



**Ragsdale
High School**
NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of Ragsdale's School Newsletter. Here you will find everything you need to know about Ragsdale Athletics, teachers, student life, current events, and more. Come back each month to find out what concerts, games, and fundraisers will be taking place in the upcoming month. This is your hub for student life at Ragsdale. Go Tigers!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Learn about one of Ragsdale's math teacher's favorite things about teaching and favorite tv show too!

FINISH READING ON PG. 2



CURRENT EVENTS

Stay up to date on current events in America and around the world. In this issue, we'll take a look at the California wildfires.

FINISH READING ON PG. 3

ATHLETICS

As football season comes to a close, many athletes are just now hitting the gym. What sports are coming up this winter?

FINISH READING ON PG. 4





SPOTLIGHT

teacher of the issue

Math is infamous as most student's least favorite subject, but Mrs. K Johnson was passionate about math when she was younger and chose to pursue it as a career. Mrs. Johnson attended the University of Virginia for her undergraduate education and went to the University of Delaware for graduate school. She majored in chemical engineering. Mrs. Johnson has three daughters: Sophia('19), Ava('22), and Claire('25), two of which attend Ragsdale. Johnson was inspired by a teacher that she had when she was younger. She stated that the teacher helped her quite a bit during a tough time, so from a young age she's had a positive view of teachers and believed in their power to help students. Her favorite part about being a teacher is that every single student has a unique trait that she likes. When asked what her favorite TV show was, she said that it was Jimmy Fallon. If she could change Ragsdale's mascot to anything, it would be a Cavalier, after her beloved University of Virginia Cavaliers. Ever have a math question or just want to get to know a friendly face around campus? Stop by Mrs. K Johnson's room to have a chat about anything from pre-calculus to Jimmy Fallon. Stay tuned for the next issue to get to know one of Ragsdale's most passionate Social Studies teachers.





current
events



CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

DEADLIEST AND MOST DESTRUCTIVE ON RECORD

From mid-July to August 2018, wildfires began erupting across California, mostly across the northern part of the state. This wildfire season is the most destructive on record in California's history. There are a total of 7,579 fires burning throughout the dry landscape. In November, a new batch of wildfires erupted, the most deadly ones being the Woolsey Fire and the Camp Fire. The Camp Fire has already become California's deadliest and most destructive fire on record. It has been responsible for 83 deaths and the destruction of over 10,000 structures.

California has a susceptibility to wildfires. This year they had an all time high of dead trees, increasing the amount of dead tree fuel that spreads wildfires. Global warming is also to blame. Due to global warming, California has seen less rain and higher temperatures, creating a dry landscape that allows fires to burn more frequently and stronger. Thankfully, the most dangerous fire, the Camp Fire, is now 95% contained. The Camp Fire is centered around a town called Paradise, just

northeast of San Francisco. However, even after these deadly fires are contained, risks still remain. Areas affected by wildfires are more susceptible to flooding because they lack the vegetation that would absorb the water. This lack of vegetation can cause flooding with even just moderate amounts of rain. Rainfall began on Wednesday and has continued since then, the state's first significant downpour in six months. Hundreds of people and dogs are searching through what's left of Paradise in hopes of finding those still missing. As of Friday, 11/23/2018, the death toll has risen to 83 and there are 563 missing.



winter sports

Ragsdale has a variety of winter sports to offer which are just now bustling to life as football season comes to a close. Both the swimming and the wrestling teams won their first match-ups of the season. Other teams include Mens and Womens basketball and indoor track. The Wrestling team's stellar reputation precedes them – they came very close to the state championship last year with a third place finish at the championship, and the bulk of the wrestlers from that team are returning. The season ahead looks promising. The team is also optimistic about their season. Wrestler Cameron Blizzard ('19) stated, "Our team is loaded with young talent and experienced leaders, I'm beyond excited about the opportunity to lead this group to its full potential. It will be tough to improve on our undefeated regular season and third place at the state tournament last year, but we have the ability to do so."

The wrestling team's next matchup will be on December 18th against Smith High School at home at 7:00pm. Come on out to support your Ragsdale Tigers as they fight to preserve their undefeated record and make it all the way to the state championship.

