

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
August 24, 2023

Enrollment as of 8/21: 704
55 Openings

Grade	Enrolled	Openings	Grade	Enrolled	Openings
PK	31	1	6	69	0
K	50	1	7	54	6
1	53	4	8	67	1
2	48	8	9	48	18
3	59	5	10	40	4
4	66	0	11	27	0
5	55	5	12	38	2

Teachers:

We filled our last teaching position as of 8/15. In order to hire a Secondary Music Teacher, we had to change the format of the class. They are doing 2 days of music rehearsals and theory and 2 days of theater music concepts. The hope is that this will alleviate some of the long practices towards the end of the year for Spring Show.

Professional Development

During Inservice, we had Andrew McPeak from Growing Leaders to present to us and Central Texas Christian School on Generation Z and how to present and instill soft leadership skills into our students. He wrote a book titled, Ready for Real Life, which we are using as a book study with our staff.

Health Renewal

We received a 4% Health Renewal with United Health Care. (Last year's renewal was at no increase). We approved moving forward with this rate.

Emergency Protocols:

We have been working on minor issues with our Raptor Alert Security Protocols, but overall, the system seems to work well.

We ordered bullet resistant film and bullet resistant glass that we discussed in June. It should be in by late September. The final cost of the film for the exterior and interior foyer doors is \$13,090 and the final cost for the reception area glass was 17,810. Total 30,900.

Early Childhood

Academic: Teachers are beginning to help students recognize sound and letters. The first week they read “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” and chose a letter from a tree, saying it’s corresponding sound. Students then made their own Chicka Boom trees, and they were displayed in the hall for parents.

Spiritual: During Bible time, the students sang the song, “God loves me.” Each student took a turn looking in a mirror at their reflection as the class sang a song about how God loves each student.

Emotional: Several students had separation anxiety during the first week, but they are transitioning and adjusting well.

Elementary

We have had a great start to the school year. Five new teachers have been added to the team. I believe all are going to be strong additions to the staff. We will be working on new teacher training with the secondary teachers this year. Several teachers finished up their ACSI accreditation and the new teachers are starting the process. It has been fun hearing from their hearts as we work through the process. I know God called them to RRCA for a purpose and will use their skills and talents to serve our students and families well. Several of them have expressed gratitude to work at a place that takes time grow them both spiritually and helps them be stronger classroom teachers.

We have a new **Safety Cru** that is helping in the mornings in the front of the building with a teacher and Mr. Wall. These 5th grade students pray for the day at RRCA and then open doors (on the curb side only) as parents drop off their students. The first few days have been great fun.

I have met with another new group of 5th graders, **Shepherd Cru**. They will be helping with chapel by leading the pledges, calling up Rock the Flock and introducing the speaker. The tryout day was amazing. The students talked about the role of a shepherd in the bible. It was great to hear from them. Some of them were nervous but once the conversation started all of them shared. I am excited to see them in action next week at chapel. Rock the Flock also had a practice day and will be leading worship in chapel. I am looking forward to the most wonderful year of chapel. It truly is a special time to focus and praise God.

Secondary Spiritual Formation

This year's chapel will focus on the school year's theme verse, Colossians 3:12. Each chapel will focus on one characteristic so students can fully understand what it means to be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

High School Discipleship groups are structured differently this year. Students will select a topic from six topics each quarter. This first quarter the topics are: Parables, Old Testament Feasts, Managing Stress and Anxiety, Being a Neighbor, Developing Godly Principles in Media, and Miracles. We had to open two sessions for Managing Stress and Anxiety due to the large number of students requesting that session. Middle School groups continue with the Habitudes curriculum. Sixth grade will complete Level 1 and 7th/8th grade will complete Level 2.

Academics

2023 AP Overview

AP Exam	Total Test Takers	Percent scored 3 or higher	Percent score 3 or higher (Texas)	Percent score 3 or higher (National)
Biology	8	100%	52.7%	64.4%
Calculus AB	4	100%	49.9%	58.0%
Calculus BC	2	100%	72.1%	78.4%
English Language and Composition	17	64.7%	44.5%	56.1%
English Literature and Composition	11	100%	65.6%	72.2%
World History	14	100%	51.4%	64.7%

Athletics

Athletics hit the ground running on Tuesday, August 1st with high school fall sport teams practicing. The **High School football team** attended 2 scrimmages over the past two weekends and is ready to kick off the season on Friday, August 25th at Austin Hill Country Christian School. The team has 19 players this year.

The **High School volleyball team** has 26 members this year, so we have had to find additional matches for fielding 3 volleyball teams. The varsity volleyball team is 11-7 so far after attending two big public-school tournaments (Georgetown and Bastrop). The 2 junior varsity teams have played in 3 matches and will be attending 2 tournaments as their season gets underway. The high school cross country team has 6 males and 3 females running this year.

The Middle School sports teams for the fall have been secured. The **JH football team** has a good number of players this year. The team is carrying 20-7th & 8th graders.

The **JH volleyball team** will field 3 teams along with the 6th grade team that will be split into 2 teams. The 5th grade volleyball team will field one team. The 5th & 6th grade flag football teams have good numbers as well. The 6th grade team will field 2 teams and 5th grade will field one team.

JH Cross Country runners will begin practicing this week to prepare for their first meet on September 2.

The athletes were excited about the new merchandise the Athletic Department has brought in. The travel gear for high school athletes is a big hit along with the practice gear.

