

**Round Rock Christian Academy**  
**Head of School Report**  
**February 23, 2023**

**22-23 Enrollment:** 681  
**23-24 Enrollment:** 669 as of 2/15

| Grade |       | Projected Class Size | Grade |       | Projected Class Size |
|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| PK    | 23/32 | 16                   | 6     | 63/66 | 23                   |
| K     | 42/48 | 16                   | 7     | 46/46 | 23                   |
| 1     | 56/56 | 18.5                 | 8     | 59/64 | 22                   |
| 2     | 48/56 | 18.5                 | 9     | 53/64 | 22                   |
| 3     | 61/60 | 20                   | 10    | 41/44 | 22                   |
| 4     | 64/80 | 20                   | 11    | 26/26 | 26                   |
| 5     | 50/60 | 20                   | 12    | 37/40 | 20                   |

4 grade levels closed  
77 spots available if we are maxed out in each class  
Realistically, we have about 56 spots remaining.

We currently conduct about 6 to 8 tours per week.

Unfortunately, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are the classes most requested and we are full in those grade levels.

**Letters of Intent** – Teachers turned in Letters of Intent on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Secondary Teachers Not Returning**

Russell Larson – retiring  
Julia Engelmann – retiring  
Karissa Anderson – moving  
Trisha Beckham – resigning at the end of the month

**Elementary Teachers Not Returning**

Trixy Crowley – staying home

**Undecided or Special Requests**

Ashley Sahls – wants to be moved out of the classroom  
Kaye Wheelis – wants to be moved out of the classroom  
Diana Grier – undecided (currently dealing with a medical issue)  
Autumn Warriner – undecided (medical issue with a family member)  
Kira Polanco – undecided (medical issue with a family member)

## Early Childhood

### Events:

- Pre-K students celebrated 100 days of school, and counting to a 100
- Notes from the Heart: Students receive special notes of encouragement from loved ones that are read aloud each day from February 1<sup>st</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>
- Teddy Bear Picnic during Valentine's Day: Students read the beloved book, and share a picnic lunch with their favorite stuffed animal.

### Spiritual:

- Students are learning about Jonah, Isaiah, and Nehemiah, as well as forgiveness as a theme in the classroom.
- They are memorizing "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

From Mrs. Tam: I'm so encouraged by the accepting spirit of this class. Many of them are so encouraging to a student on autism spectrum and really try to help him, instead of just tattling on him or getting upset. In one situation on the playground, he was throwing mulch under the playscape. He was sitting beside another student. That student gently put his hand on his hands and then said something to him. The student didn't throw mulch again.

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## Elementary

### Spiritual:

This month our chapel and classes will dive into the sixth unit of the Friendly program that teaches forgiveness. This unit's title is "**Friends Forgive**." We will explore how to forgive one another, just like Christ forgives us.

**Catchphrase** (main point for students to catch on to): "Friends Forgive"

**Key Verse** (Biblical anchor points): "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

**Goal:** To apologize when I hurt others, and to forgive those who hurt me.

### Events

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade musical:** On February 28, our second graders will be performing their special musical at 7pm in the gym.

**ACSI Day of Prayer:** On February 27, in preparation for the ACSI Day of Prayer on Feb 28, the elementary school and the secondary school will participate in prayer related activities to demonstrate the importance of prayer. We will be focusing on prayers from around the world, as well as various topics such as being a light in a dark world, thank Jesus for dying for our sins, and praying for our families, friends, and the community.

Elementary students will go on a prayer walk with their class to 7 different stations. At the final station, they will post their own requests on the prayer wall.

### ACSI Math Olympics:

Parents and students were very excited about all of the students that were participating in the Math Olympics competition in San Antonio on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Academics:

**Field Trips:** In the next few weeks, the elementary grade levels will begin attending field trips off campus for the first time in several years! We are excited about the chance for the students to learn through an off-campus experience. There have also been a few on campus visits that have brought learning experiences to campus this year as well. The following trips are coming up or have already occurred across the team:

On Campus Experiences:

*Feb 10: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Elephant Presentation from the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust*

Mrs. Nicole Korensky is an educator from the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, an organization in Kenya that cares for orphaned elephants and works to secure their future so that they do not go extinct. The students learned that elephants are keystone species which means their existence helps to sustain other forms of life on Earth. The third graders have been reading, *The One and Only Ivan* which is a story about an elephant in captivity.

