

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
February 17, 2022

Enrollment

2021-2022 - Current Year: 641

2022-2023: 620 as of 2/14/2022

	Enrolled		Enrolled
PK	24	6th	39
K	49	7th	56
1st	38	8th	48
2nd	57	9th	34
3rd	64	10th	29
4th	52	11th	32
5th	60	12th	38

Families are reenrolling quickly this year. Our budgeted enrollment is 642 for the upcoming year.

Admissions Open House

We held an Admissions Open House on January 22nd at 10 am and 1 pm.

Families Attended	Students Enrolled	Total New Students	Current No Decision	Withdrawn
Prek 8	4	9	1	1
Elementary 28	23	35 (18 K)	18	9
Secondary 4	3	5	19	7
Unknown 3				
Total 48	30	49	38	17

Health and Safety

We saw quite a few cases in the November through January timeframe. In the last week, we have had 1 new case, so we are hopeful that the Omicron Wave has run its course.

Bad Weather Days

We had two bad weather days on the 3rd and 4th. We discussed having a virtual school day, however, with the predication of wide-spread power outages, we did not want to have some students in the situation where they would not be able to participate. The teachers did send home a modified workload to prevent us adding a day to the calendar. With that being said, we Secondary still has an additional 5.5 days to give while the Elementary does not have any more days to give. Typically, the ISD's schedule for two bad weather days but they have the ability to apply for a waiver when they surpass those days. We currently attend school for 4 more days than RRISD and our Secondary have a longer day by 25 mins.

EANS Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools

We received notification that the check for our second reimbursement submittal for approximate \$23,000 has been issued. We have about \$217,000 that we are able to receive reimbursements for by May of 2023.

Legal and Legislative Workshop

I attended the Legal and Legislative Workshop in Plano on Feb 16th. This workshop is designed to help Christian school leaders to gain a better understanding of laws that impact our school and give proactive strategies for better policies, procedures, and practices

Early Childhood

Academics

Math: Children are learning to count to 50. They are practicing with estimation in daily games. Math centers include puzzles and counting games.

Reading: All the letters and sounds have been taught and practiced at this point in the year. Students are beginning to put letters and sounds together to make words. They are learning to recognize sight words that are not phonetically correct. Teachers have literature rich classrooms in which words are everywhere, and most items are labeled for young readers.

Notes from the Heart: Beginning on February 1st and throughout the week of Valentine's Day, parents write special messages to their children on cut out hearts and place them in a designated mailbox outside of the classroom. Teachers read the messages each day during their circle time with the children.

Teddy Bear Picnic: Parents secretly deliver a teddy bear for their children in the weeks preceding Valentine's Day. On the 14th, teachers read the children's classic book, The Teddy Bear Picnic, and students enjoy a snack with their new bear friend.

Spiritual

Preschool children learned about the life and legacy of MLK Jr. Teachers recognize the necessity of teaching children that regardless of the color of their skin, or their backgrounds, they are all made in the image of God and are worthy because His Word says they are.

Students are learning about the life of David and how he slayed the giant and became king. David was not the forever King. David's life foreshadows Jesus, and Preschool teachers take opportunities to point to Jesus throughout scripture.

Technology

Mrs. Sahl: I have been using the Scratch Garden website to reinforce social and emotional concepts through song. It is a fun way to reinforce concepts that can easily be referred to in the heat of the moment.

Mrs. Tam: I am learning how to “cast” things from my phone to the LED Smartboard.

Elementary

Events

Barnhill Preserve Farms:

On February 15, Barnhill Preserve will bring their tour of animals all the way from Delaware to present to our Pre-K-5th grade students. During their presentation, the students will meet several of their animal ambassadors which could range from an owl to a sloth. The students were also presented with the chance to purchase pictures with the animals of their choosing. Classes will take turns visiting the animals to take pictures with them. Students will also walk away with adoption kits (stuffed animals) and other gear from the event! This is an in-house field trip.

Academics

Elementary students are learning many different skills all across the school. Kindergartners are in full swing building up their reading skills. The first graders showed their counting skills on February 1, by celebrating the 100th day of school. Students brought in projects that showed how they have learned to count up to 100. Some chose by 2s, some by 10s, some by 20s. Others used candy, beans, stickers and many other items to represent the number 100! Our second-grade students have invited mystery readers to visit their class each week. At 2:30, on the reading day, you can find a parent or special guest quietly knocking three times to enter the room! Third and Fifth grade are getting ready to jump in to their HERO projects with Heroes of the Faith (3rd) and Great American Military Heroes (5). In the coming weeks, they will be building up to their big presentations. In fourth grade, essay writing is in full swing. Students have been researching different events related to Texas Independence and just finished writing their research papers.

