Hitchcock’s Psycho.

4. Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.

5. Nowhere in the Humpty Dumpty Nursery Rhyme does it say that Humpty Dumpty is an egg.

6. Scotland’s national animal is the unicorn.

7. A strawberry is not a berry, but a banana is.

8. Cleopatra lived closer to the moon landing than the building of the Great Pyramid of Giza.

9. The T-Rex lived closer in time to us than to the Stegosaurus.

10. The Ottoman Empire still existed the last time the Cubs won the World Series prior to 2016.

Casey’s Winter Weather Forecast

The Farmer’s Almanac predicts a very cold month of January. The winter temperatures will be above normal. The coldest periods are expected to be in the beginning of January and the beginning February. Precipitation is also expected to be above average.

The snowiest periods will occur towards the end of January. January 8th to the 21st are expected to have occasional rain and be mild. The 22nd to the 25th of this month are predicted to get lots of rain to snow and be cold, but sunny. Everyone should expect to see heavy rain from the 26th to the 29th. To finish out the month, the 30th and the 31st are expected to get rain and snow showers.

The month of February is predicted to be very cold as well. The 1st to the 5th are supposed to be sunny, but cold. Rainy weather will occur from the 6th to the 9th. Mild weather is in the forecast from the 10th to the 13th. Rain and snow showers can be expected again from the 14th to the 21st, along with extremely cold weather temperatures.

Finally, February 22nd through the 28th will be sunny and mild with periods of rain. We are in for a long winter, so keep your gloves and coats handy.
Holiday Helpers
by Antonio Santos

From December 4th to the 15th, nine high school students traveled around to the middle and high school home-rooms and collected money for Project Santa. On December 15th, those same students dressed as Santa and his elves and went to the elementary school to collect change and spread holiday joy.

Middle and high school students also paid $0.50 in order to attend the Senior vs Faculty game, which was on the 22nd. The game was close, but ended with a faculty win. Fifteen seniors played in the game against the staff.

Dr. Atkinson grew his beard out in order to be Santa during the game. Around $1,400 in total was raised which was used to buy gifts for families in Riverside and Delanco. Ms. Downey runs Project Santa and Jackie Lim and Jade Watson were the chair people this year.

College Preview: Stockton
by Ian Farrell

Stockton is a beautiful University located in Galloway Township, New Jersey. It is 1 hour and 19 minutes away from Riverside. The acceptance rate at Stockton University is 64%. Stockton holds many events and an important event is their open house. College open houses allow high school students to walk around their campus. There are usually tour guides that help out the visitors around campus.

At a visit to the campus, prospective students may talk to college students, college advisors and/or professors. Stockton University has a great athletics program. Some of the most popular school sports are baseball, basketball, softball and field hockey.

The student to faculty ratio is 17:1. The school also has outstanding academic programs. There are Undergraduate studies, Graduate studies and continuing studies. Some of the majors Stockton has to offer include Business, Accounting, Education, Criminal Justice/Criminology and many more. There are over 50 programs of study at Stockton and the most popular is Education.
NFL Playoff Recap

by Sammy Gogliuzza

The NFL Playoffs began with the Wild Card games in the Divisional Round.

In the AFC, the New England Patriots were the 1st seed, the Pittsburgh Steelers were the 2nd seed, Jacksonville Jaguars were the 3rd, and the Kansas City Chiefs were the 4th seed. The Tennessee Titans were the 5th seed and the Buffalo Bills were the 6th seed, but they were knocked out of the playoffs.

In the Wild Card games the Chiefs and Titans matched up in a thriller. The Chiefs dominated the first half and looked like they were going to move on to the Divisional Round, but in the second half the Titans came alive and stormed back for a miraculous win over the Chiefs 22-21. Derrick Henry led the way with 156 rushing yards and one touchdown. These two teams both clinched byes in the Wild Card Round. The Number 3 seed Los Angeles Rams played the 6th seed Atlanta Falcons. The former NFC champs showed the Rams why they were trying to head back to the Super Bowl.

