

**Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
September 16, 2021**

Enrollment as of September 10th 607

	Enrolled	Openings
Prek	42	3's - 8
Elem	286	K - 12; 2nd - 6; 3rd 6; 4th - 3; 5th -7 Total 34
Sec	279	6th - 2; 7th - 9; 8th - 3; 9th - 15; 10th - 3 Total 32
Totals	607	Total 74

12 - 1st graders on Waitlist

ACSI Accreditation Update

The Annual Report is due on October 1st. In this report we address our two Major recommendations and the progress made on each. They are:

Recommendation #1: Develop and integrate a faith-based comprehensive program to educate the Round Rock Christian Academy's community regarding bullying and intimidation.

Progress: Last year we purchased a curriculum called "Defenders" to address this with our 4th – 8th grade students. The students completed this program then. The Elementary department is addressing social and emotional skills in chapels and the teachers will be completing Professional Development on how to recognize bullying in the classroom and in their students.

The school counselor is leading small group time in the MS discipleship classes focusing on this issue for 6th graders.

Recommendation #2: Generate security protocol for the safety of students and staff that receive instruction in the portable buildings, gym, and outdoor space.

Progress: Purchased a program called Alert Media which notifies teachers of an emergency no matter where they are located. These are sent by app, email and text message. We used it for our first fire drill without any glitches.

Health and Safety

To date we have had 18 cases of COVID.

Teachers – 3 cases (1 teacher and her two children are currently out)

PK – 1 student case (not related)
2nd – 2 student cases (not related)
5th – 2 student cases (not related)
7th – 4 student cases (2 potentially related)
8th – 1 student case
9th – 1 student case
10th – 3 student cases (2 potentially related)

In the last 7 days, which is our highest, we have .014% positive COVID cases.

Early Childhood

The Early Elementary department has grown this year. We have two full time Pre-Kindergarten teachers, and both classes are full. We were able to hire another full-time aide to support the classroom in order to manage our student to teacher ratio.

Chapel: Teachers are grateful that the Early Elementary department is able to meet as a group once again for worship and biblical instruction each week.

2020-21 Goals:

1. Biblically integrate academics, and social/emotional skills, so it is a natural and seamless part of learning and instruction
2. Provide a “Cultural Awareness” emphasis as part of the Great Commission mandate in Matthew 28:16
3. Provide meaningful “hands on” service opportunities for children
4. Continue to explore and expand the vast instructional technology capabilities that have been provided each classroom

Elementary

New Family Breakfast:

New families were welcomed in for a light breakfast and an information session about the school. The new school year is off to a great start! We have welcomed over 30 new students (and counting) to the elementary school for this year and they are getting adjusted to their new surroundings.

ROCK THE FLOCK is back!

Our team of worship leaders in 5th grade, led by Mrs. Lori Fair is getting us back into the rhythm of the school chapel by leading us through dance moves to our favorite worship songs. We are blessed to have the ability to allow them to act as leaders and examples for their peers.

Fall Book Fair:

Scholastic Book Fair will be held for the fall in our library September 20th- September 22, 2021

September 20-21st : Grandparents Days!

We are welcoming grandparents back to school campus for grandparents day this year with a 2 days event that will allow us to host all of the families that want to attend. We are pleased to have Pastor Mark Westerfield lead us in an encouraging message for BOTH days. Grandparents will also be able to join the book fair and take photos with their grandchildren in the courtyard. Small gifts will also be available in the courtyard provided by PST!

SPELLING BEE is coming!

On October 1st, our 3-5th grade classes will begin in class competitions for the spelling bee. They will compete using their normal spelling words and the winners will move on to compete in the district competition. This is a special treat this year and ACSI is allowing the spelling bee to hold in person events.

