

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
January 20, 2022

Enrollment as of 1/17/2022 635

	Enrolled
3's	13
Prek	34
Elem	299
Sec	287
Totals	632

We picked up 25 new students in January. One additional student we recommended to start at the beginning of next school year due to academics and remedial work needed over the summer.

Enrollment for 2022-2023

Reenrollment for the upcoming school year began on Wednesday. We currently have 51 students enrolled and applications already turned in from new families. Those applications will not be entered until February 8th, after our current families have had the opportunity to register.

Admissions Open House

This Saturday, January 22nd, we have two scheduled Admission Open Houses at 10 am and 2 pm. We have allowed for 30 families to attend each session. Currently we have approximately 30 families registered split equally between both sessions.

Health and Safety

As you can imagine, Omicron is spreading quickly. With the CDC policies changes, we have moved our days to quarantine to 5 days to return to school assuming that symptoms are getting better. The student/staff member has to be Fever Free for 24 hours. We are seeing that the students are recovering quickly, and the adults take a little longer. In speaking with a physician in the community, he confirmed that it appears that most people are only contagious for 2 to 3 days.

EANS Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools - Round 1

Under EANS 1A we were approved for \$142,000. To date we have submitted reimbursement receipts for \$119,000. We have received \$92,000 in reimbursements in December.

EANS 1 - Round 2

We submitted a proposal for \$703,687. We were approved for \$192,000 to use in the following categories and cannot exceed the amount that we requested in any categories.

Categories -	D1 - Reimbursements -	\$54,655
	D2 - Future Purchases -	\$247,272
	D3 - Programs provided by a 3rd Party	\$401,760

Paula and I will be meeting to determine the best categories to ask for reimbursement.s

Early Childhood

Academics

Following are some fun activities students enjoy during December:

Students learned about hibernation and animals in the winter. There is a culminating “day in the dark” activity where students do schoolwork in pajamas.

Gingerbread Project during December is a wonderful, high interest geography activity in which teachers discuss various locations and points of interest around the globe.

Snowball Math is a daily estimating and checking activity that children look forward to each day.

Teachers are sharing the book, *What Would Danny Do?*, by Adir Levy, which provides several endings according to the choices students make throughout the book. Students learn that their choices have real rewards and consequences, and they have the power to change their day in a positive way with right choices.

Christmas

December 6th: Students donned animal caps, sang songs, and recited scripture for parents during the Preschool Christmas Celebration. Olaf from Frozen, made a special guest appearance, and students were able to take photos with him in front of a Christmas tree. Cookies and hot chocolate were served.

December 16th: The Grinch made a special appearance in Preschool classrooms, and he shared the classic story with students.

Students and teachers alike appreciated the Christmas Walk through. This is a sweet blessing for our community

Spiritual

Samaritan’s Purse: Students brought a gift for an underprivileged child in a third world country, personally packed the box, and prayed for the child who would receive the gift and that the Lord would use their gift to bring children to Him.

Jesse Tree: After Thanksgiving, students had the opportunity to place an ornament on the Jesse tree which depicts a story from Creation to the birth of Christ. Students learned that the Bible points to Jesus from the very beginning of Genesis and throughout scripture.

Professional Development

The Preschool team watched several videos which furthered our understanding of biblical integration as part of a school-wide initiative. Teachers are more aware of taking every teachable moment to develop their students spiritually and plant biblical seeds that will continue to grow throughout their lives.

As a team, we read and discussed the book, *Grit for Kids*, by Lee David Daniels. This is an excellent resource rich with practical illustrations.

Elementary Events

On December 13th, our 4th and 5th graders charmed us with an evening of Christmas music to accompany the Christmas walk. Led by Mrs. Joe Rine, the two grade levels, sang multiple songs including "Count to 10" (a crowd favorite), "Reindeer Rumble", "Make me a servant" and other combined Christmas classics. They also showcased their dance moves and ASL for the Make me a Servant selection.

Parents joined their students for the performances, and we were glad to have them on campus for a special event! Along with the show, Mrs. Rene Schweter set up a pop art show that included 3 major art pieces from the work that the students completed in class in the fall. Students and families were able to casually walk through the gallery in the worship center lobby to see the art pieces. Some art pieces were even taken home.

On December 13th, parents and students walked into the "Songs of Christmas". All day long that halls were decorated with images, signs, and designs that brought the songs of Christmas to life. Songs on the walk included: "Little Town of Bethlehem", "Joy to the World", "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree", "I'll be home for Christmas (with a special nod to our military families her and abroad)", "White Christmas", "12 Days of Christmas", "Mele Kelekimaha", and "Feliz Navidad". Students walked the songs during the day and even got to enjoy a special photo opportunity as a class along with craft tree making activity. In the evening, the walk was open to parents.

Academics

On February 2nd, our 3-8th grades will be competing on campus for the ACSI Spelling Bee. The spelling bee was originally to be held in Killeen in January but was cancelled due to lack of interest. We are going to give our students a chance to shine one more time on campus. The spelling bee will be in the library conference and a zoom link will be provided to families.