Professional Learning

In the coming weeks, the elementary team will be preparing to have our next session to brainstorm how to teach our students how to handle their emotions and how to navigate different social situations. Our next topic will include social skills.

Teacher one on one mid-year meetings are underway for February. Each teacher is reflecting on their progress by reviewing their goals from the fall. Teacher goals range from improving knowledge of reading instruction to technology, parent communication, curriculum updates and organization.

Spiritual Life

EPIC Ministries Chapel:

On February 14, our favorite organization EPIC ministries will be back to teach the kids about KINDNESS! With this being valentine’s day, there is no greater message to bring to the kids than the goodness and the kindness of God and how we can be kind to others. Their show will be fun and interactive. The kids voted the EPIC ministries gospel show was their favorite chapel last year.

Secondary

Academics:



Teachers are engaging learners in a variety of ways which makes learning fun and meaningful. On January 28th 6th and 7th grade students celebrated Stem Day. The students began preparing for this event in the fall. Students were required to research, plan, collaborate, design and build the projects they selected. On STEM Day, students present their projects to elementary students. Spanish students were taught how to Salsa as part of Latin America culture appreciation. Geometry students understood the definitions of the parts of circles by creating their own circle and labeling the parts in a unique way to help them for future applications of the concept. Teachers are striving to develop interactive learning opportunities to develop lifelong learners.

College/Career Readiness

Students took the PSAT in October. The PSAT is part of the College Board's suite of assessments to measure college readiness.

PSAT 2020 RESULTS

Benchmark Comparisons to National Scores:

Grade	Met Both Benchmarks		Percent Met EBRW		Percent Met Math	
	RRCA	National	RRCA	National	RRCA	National
8	41%	28%	78%	51%	41%	32%
9	55%	33%	77%	56%	59%	36%
10	43%	34%	71%	61%	46%	36%
11	61%	39%	89%	66%	61%	40%

RRCA Historical Data

PSAT Results -Percent Met Both

Grade		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
8		74%	52%	67%	X	38%	41%	
9		42%	59%	65%	56%	47%	55%	
10		54%	47%	75%	58%	66%	43%	
11		72%	59%	53%	66%	52%	61%	

PSAT Results -Percent Met EBRW

(Evidenced Based Reading and Writing)

Grade		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
8		90%	85%	94%	X	88%	78%	
9		82%	91%	82%	78%	78%	77%	
10		77%	81%	94%	94%	94%	71%	
11		94%	86%	72%	84%	88%	89%	

PSAT Results -Percent Met Math

Grade		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
8		77%	52%	67%	X	41%	41%	
9		48%	66%	71%	58%	49%	59%	
10		62%	58%	75%	61%	66%	46%	
11		72%	60%	58%	66%	52%	61%	

Extra-Curricular:

Students are looking forward to Winter Formal, February 19th which is hosted by Student Council. The semi-formal. The event is for all high school students and will be held at the Fern Bluff Community Center. Last year, Student Council was not able to host Winter Formal due to COVID restrictions.

Athletics

Basketball

The basketball season is coming to an end. The high school teams have done well. The varsity girls (16-5) are undefeated district champions (7-0) for the 2nd year in a row. They will be playing in the TAPPS 3A Area playoff game on Tuesday, February 22nd. The varsity boys (9-17; 3-4) are in a tie for 3rd place with one district game left to play. With a win, they will secure a spot in the TAPPS 3A Bi-District playoff game to be played either Friday, February 18th or Saturday, February 19th. The JV boys basketball team finished their season on Thursday, February 10th. The team finished 8-14 (going 8-3 over the last 11 games).

The 5th-8th grade basketball teams are competing well in the CAPPS basketball season. All the teams will be finishing up the regular season games by Feb 15th and the end of season championship games will begin on Tuesday, February 22nd.

Track

The high school track team has started their preparations for the upcoming season. Their first track meet is on March 5th and they have 6 track meets before their district meet on April 19th. There are 11 girls and 5 boys they will make up the high school track team this year.

Golf

The high school golf team will begin their season on February 23rd with their first tournament. We have 3 boys that will be playing this year – 1 senior and 2 freshmen.

