



# 2024-25 STUDENT GROUPS

Rosslyn Academy



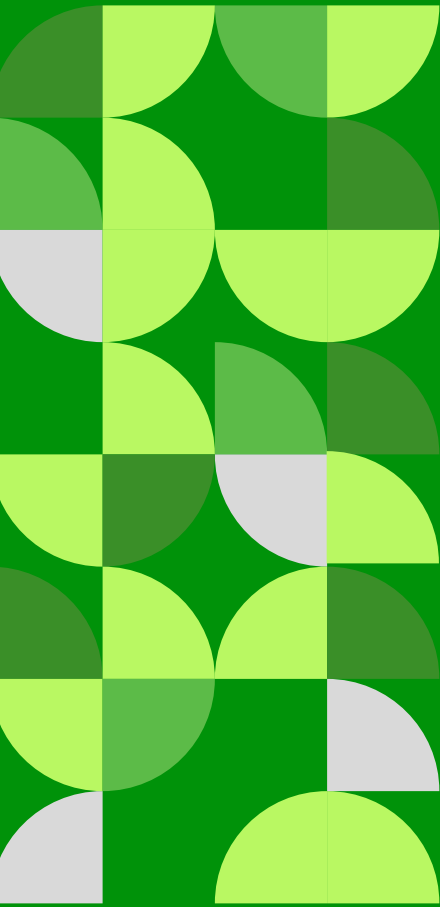
# PURPOSE OF STUDENT GROUP GUIDE

**Rosslyn High School is a vibrant community with many opportunities to get involved. This guide is intended to give an overview of these opportunities**

**The overall goals of our student groups are to 1) create opportunities for students to grow and develop in a variety of ways outside of the classroom; 2) have a well-rounded program that has opportunities in the areas of sports, drama, music, service, and spiritual life; 3) create opportunities for student leadership development; and 4) support those students in their leadership development with appropriate staff oversight.**



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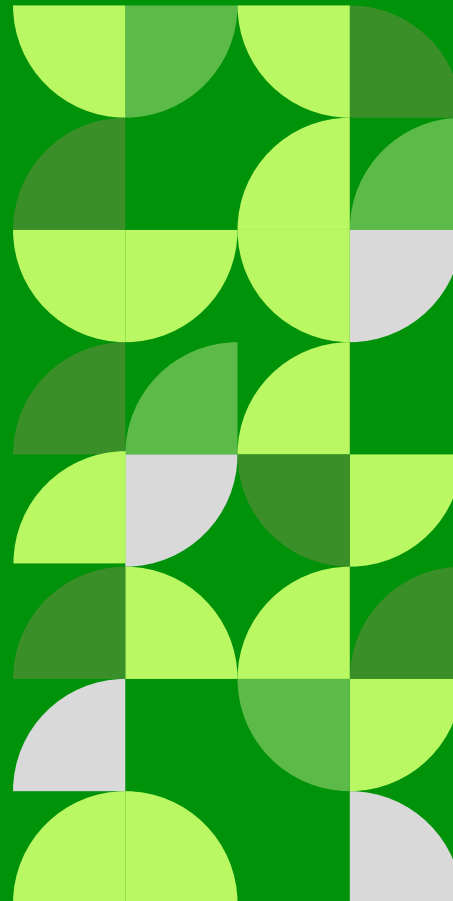
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# ACTORS FOR RENEWAL IN CHRIST (AFRICA)

This club is for Christian students who want to grow in their understanding of what it means to live out their faith - particularly in the sphere of Acting, whether that's on stage or backstage. We meet weekly during lunch to prepare skits for chapels (usually MS & ES chapels), encourage each other, play drama games to hone our skills, and talk about life and faith. Sometimes we write our own skits. Some are performed live. Others are video skits.





# BOOK CLUB

Welcome to our dynamic book club, where literary exploration meets community engagement! Twice a month, on Wednesdays, during lunch hour, our group of avid readers comes together to share not only our love for books but also our passion for building a vibrant reading culture within our school community. As we gather around slices of pizza, we dive into lively discussions about the books we've been immersing ourselves in since our last meeting. From gripping novels to thought-provoking non-fiction, each member brings their unique perspectives and recommendations to the table, enriching our reading experiences and expanding our literary horizons. We also choose books to read where we actively involve everyone in the decision-making process by ensuring every member has a voice in shaping our reading list.