Professional Learning

Across the country, we are seeing students and families dealing with a great deal of trauma and personal struggles. Sometimes these struggles enter the classroom and the teachers become the first line of defense for students. This year, we worked through Biblical Immersion using videos from The Colson Center and ACSI. The teachers worked in teams to think through how to best provide biblical instruction **daily** to our student beyond the bible curriculum and in each lesson.

This spring, we will continue to train teachers on how to teach students skills that will help them to interact better with their peers and in life. These skills include forming friends, handling our emotions, caring for others and the community, identity in Christ, among other skills. The teachers have identified over 10 additional skills that they believe the students lack and we are currently working to build a plan that supports the academic and emotional needs of our students.

Spiritual Life

Chapels are off to a great start this year. We already have several special guests lined up to speak including pastors from the Fellowship Church in Austin and EPIC Ministries out of Round Rock. In addition, our 4th and 5th grade students will continue to form a choir to sing at chapels along with Rock the Flock. Rock the Flock has done an excellent job leading worship. They have now added an additional ministry piece to their worship where students explain the meaning of one of the songs using scripture to support it.

Secondary

December 7: The secondary choirs spread Christmas cheer with their Annual Christmas Concert. The concert was open to the whole school community and well-attended. The choirs performed a mix of traditional and modern Christmas songs. The program opened with Joyful Sounds performing "Gloria in Excelsis," sixth grade entertained the audience with the whimsical performance to "Reindeer Rumble," and the High Call led the audience in singing traditional carols. Mrs. Roark was invited to direct the High Call Choir's beautiful performance of "Stars Shall I Find." The choirs surprised the audience with a "sneak peek" song performance for the Spring Show.

Academics:

A focus for the secondary team this semester and moving forward is developing grit in students. Grit is the combination of tenacity and perseverance; a willingness to take risks even if it means sometimes failing. This is a life skill that is necessary for students to learn in order to thrive in college and beyond. Teachers completed a book study by Thomas R. Hoerr, *Fostering Grit*. In discussion groups, teachers discussed the need for grit and how to integrate grit into lesson planning.

College/Career Readiness

During the 1st semester, RRCA provided monthly college information sessions for the seniors. Over 20 students took advantage of the meetings and heard from different college representatives each month. For the month of December, Travis Aday, from the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor visited with senior students. They were presented with tuition costs, financial aid opportunities, majors, housing, and activity choices. The students were able to ask questions, view material, and visit 1:1 with the representatives. Several students and parents remarked that it was a "valuable" opportunity for our students and that they were pleased with its implementation.

Tarleton State is scheduled to visit this week.

Extra-Curricular:

An impressive seventeen members of the High Call Choir qualified for TPSMEA Regional Choir which will be January 14-15 in Abilene. Of those, eight members qualified for the State Honor Choir which is January 27-28 in Richardson. These eight students include: Siya Babbar, Landon Cervantes, Douglas Chaiken, Liam Dixon, Madison Hoxworth, Osasana Isokpunwu, Garret Jones, Sofia Lorenzetti

Athletics

Volleyball

The varsity volleyball made another dominating run through the playoffs and saw them victorious at the end - 2021 TAPPS 3A Volleyball Champions. This is the 3rd state championship for the volleyball program. Several volleyball players grab all district, all state and all-tournament honors.

- All-Tournament Team: SR Emma Owens, JR- Ryann Holley, JR- Reagan Sawyer, JR- Kelli Northup
- All State 1st Team: Ryann Holley, Reagan Sawyer, Emma Owens, Kelli Northup
- All State 2nd Team: JR - Emily Millikan, SO- Rachel Millikan
- All District 1st Team: Ryann Holley, Reagan Sawyer, Emma Owens, Kelli Northup, Emily Millikan, Rachel Millikan, Savannah Johnson
- All District 2nd Team: FR- Chayse Wilson, SO- Emily Sonnier, FR- Peyton Turner
- All District Honorable Mention: SO- Audrey Asher

Basketball

The 2021-2022 basketball season is in full swing. The high school basketball teams have been able to play and been very competitive in their games and tournament games. The Varsity girls team is 10-5 (1-0) with a 3rd place finish in a tough Tomball Rosehill Basketball Tournament over thanksgiving break.

The varsity boys basketball team is 6-14 (0-1) on the year and are 3-2 over their last 5 games playing a tough non district schedule. The JV boys basketball team is 2-13 in their games. The team has 17 players on it and are getting valuable court playing time. They were able to play in the Pflugerville Freshman basketball tournament gaining valuable experience.

We have wonderful parent volunteers that are providing valuable assistance in our 5th-8th grade basketball program. The teams are competing well in the CAPPS basketball league. We appreciate our parents giving up their lunch time and some evenings to coach these young teams to prepare them for the next level.