The Falcons dominated in a 26-13 Victory over the Rams. Julio Jones had a game with 9 receptions, 94 yards and one touchdown. The Falcons went on to face the number 1 seed Philadelphia Eagles. The NFC South Champs, the New Orleans Saints, faced off vs. the Cam Newton led Carolina Panthers. The Saints were the better team against the Panthers and came out with the 31-26 victory. The Saints then traveled to Minnesota and lost to the Vikings.

In the Divisional Round, the Jacksonville Jaguars traveled to and beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 45-42. In the other AFC game the New England Patriots played the Tennessee Titans and the Patriots dominated the game and won 35-14.

The AFC Championship game was between the Jacksonville Jaguars and New England Patriots and the Patriots beat the Jaguars in a very close game with a score of 24-20.

In the NFC, the Eagles led by Nick Foles, beat the Falcons in the final seconds with a dropped pass by Julio Jones. The NFC Championship game was between the Minnesota Vikings and the Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles came out and played like they wanted a win and beat the Vikings with an impressive 38-7 score.

The Super Bowl will be played in Minnesota, home of the Vikings on Feb 4th. The Philadelphia Eagles will take on the New England Patriots in hopes of a Super Bowl Ring.

Q: How has your Freshman year been so far?
A: It’s been good. I made new friends and learned to take school more seriously.

Q: What is one goal you hope to achieve through out the next four years?
A: Keeping my grades above a 90.

Q: After high school what do you plan on doing?
A: I plan on going to a four year college and becoming a nurse practitioner.

Q: What do you do in your freetime?
A: I like to watch Netflix.

Q: What is one fun fact about yourself?
A: I love to write.
As the Riverside High School Girls’ Basketball team kicks off their 2017/2018 season, this year’s captains are Senior Cassidy Dospoy, Junior Hailey Russell and Junior Brianna Fritz.

As their season moves along, their record so far is 8-5. Brianna Fritz said their hardest game was against Holy Cross.

Even though it was a tough game between Holy Cross, they just put the tough game behind them. They continue to work on their mistakes for the next game and don’t let the other game get stuck in their head so they can come out strong for their next game.

In relation to her team members, Brianna Fritz feels “Together we conquer all.” An example of this was on Tuesday January 9th, the team came out strong and beat Maple Shade with a score of 50-32. 19 points were scored by Junior Hailey Russell, 7 points by Junior, Brianna Fritz and 6 points by Freshman Riley Starke.

With positive vibes for the Ram’s season, they still have a ways to go and we wish them the best of luck.

by Madison Carucci
Lady Rams Jumping into a New Season

It’s no surprise that the boys and girls going out for the 2017-2018 RHS Wrestling season were excited with new spots open due to a loss of seniors who graduated last year.

The coaches of the wrestling team are Kevin Landolt and Joe Frye.

When asked what his expectations are for this season Coach Landolt said “We have a really great group of people this year who work hard. Whether we have a good season or not, I expect all my wrestlers to put their best foot forward every practice and match.” Notice how Coach Landolt said people and not boys. This is because Sophomore Larissa Combs went out for the team this year.

Captains this season are Seniors Ariel Carreno and Chuck Bluhm. When asked how he feels about the season so far Captain Ariel Carreno replied by saying “I think we’re good and everyone’s experienced and we have a lot of young kids in the lineup. We just need to come together as a team more.” The RHS Wrestling Team is only missing players for the 113 pound weight class and their record is currently 7-16, but like every Riverside sports team fan says, “Don’t sleep on the Rams.”

by Kimberly DeFabis
New Horns Lock on the Mat

The 2017-2018 Boys Basketball teams are off to a great record. Currently, Varsity’s record is 10-6, JVs is 8-3 and the Freshmen team is 3-3. Each team consists of a different number of players. The varsity team has 10 boys and is led by Coach Carmine Cesare.

The team captains are Manny Harris, Frankie Doelling and Jeanquai Morton. The JV team consists of 21 players and is led by Coach Bill Jackamonis. The Freshmen team has 11 players and is led by Coach Chris McManus.