But our book club goes beyond just discussing books; we actively contribute to the enrichment of our school's library. Students play a crucial role in planning and organizing library activities and displays, infusing creativity and enthusiasm into our school's literary landscape. By collaborating on initiatives to promote reading and learning, we foster a sense of ownership and pride in our library space, making it a welcoming haven for all students to explore the world of literature. So, if you're looking for a book club that not only feeds your literary appetite but also empowers you to make a difference in your school community, join us as we turn the pages of imagination and inspiration together.



# CHIT CHAT

**Chit Chat is a group for high school girls meant to provide a positive and fun environment to discuss topics of today. Led by students and staff, this group is another opportunity for girls to find community outside of the other discipleship groups. We discuss student selected topics about living life in high school and beyond which promote healthy values and relationships.**

**Whether we are playing an active game, having a friendly competition, or simply talking in different small groups, you are sure to have fun and meet new people. Consider what values you are using to make decisions in your life...are they from your parents, friends, social media? Incorporating Christian values of loving God and others well does not have to look or feel academic. So come and join us for some donuts and bring a friend!**



# DANCE COMMUNITY

The Dance Community offers an opportunity for students to come together, learn different styles of dance from each other, and work on choreography to perform during the semester. Our hope is that it will be a space where dancers will grow, thrive, and find community and encouragement in their craft. We mainly meet during club time and a few more lunch times when working towards a performance



# DISABILITIES AWARENESS CLUB

The Disabilities Awareness Club began with one student's vision to promote understanding, respect, and support for individuals with disabilities within Rosslyn Academy and Kenyan society. In Kenya, individuals with physical, psychological, and intellectual disabilities often face marginalization and oppression due to inaccessibility to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. We believe that each individual was created in God's image and is unique, gifted, and equally loved by him. Therefore, we strive to create a more inclusive community that values diversity and recognizes the abilities and potential of every individual.

Disabled people are often unfairly stereotyped as helpless, and incapable of taking care of themselves or making their own decisions. We aim to dismantle stereotypes, reduce stigma, and encourage meaningful encounters and connections between individuals with and without disabilities (in and out of school). We do this by educating the broader community about the challenges and experiences of people with disabilities, advocating for accessibility and inclusivity, and fostering an environment of empathy and solidarity.

Our activities may include hosting guest speakers, awareness events, community service projects, and more, and our goal is to keep activities fun, relatable, and interactive. The Disabilities Awareness Club holistically lives by the mission of promoting Disability Awareness to promote disability awareness to make Rosslyn Academy a safer and more inclusive environment for all disabilities.



# DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Rosslyn Discipleship groups meet weekly before school with the purpose of fostering deeper spiritual growth and connection among participants. The primary aim of discipleship groups is to provide a supportive environment where individuals can explore and deepen their understanding of their faith or spiritual beliefs. Members engage in discussions, study scripture, and share personal experiences related to their spiritual journey. Through this process, discipleship groups aim to cultivate a sense of community, accountability, and encouragement among participants, fostering a shared commitment to spiritual development. Students will have the opportunity to be a part of high school discipleship groups as well as help lead elementary school group.

Discipleship groups help build relationships within the community, helping individuals navigate challenges, seek answers to spiritual questions, and receive personalized support on their faith journey. Ultimately, discipleship groups provide a space where individuals can grow in their relationship with God, deepen their understanding of spiritual principles, and form meaningful connections with others who want to grow in their faith.





# EVERLIFE (GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY)

The purpose of EverLife is to provide a supportive environment where high school girls can come together to study the Bible, share their faith, and grow spiritually. Our aim it to:

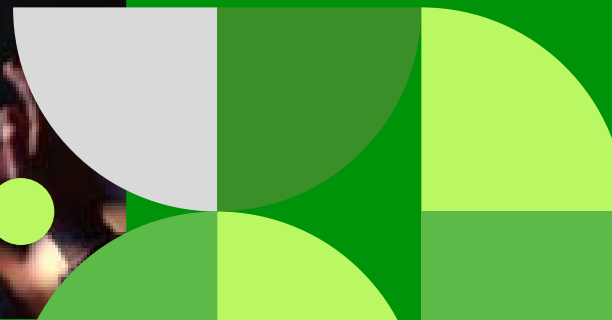
1. **Deepen Understanding of Scripture:** Gain a better understanding of the Bible, its teachings, and how to apply them to their lives.
2. **Encourage Spiritual Growth:** Foster personal growth in faith, character, and relationship with God.
3. **Build Community:** Create a safe space for girls to connect with peers who share their beliefs, fostering friendships and mutual support.
4. **Address Relevant Topics:** Discuss issues that are pertinent to teenage girls and explore how Biblical principles can guide their decisions and actions.
5. **Provide Mentorship:** Offer mentorship and guidance to younger girls navigating faith and life challenges from both older participants and staff.