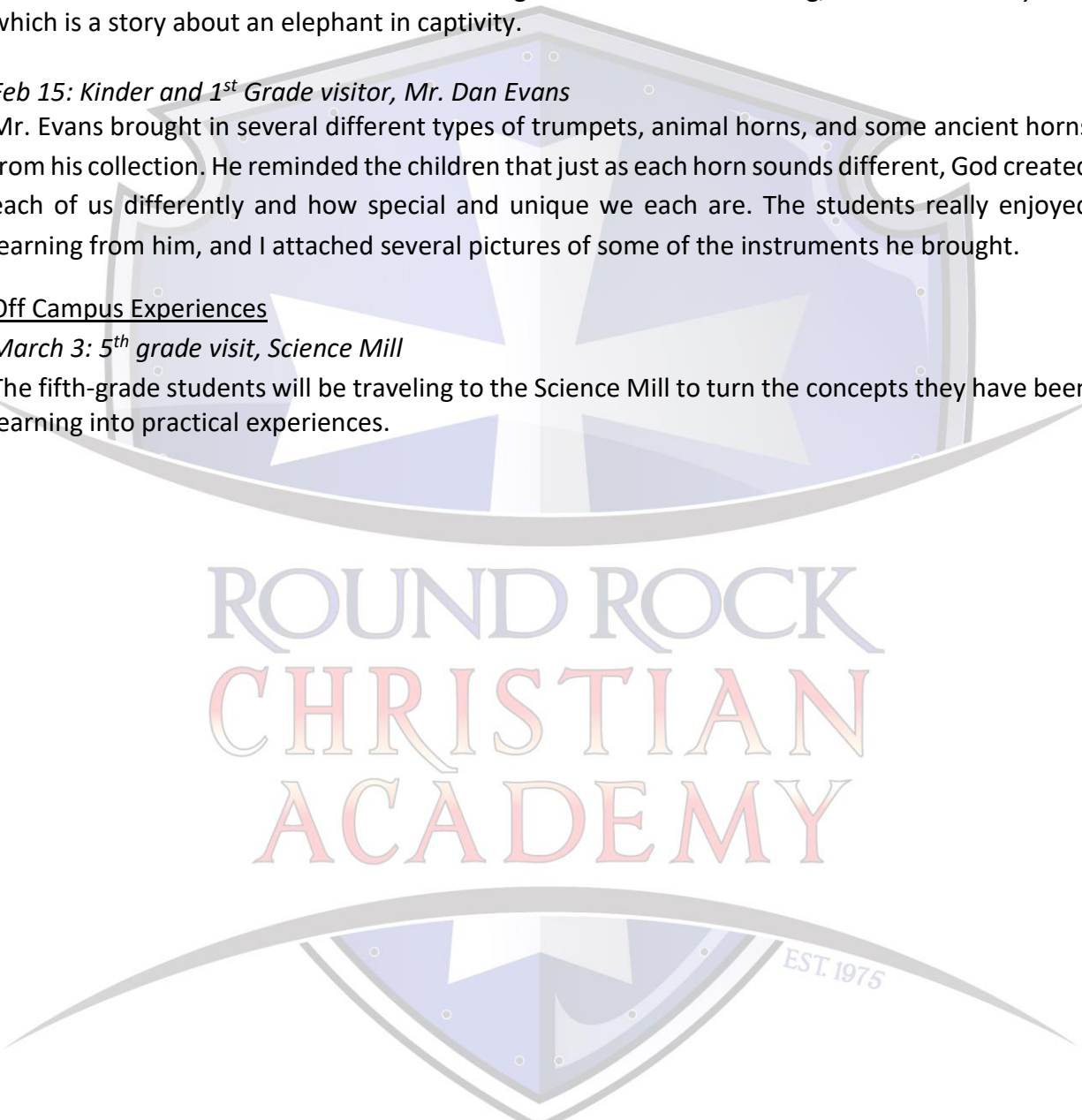
*Feb 15: Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade visitor, Mr. Dan Evans*

Mr. Evans brought in several different types of trumpets, animal horns, and some ancient horns from his collection. He reminded the children that just as each horn sounds different, God created each of us differently and how special and unique we each are. The students really enjoyed learning from him, and I attached several pictures of some of the instruments he brought.

