

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
September 22, 2022

Enrollment as of September 19th: 685

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:

In 2020, we purchased a curriculum called "Defenders" to address this with our 4th – 8th grade students.

In 2021, the Elementary department is addressing social and emotional skills in chapels and the teachers completed Professional Development on how to recognize bullying in the classroom and in their students.

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

In 2022, the Elementary Department is using "Friendzy". A Biblical Social Emotional Learning Program that has an emphasis on building a healthy school culture. It is a comprehensive biblically based SEL program that teaches five-core competencies of social-emotional learning to students in K – 5th grade. These include: self-awareness, self- management, responsible decision making, social awareness and relationship skills.

Teaching friendship skills supports students in managing their emotions, improving their ability to set and achieve positive goals, feeling and showing empathy for others, maintaining positive relationships and making responsible decisions.

The Middle School Department is using **Habitudes** – A curriculum that helps teach students self-awareness, impulse control, empathy, teamwork and responsible decision making. This is done by helping them:

- develop habits of self-discipline and initiative
- implement time management skills on things that really matter
- developing a plan for growth outside of the classroom
- identify their unique strengths and passions for a health self-image

Both Curriculums are designed to build upon the concepts taught from year to year.

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

Progress:

2021 - Purchased a program called Alert Media which notifies teachers of an emergency no matter where they are located. These can be sent by app, email and text message.

Purchased a 360-degree camera, to allow our School Marshall to have better visibility of the entrance and fields.

2022 - Added a security officer to campus in the mornings to provide extra protection during the drop off time.

Added the Watchdog program for dads and grandads to be on campus. During their time on campus, their main duty is to watch the playground to provide an extra set of eyes while students are playing.

Conducted Active Shooter Training with Staff.

Created a training on emergency protocols and procedures for volunteer and substitute teachers.

Standardized Testing

We finally received the official Terra Nova data from the Spring Testing and have started our analysis to determine what academic effects COVID had in the last two years.

Early Childhood

Academics

Students are working to learn the letters of the alphabet, colors and numbers through 8. Utilizing fine motor skills in writing is especially difficult at this point in the school year. Teachers are emphasizing effort versus being correct. A class mantra is "Does it have to be perfect? Noooo! Do we have to try? Yes!"

Events

Grandparents Day worked well this year with two assemblies. Teachers had gifts made by the children for all the grandparents.

Spiritual

Classrooms have focused on the story of Creation and the Fall in The Garden. Children often try to blame others when they misbehave. Teachers help them understand through the story of Adam and Eve that sin is based on their own choices, and they have to own their behavior.

Elementary

Events

Grandparents Day was held on September 12th. Due to the large number of students, we had two different chapels at 9 and 1. Pastor Westerfield spoke and our students honored their grandparents in the program. There was a photo opportunity for the families and after the chapels, a good number of grandparents escorted their child to the Book Fair.

Academics

The RRCA Spelling Bee is coming up. 3rd – 8th grade winners are able to advance to the district competition.

The PST has begun coming in for one afternoon per grade level to give the teachers the opportunity to plan together for two hours.

Progress Reports went out this week. This gives us the opportunity to meet with parents of students who are struggling well before the end of the 9 weeks.

Secondary

Spiritual

Keith Ferguson from City View Bible Church in Round Rock is presenting to our High School on September 26th and 27th on Christian Sexuality and Ethics – addressing marriage, gender identity, and being an image bearer for Christ.

On October 5th, the HS students will be going to Camp Tejas for a day of fun activities. The students will be in their discipleship groups which we hope will give them the opportunity to build relationships as they participate in activities that will require them to work as a team.

Academics:

The Advanced Placement results were released this summer. Most colleges give college credit for a score of 3 or higher. The Table below compares our students who scored a 3 or higher to Texas Students and Global Students.

	TX	AVG Score	Global	Avg Score	RRCA	Avg Score
AB Calculus (5)	44.6	2.55	55.6	2.91	100	4.67
Eng Lang (18)	44.8	2.53	55.7	2.8	50	2.89
Eng Lit (9)	66.9	3.02	77.9	3.31	77.8	3.44
World Hist (17)	49.8	2.62	62.1	2.96	70.6	3.12

College/Career Readiness

College Admission Rep visits to our campus will continue monthly. College campus visits will begin this fall; travel will be within 100 miles of our campus. For campus visits, we are focusing on Christian colleges/universities and those colleges that our alumni attend.

SAT School Day will again occur on campus. The fall date is open to seniors and the spring date is open to seniors and juniors. We have 14 seniors taking the SAT in October. Students in grades 8-11 will take the PSAT/NMSQT.

During the month of September, juniors were sent career interest surveys to help them narrow the field of study for college. Juniors are also invited to attend College Night at the end of September. SAT/ACT, College applications, financial aid are all discussed during this session.

Extra-Curricular

Senior, Kiera Dixon, was named to the USA Debate Team. The prestigious team will compete against top teams from around the globe in the 2022-2023 school year. Kiera was one of the 12 students selected from an application process that was opened to almost 141,000 student members of the National Speech

and Debate Association. Five students will be chosen to compete at the World Schools Debating Championships in the summer of 2023.

The World Schools Debating Championships is a global debate competition for high school debaters. The tournament combines prepared topics with impromptu topics, encouraging debaters to focus on specific issues rather than debate theory or procedural arguments.

Events

This week is Homecoming Week and our students show their school spirit but dressing up for theme days, enjoying a pep rally, and going to the game on Friday night. The King and Queen will be crowned at halftime and the high school students will have the opportunity to attend the homecoming dance on Saturday night.

Themed Days are:

- Nerd vs Western
- Celebrity Day
- Crazy Hat Day
- Class Color Day
- School Spirit Day

Athletics

Volleyball

The volleyball program is thriving with 9 teams representing the school from 5th-12th grade. The high school volleyball teams have been playing games since August 9th. The varsity team played in 3 tournaments (Bastrop ISD, Georgetown/Eastview/Leander, and SA Castle Hills). They have finished in the top 4 in each of those tournaments. The varsity team is 31-4 and 3-0 in district play. The JV team is 6-4 and 2-1 in district play.

The 5th-8th grade volleyball teams started their season after Labor Day. They are competing well in the CAPPS league. We have 73 players making up 7 teams.

Football

The high school football team is off to a great start. They went into their bye week with a 2-1 record. This week they will be getting ready to play SA Castle Hills for homecoming on Friday, Sept 23rd.

The JH football team is learning the game of tackle football. The team is young and out of 17 players, 3 are returning players from last year's team. The team has played 3 games.

The 5th and 6th flag football teams began their season after Labor Day with 6th-grade fielding one team and 5th – grade fielding two teams. Both 5th- grade teams are undefeated, winning their first 2 games.

Cross Country

The HS and JH cross country teams are competing well. The HS XC team (2 girls and 5 boys) has competed in 5 meets so far and have 5 more meets on the schedule before TAPPS State XC meet on Oct 31st. The JH XC team (4 girls and 5 boys) began their season last week in their first XC Meet.