Overall, the goal is to help teenage girls deepen their faith, find support in their Christian journey, and apply Biblical teachings to their daily lives.



# FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP (FNF)

FNF is a student-led group that meets regularly throughout the semester after school on Fridays and provides a relaxed atmosphere where students can have fun together, worship, and have a devotional time. All high school students are welcome! For those interested in getting more involved with FNF, there is a leadership team that meets regularly during lunch to plan and also help run the FNF large-group gatherings. FNF leaders should demonstrate a mature and growing faith and have a desire to see others grow in their faith as well. There is an application process for the FNF leadership team. Students from all grades are welcome to apply. Two upper-classmen will be selected as chair and co-chair for FNF.



# GREEN CLUB

The Green Club's primary purpose is to take steps to reduce our carbon footprint and inspire discussion within our community about the environment. We have two initiatives under the Green Club: "The Midas Project" and "The Stewards of Earth". In practice, we aim to cut down on our carbon footprint through The Midas Project, combat existing carbon emissions through "The Stewards of Earth", and inform our communities about what we can do about the climate crisis and positive steps toward change.

The Green Club's first initiative, "The Midas Project," aims to cut down Rosslyn's carbon footprint via the fashion industry. Through recycled clothing and knick-knacks, the community can buy secondhand items at a cheap price without having to visit mainstream affordable fashion stores, which are almost all fast fashion. Not only that, but they can donate clothes through our clothes drive events, instead of throwing them away (in which they will end up in landfills). "The Midas Project" is in charge of fundraising for the Green Club as well.

The Green Club's second initiative, "The Stewards of Earth", shines as a beacon of environmental action and engagement for high school students. As part of this initiative, you'll delve into hands-on activities like service trips, tree planting, trash pick-up walks, and collaboration with the local community. Keep an eye out for the Google Forms sign-ups and encourage your friends to join. Together, as members of the Green Club's Stewards of the Earth initiative, we can lead the way towards a more sustainable future.

This isn't just any club, it's an opportunity to deepen your understanding of environmental issues while actively making a positive impact. While most activities will take place over weekends, your commitment will directly contribute to a greener, healthier planet.



# LUNCH WITH THE LADS

Lunch with the Lads is a group for high school guys that meets during lunch every other Friday. Each meeting there is a group discussion on a topic seeking to connect faith with everyday life. The conversations are led by upperclassmen students who are part of the LWL leadership team. Those interested in being a part of the leadership team should contact Pastor Simeon. Leaders should demonstrate a mature and growing faith, have a desire to see others grow in their faith and be comfortable leading large group discussions.



# MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's fellowship is a student-led group for high school guys. The group meets twice a month during Friday lunch to spend time in prayer, studying Scripture, and encouraging one another. All high school guys are welcome to attend.





# MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

Model United Nations (MUN) is an educational simulation in which students role-play as delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees. Participants engage in debates, draft resolutions, and negotiate with fellow delegates representing different countries, aiming to address global issues and find diplomatic solutions. MUN conferences typically mirror the structure and procedures of real UN sessions, offering students a firsthand experience of international diplomacy and multilateral cooperation. Through MUN, students gain insights into the complexities of international relations, develop critical thinking and public speaking skills, and broaden their understanding of global affairs.

Students participating in Model United Nations can expect a dynamic and immersive experience that challenges them intellectually and personally. They will delve into researching complex global issues, honing their negotiation and diplomacy skills, and collaborating with peers from diverse backgrounds. MUN conferences provide a platform for students to express their opinions, advocate for their assigned country's interests, and engage in constructive dialogue to find common ground. Beyond the academic aspect, participants can anticipate forging lasting friendships, building networks, and developing a deeper appreciation for the importance of international cooperation in addressing pressing global challenges.

The RA MUN club will culminate in various inter-school debate sessions, the Rhino cup, and ultimately a local and international MUN conference.



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society (NHS) is an international high school organization designed to recognize and honor students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The primary purpose of the NHS is to foster a commitment to these core values among its members and to encourage students to actively engage in service to their school and community. By emphasizing academic achievement, leadership development, and ethical behavior, the NHS aims to cultivate well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to society.

Membership in the National Honor Society signifies not only academic accomplishment but also a dedication to service and leadership. Through various activities and projects, NHS members are encouraged to give back to their communities and to act as role models for their peers. The NHS also provides opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills by organizing and participating in service projects, workshops, and other activities that promote personal growth and responsibility.



# NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter Club focuses on journalism. We publish once every two weeks and hold meetings every two weeks as well. We focus on topics that the student body is interested in, such as Rosslyn Sports. Students also get to choose to write other articles as well, giving the opportunity to hear diverse voices and opinions on important issues.

Members of the club get to practice personal responsibility and time management when working to get the news out. However, they are still given the creative freedom to write about their passions in the style that suits them best. The club strives to be a safe place to practice critical thinking, journalism, and communication. The Newsletter club not only serves the student body but the wider Rosslyn community and aims towards creating positivity within the school.

Some roles include reporter, editor, manga artist, photographer, club coordinator, and many more.



# POWERLIFTING CLUB

Do you always strive for excellence? Do you want to getting better every single day? Do you want to be stronger, faster, with the ability to jump higher, go for longer without undue fatigue? Do you want to be injury-free and optimize performance on the sports field and even life after sports?

Become greater and greater with powerlifting today. Next semester forms will be out soon and slots are very few, be sure to join as soon as the link is opened, Bigger and better with competitions in the pipeline for next academic year. Join Eagle Lifters with no Ego Lifting today



# PROJECT IMAGINE

Project Imagine Rosslyn is a student-led organization that was started in 2019 with the aim to reduce the shame and stigma around menstruation and allow every girl to have the opportunity to complete her education. We work in partnership with rural schools around Kenya and provide them with both disposable and reusable pads as well as educate them on what the menstruation cycle is and how to go about it.

Project Imagine is led by a Senior and Junior Leader along with an executive committee of leaders. We hold distributions that consist of peer-to-peer model talks and education on the menstrual cycle and sanitary products. We promote "period positivity", which is the idea that there should be equality amongst all menstruators.

Along with distributions at schools, we also hold in-school events throughout the year such as fundraisers and student talks about Breast Cancer Awareness, International Women's Day events, bake sales to raise money to buy the pads, and Pad fundraisers to collect pads for distribution bring the Rosslyn community together for a good cause. The sponsor teachers are Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Dunning, and Mrs. Munz.





# SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE (SLC)

The SLC is a team of high school students who have a passion for creating a healthy spiritual community here at Rosslyn. The SLC helps create engaging and creative chapels, plan additional faith-focused events, implement Rosslyn's mission, and grow students as leaders. SLC leaders should demonstrate a mature and growing faith and have a desire to see others grow in their faith as well. SLC meets twice a month during lunch. There is an application process to be a part of SLC. The team will consist of a maximum of 15 students with two upper-classmen as chair and co-chair.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT)

SLT is an extracurricular group for High School students focused on developing servant leaders and cultivating a healthy school community for the student body. There is an application process for students who would like to participate, and representatives from each grade level are chosen. The executive team is made up of seniors. SLT meets twice a month during lunch, and attendance is mandatory. During meetings students will learn about leadership and help to plan a variety of all-school events.



Appreciation Strategy Humility  
Commitment Responsibility Listening  
**Leadership**  
Honest Communication  
Values Purpose Determination  
Passion Principles

# VIKAPU NA VIKAPU

Vikapu na Vikapu is a service-oriented club committed to enhancing educational facilities in schools. Presently, Vikapu is collaborating with Mukuru Mennonite Academy, situated in Nairobi County. Since 2023, Vikapu has spearheaded efforts to furnish the school with improved tables, chairs, and additional textbooks, facilitated through a series of successful fundraising initiatives. Our most profitable projects include a football tournament fundraiser, concession sales during the play, and active participation in the monthly Rosslyn Farmers Market, where we showcase and sell arts and crafts made by club members.

As Vikapu grows, we aim to sustain our partnership with Mukuru Mennonite Academy while extending our support to other educational institutions. Through ongoing projects, we strive to address educational disparities affecting numerous students in Kenya. With the support of Rosslyn Academy, we look forward to embarking on future projects that will empower schools and uplift communities across Nairobi County and beyond.



# WORSHIP TEAMS

Our worship teams lead the musical aspects of worship during our weekly chapel gatherings. There are typically three teams, and each team has two adult mentors who help arrange songs, coordinate teams and disciple students in their musical worship and spiritual growth. Each team has a student leader that leads the group through the year. They work directly with the worship team mentors. Typically, teams will lead worship once a month and meet with their team one other time to debrief their time together and pray as a team. Once a semester all the teams come together to lead a big worship chapel, and once a year worship team members are invited to lead worship at one of our partner churches.







**MISSION: TO INSPIRE AND EQUIP EACH STUDENT TO DEVELOP THEIR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS IN CHRIST-LIKE SERVICE IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY**