When asked what goals they have for the season, Captain Frankie Doelling responded with “Our goals for the season are to win a Division Title, have a couple home playoff games and definitely make a run in the playoffs.” Anthony Rudzinski explains his thoughts on the season by saying “The team is looking pretty solid so far.” There are some crucial Division games coming up soon. There are still several home games left, so make sure to come out and support the Rams!

by Annie Magargal
Rams Make a Slam Dunk into the Season
With a new Lady Rams season, came new faces on the cheer team arrived.

Senior captains Jada Gale and Savannah Moniz had a few tricks up their sleeves by being able to have a couple girls learn different techniques and incorporate more flips. The cheerleaders new “hello” cheer and half time dance always gets the crowd even more energized.

From cheering on the bleachers to doing numerous flips on the court, each individual cheerleader always remains with a bright smile and high spirited energy.

Senior captain Savannah Moniz says “We put a lot of effort into making up new cheers and show the players the love they deserve. We all get along and bond pretty well as a whole. I’m sad to say this will be my last year cheering for the Rams.”

Each game the girls have good spirit and always know how to brighten up the room for the players and crowd.

Christmas Break on the Court

by Sydnie Hoelz

For some, Christmas in Riverside means spending time with family and friends over this school-free time, but for the winter athletes, winter break entailed a series of basketball games over the course of four days for the 2017 Christmas Tournament.

The Boys’ Basketball team visited Doane Academy and played their series of games. Beat ing LEAP and Cross Christian Academy, the boys moved onto the championship round. Each quarter dragged into insanely close scores.

After one round of overtime, the Rams fell to Pennsauken Tech with a score of 66-63.

Captain Manny Harris lead the team with 19 points, closely followed by junior Alex Stockton with 14 points.

“My team helped me out a lot,” Manny said when asked how his team did in the championship round. “For the last three years, we beat them and we expected to beat Penn Tech this time. I’m upset we lost.”

Even though discouraged, Manny left some words of wisdom for the team he will be leaving behind in 2018: “They need to keep their heads on straight, stay motivated, listen to coach and stop complaining. We’re gonna win!”

Meanwhile, back in their hometown, the Lady Rams were battling their own opponents as they contended in their half of the Christmas Tournament. The girls had very close and competitive matches against teams such as Haddon Heights (36-31) and Cherry Hill West (50-47), but the scores were not in favor of the Rams.

Lead scorers of these games were juniors Kim DeFabis and Haley Russell.

Unfortunately, the girls were unable to make it to the championship leaving Salem and Haddon Heights to play in the championship game. These losses did not dampen Varsity Captain Cassidy Dospoy’s spirit or thoughts on her team -- or even her Christmas break.

“I had a lot of fun,” she stated. “We didn’t win but both games were very close. It kept our team on edge and focused the entire game.”

Even though both teams were not the overall victors, the predictable perseverance of both the Rams’ basketball teams never fails to make an appearance every season.
There are many things to do in South Jersey when Valentine’s Day comes around. Every February 14th, I know every couple goes through the same thought process of where should we go to dinner this year? However, it does not have to be a traditional Valentine’s Day with a dinner at 7pm. This area offers various activities that could become your new tradition. Since we are so close to the city of Philadelphia, that opens many other date night opportunities up.

The City of Brotherly Love, also known as Philadelphia, has many activities to offer. One that is a no brainer is the LOVE statue. Located in the heart of the city, there’s much to do in the city. Not only could you visit the famous LOVE statue, but you could also grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant. There are a plentiful of restaurants in the Center City area to eat.

Also, nearby is the Penn River rink located right on the Delaware River. Overlooking New Jersey, the ice skating rink is full of Winter activities. If you are into ice skating and don’t mind the cold, this attraction could be a romantic night out. The river rink also provides places to eat and sit by the fire.