Off Campus Experiences

*March 3: 5<sup>th</sup> grade visit, Science Mill*

The fifth-grade students will be traveling to the Science Mill to turn the concepts they have been learning into practical experiences.



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## Secondary

### Spiritual

January 23<sup>rd</sup> High School Chapel was led by Austin McNeil, James Brenenstuhl's nephew. Austin is the College and Missions Pastor at Pleasantview Baptist Church in Arlington. Austin spoke about distractions to the students which is very applicable to high school students.

January 30<sup>th</sup> Middle School Chapel was led by Yana Cole, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. Yana presented God's Plan of Salvation and shared her testimony. Yana has family that lives in Ukraine. Part of her testimony is how the war in Ukraine has influenced her faith and trust in God.

### Academics

February 16<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup> Grade went to Washington, Texas to the Washington on the Brazos historic site museum. Students toured Independence Hall, the site where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed, Star of Republic Museum, and Barrington Living Farm. The students and parent chaperones both reported having a great time on the field trip and learning about the fascinating history of Texas.

February 16<sup>th</sup> –8<sup>th</sup> Grade went on a field trip to San Antonio to tour the Holocaust Memorial Museum. In English class, the students have been reading the novel, *The Hiding Place*. The field trip allowed students to gain an understanding of the historical context of the novel. Student groups were paired with a docent led tour explaining the history of this time period, viewed a movie, participated in a meaningful activity that compared propaganda from that time period to the current time period, and heard a Holocaust survivor's testimony.

### College/Career Readiness

- RRCA Transcript/Credit Verification began in January (20/40 returned signed paperwork from parents)
- ACC Dual Credit Night- (Feb 27<sup>th</sup>) Sophomore students and parents will be presented with ACC Dual Credit options.
- Abilene Christian University visit to RRCA campus- Being rescheduled due to Ice Days
- SAT School Day- March 1st- 20 students
- UMHB-Campus Visit April 17<sup>th</sup> for "Sader Days"
- Academic Advisor meeting with students that failed classes for the 1st semester. Of the 65 "classes" (some students were failing multiple classes) that were failing at the semester, only 21 classes were failing at progress reports.
- In process of creating "grade level" pamphlets outlining "To Do" lists



## Events

February 11<sup>th</sup>- Student Council hosted Winter Formal. This dance was held at Fern Bluff Community Center. Approximately 80 high school students attend the event. The theme for this year's Winter Formal was "Snow Ball." Students enjoyed light snacks, a photobooth and dancing.

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Sixteen middle school students are competing in ACSI's Math Olympics in San Antonio. I look forward to sharing their successes in next month's report.

## Athletics

The RRCA Basketball season is complete. The JV boys' basketball team finished 14-5 on the season (going 10-1 over the last 11 games). The varsity boys team finished 12-16 (6-6 in district) with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in district and securing a playoff spot in the TAPPS 3A basketball playoffs. They traveled to Houston to play in the Bi District game on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> vs Houston Lutheran North. The varsity girls finished 8-16 (5-7 in district) finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place in district.

The following high school basketball players earned all-district honors:

- 1<sup>st</sup> team All District: Varsity girls - Junior Grace Jones and Junior Ava Zamora; Varsity boys – Junior Wes Owens and Junior Jaedan Castro
- 2<sup>nd</sup> team All District: Varsity girls – Freshman Mallory Owens; Varsity boys – Freshman Rhett Route
- Honorable Mention: Varsity girls – Senior Dani Godsted; Varsity boys – Junior Vashon Carter and Freshman Cade Zamora

Academic All-State honors: Juniors Jaedan Castro, Wes Owens and Ava Zamora

The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams finished their season though there was some disruption to the games due to the 3 days of ice. We rescheduled several times and were able to get in all regular season game but 2 games before going into the end of season tournament games.

- JH Boys Navy team: 1-11
- JH Boys Red team: 3-8
- JH Boys Grey team: 0-8
- 6<sup>th</sup> Boys team: 3-5
- 5<sup>th</sup> Boys Red team: 7-1 (finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in regular season, lost in the semifinal game of end of season tournament)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Boys Grey team: 1-8
- 5<sup>th</sup> Boys Gold team: 1-7
- JH Girls Navy team: 1-7
- JH Girls Red team: 0-7
- 6<sup>th</sup> Girls team: 4-4
- 5<sup>th</sup> Girls team: 1-7