Elementary Social Committee

Our elementary team really missed the quality time and bonding that they have had in years past. COVID took some of those special moments away but a team of teachers have banded together to keep the year positive and to provide opportunities for teachers to care for one another. **New this year is prayer partners! Each team member has been paired with a teacher from the team and they serve as prayer partners for each other.** Teachers can meet to pray together or just pass a sweet note along. In addition, each month we will have team events: birthday shoutouts in the workroom, small gifts, secret pals, etc.

Counseling Services

We are so grateful to have Mrs. Kugel provide more time for serving students this year. She is also participating in elementary chapels this year by sharing encouraging biblically based messages at the end of each month on topics related to social emotional learning.

Secondary Academics:

Two organizational strategies have been implemented to continue to uphold and advance student achievement

Department Facilitators- A teacher has been identified for each subject as a department leader. This person will oversee facilitating department meetings. Meetings will focus on departmental goals, testing data, content specific instructional strategies, and Biblical immersion practices. The departments will meet monthly.

New Teacher Mentor Program- New teachers have been paired with an Expert Teacher to meet with on a regular basis. The mentor program is based on “Seven Simple Secrets-What the Best Teachers Know and Do!” This formal program will give new teachers opportunities to freely ask questions to grow in their practice.

College/Career Readiness

September 8: College Visit from Lubbock Christian University- Interested seniors were treated by Chick-Fil-A and enjoyed a presentation from LCU.

September 28 College Information Night for Juniors-Mr. Brenenstuhl will give an overview of the college application process to Juniors and their parents.

Extra-Curricular:

September 13-18 Homecoming 2021!

Each day has a themed dress up day. The overall theme of Homecoming is 70's Disco. Secondary students will cheer on the team at a Pep Rally, Friday, September 17. The homecoming game will be Friday evening against New Braunfels Christian. The Homecoming Court will be presented, and the King and Queen will be announced. On Saturday, September 18, Student Council will host the Homecoming Dance. The dance will be in the school courtyard. Students are so excited to be able to have dances at the school.

Spiritual Formation:

September 13 The new choir director brought much enthusiasm to leading praise and worship during our first Secondary Chapel. He told the students how blessed he was to be in a Christian School. The speaker for the chapel is Texas Supreme Court Justice, Jeff Boyd.

September 22 ReCharge 2021 is back!

The speaker for this all-day event is Jordan Elder from Redeemer. Praise and Worship will be led by Tyler Murphy and his band. Students will also enjoy skits, grade level prayer time, senior panels, small discussion groups and team building games.

Athletics

The Fall athletic teams are in season and doing well. The **varsity volleyball** has already played 28 matches with 14 matches left before playoffs. The team is 22-6 on the season with very notable wins in the Bastrop ISD Classic finishing as silver bracket champs, Florence ISD tournament champions, and San Antonio Christian School tournament runners-up. The **JV volleyball team** is 6-2 on the year with 15 matches on the schedule yet to play. Both teams will begin district play on September 25th. The 5th-8th grade volleyball began their season matches after Labor Day. We are fielding 2 Junior High volleyball teams, two 6th grade volleyball teams and one 5th grade volleyball team.

The **football program** is seeing a healthy number of boys playing the sport. The **varsity team** is carrying 22 boys on the team. The varsity team won their first game of the season by mercy rule then dropped their last 2 games by said mercy rule. They look to bounce back this week vs New Braunfels Christian on Friday night before heading into their bye week. District games begin October 1st with Temple Holy Trinity. The **JH Football team** has played 2 league games with a record of 1-1. They lost their first game, 12-6 vs New Braunfels Christian and then defeated Cedar Park Summit 59-12. The 5th and 6th grade flag football team enjoyed hosting flag games last week on the lower RRCA football field after 2 years of being on the road due to construction on the property.

This year's **Cross Country** runners have competed in several meets already and continue to improve each week and represent the school well in those meets. We have one high school runner - AJ Graf - and 8 middle school (6th-8th grade) runners. They will continue competing in several more meets as they prepare themselves for their league championship on October 23rd for the middle school runners and the TAPPS Championship for high school on November 1st.