A popular activity couples do is actually located right across the bridge at Adventure Aquarium. The common children’s activity gets transformed during after hours. At the end of the day, the aquarium is open for couples to roam around and indulge in a buffet that is provided. However, the ticket price is a little hefty, coming in at $179 per person. But if you enjoy marine life, I am sure this would be a great activity to splurge on for the night.

No matter what attraction you are interested in, it is bound to be an enjoyable night. Valentine’s Day is the perfect day or night to forget about your daily life activities and spend some time with your loved one.

Local Valentine’s Day Activities
by Juliana Rudzinski

Valentine’s Traditions Around the World
by Shontelle Cooper

In the United States, Valentine’s Day is all about love and romance.

When February 14th comes around, everyone rushes to the store for flowers and candy, or makes dinner reservations and buys fancy gifts.

However around the world Valentine’s means many different things.

Believe it or not, Valentine’s Day traditions in the Philippines are similar to the ones in Western countries.

One tradition of theirs that has gained popularity, in the Philippines, is during the week of Valentine’s many Filipinos get married to celebrate the season of love.

Most of these weddings are “mass weddings” which is where hundreds of couples share their vows at the same time, in the same place.

It’s much different in Japan, though, where the women are the big spenders instead of the men.

Women give traditional “Giri Choco” which is giving chocolate with no romantic association, but its mandatory to give on Valentine’s Day.

They are only given to male friends, colleagues and sometimes bosses.

The males don’t give presents until March 14th, that day is called “White Day”.

In Denmark, Valentine’s Day is somewhat a new holiday since it hadn’t begun being celebrated there until the early 1990’s.

The people of Denmark give their loved ones pressed white flowers called “snowdrops”. Another one of their traditions is exchanging “Lover’s cards”. “Lover’s cards” are cards showing pictures of the card giver presenting a gift to his or her lover.

Men also give “joking letters” consisting of funny poems, also called Gaekkebrev.

In other countries, there are so many more traditions. All around the world, Valentine’s Day has a different meaning.

Just think of all the fun ways you could spend Valentine’s Day!
Aries (March 21-April 20): Younger people may enter your life bringing fresher and freer points of view about yourself and life.

Pisces (February 20-March 20): Friends play an important role for you. Goals and dreams will be addressed and possibly changed or amended.

Taurus (April 21-May 20): A new course of study or hobby will stimulate your intellect.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Take a new course of study to challenge your intellect and expand your personal vision of the universe.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Express yourself; share thoughts and ideas. Change or enhance your appearance.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): Negotiating and signing financial contracts may occur. Your money making ideas may have positive results.

Libra (September 23-October 22): You may decide to redecorate or enhance the appearance of your home. Don’t let your communications become too dictatorial.

Virgo (August 23- September 22): You’re ready to pursue romance, creativity and pleasure. Your inner child and your inner ‘cruise director’ will not be ignored.

Cancer (June 21-July 21): A new love could enter your life and you may take the big step. Disagreements and arguments may arise.

Leo (July 22-August 22): Use your inborn creative talents to devise new methods to improve your health or personal productivity at work or school.
On December 17th, the 9th annual Operation Brotherly Love was held at Temple University. Riverside has been involved in the holiday volunteer activity for the past seven years. Every year there seem to be more volunteers who attend because they hear about the wonderful experience from the year before. With over 5,000 committed volunteers and 650 deserving families from the Philadelphia area, nothing but warm smiles were seen during the heart-felt event. Each volunteer was assigned a family for the day in order to make the experience more enjoyable for all.

To ensure that all the children attending would get the holiday they deserve, activities such as carnival games, music, dancing, and entertainment were available for everyone to enjoy. Besides receiving many gifts to top off the fun-filled day, each of the 2,000 children were given a coat and gloves donated by Operation Warm and a meal provided by Wawa.

The sole purpose of Brotherly Love is to not only bring together those in the community but all individuals who helped out.

Thirty-five RHS staff and students volunteered for this special event. It’s safe to say that those who donated their time had a blast showing all the families that there are people who truly care and had fun doing it!

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