

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
November 16, 2023

Enrollment as of 11/8/2023: 703

We typically have withdrawals at the end of the semester, but we also have new students who will begin in January. Hopefully the numbers will even out.

Employee Resignation: Blythe Leon gave her notice for November 17th, due to her father being ill in Washington D.C. We have been looking for a new Spanish teacher but have had no luck so far. Dora Reyes, a former RRCA teacher, will be here to sub until Christmas.

Safety and Security

The reception area glass and film on the exterior doors have been completed providing an extra layer of protection. Many parents have let us know that they appreciate the board taking that extra step.

On November 1st, we provided extra training for our teachers on using our emergency accountability software. We had a fire drill the week prior and teachers had forgotten how to use the system leaving about half of the students unaccounted for in the software. We felt that if they were having difficulty during a drill using the software, they would not be able to successfully operate the system in an emergency when the situation is stressful.

Fundraising

The **Jog-a-thon** is scheduled for Friday (17th) and as of the 8th we have raised over \$93,000 with over a week left and have 94% participation. The goal this year is \$95,000.

We sent an appeal for the Gym and Buses at the first of the month to give parents the opportunity to contribute. We have received a large donation of \$25,000 and a few donations for

Early Childhood

Spiritual

"Trusting God" –Students learned about the spies that went into the promise land and the Israelites entry into Jericho. Over a few weeks, children saw how the Israelites continually did not trust or have faith in God and how He disciplined them, just like parents do. God loves them enough to give consequences to help them learn what is right and wrong. The culminating activity is a re-enacted "battle" of Jericho remembering what God can do when we trust in Him.

Academics

Language and Literature: Letter formation, homonyms and opposites, rhyming, comprehension

Math: One to one correspondence, number line math, more and less concepts, introducing coins

Social Studies: 11/9 Students honored veterans by making cards of appreciation

Children participated in classroom elections and voted for a balloon party on 11/17

Science: Nocturnal Animal Week- Children made bats that slept in the classroom, and they created owl glasses. On Friday, 10/27, Pre-K students came to school in pajamas and did all their work by flashlight in the dark.

Events

10/20 Pre-K students sang the national anthem and “God Bless America” at the varsity football game

11/6 week: Veteran’s Day Focus

11/8 Students pack and pray over Operation Christmas Child Boxes

11/17 Jogathon

Elementary

Spiritual

We have continued with Friendly themes for chapel and in class work. October’s theme was I Can Do It. We shared biblical stories like Noah and the Ark where Noah was asked to do a hard thing. Noah was faithful as he followed God’s instructions. November’s theme has been I Am Known. We have talked about being known by Christ and born in his image. We celebrated Veterans Day chapel with a panel of parents who are veterans sharing their stories and God’s blessings in their lives. We are looking forward to the upcoming holiday that will celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Academics

Students have settled in and been working hard at the beginning of the 2nd nine weeks. Students in 3rd grade completed a science project of the solar system. 4th grade students completed a history project on dwellings of Native Americans. It is fun to see the pride in the students as they bring the projects in and talk about them with their classes. Spelling Bee took place and winners were announced in each class. 5th-8th grade winners will attend a regional spelling bee in January 2024. We are excited for the beginning of the PSIA academic events.

Events

Crusader Fest was a blast. The weather was perfect, and students and families enjoyed themselves. 5th grade flag football had a good season. While their win loss record will not show their growth, the heart and compassion the players had was heartwarming. 5th grade volleyball brought home the championship trophy. It was great to see the girls work hard and win their division. Muffins with Moms gave a time for moms to be honored. It is always joyful to see such smiles on the faces of everyone.

Secondary

Spiritual Formation

The Senior class went to see the movie, *Life After Death*. This documentary explores the possibilities of life after death based on scientific evidence and testimonies presented in John Burke’s book, *Imagine Heaven*. Mrs. Redding reported that this movie sparked insightful classroom conversations and that some students began grappling with salvation after viewing the movie.

Academics

Students in grades 8th-11th took the PSAT to measure college readiness skills. The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT is part of the College Boards suite of assessments.

Benchmark Comparisons to National Scores:

	Met Both Benchmarks		Percent Met EBRW		Percent Met Math	
Grade	RRCA	National	RRCA	National	RRCA	National
8	43%	25%	69%	46%	46%	29%
9	51%	31%	82%	53%	51%	34%
10	51%	37%	71%	61%	54%	40%
11*	35%	40%	65%	64%	42%	41%

**11th grade class had only 26 test takers*

RRCA Historical Data

PSAT Results -Percent Met Both

Grade		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
8		X	38%	41%	37%	43%
9		56%	47%	55%	41%	51%
10		58%	66%	43%	43%	51%
11		66%	52%	61%	61%	35%

PSAT Results -Percent Met EBRW

(Evidenced Based Reading and Writing)

Grade		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
8		X	88%	78%	86%	69%
9		78%	78%	77%	68%	82%
10		94%	94%	71%	67%	71%
11		84%	88%	89%	63%	65%

PSAT Results -Percent Met Math

Grade		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
8		X	41%	41%	37%	46%
9		58%	49%	49%	44%	51%
10		61%	66%	66%	48%	54%
11		66%	52%	52%	50%	42%

Events

Homecoming Week was October 2nd-7th. Students had fun dressing up in theme each day of the week. On Saturday, the Student Council Sponsored a Homecoming Dance. Over 100 students attended the event held in the school courtyard and library. The dance was Hawaiian themed and included a Kona Ice Truck. All had a great time.

A Sophomore student, Madison Aranda, led a school wide canned goods collection. She was able to collect 317 cans to donate to the Round Rock Service Center. She intends to conduct this drive each year and hopes she can increase her total collection each time.

Andrew Balid, a sophomore student, is running a coat collection through FCA. He is collecting coats for Round Rock Serving Center, under the branch of *Keep Round Rock Warm*.

The schoolwide Christmas Service project will be led by Adeliade Colborn, Junior. The school will collect items for Dell Children's Hospital for their Christmas Party held on Christmas Day for children in the hospital. Adelaide is a cancer survivor and was in Dell Children's during Christmas, so this project is close to her heart.

College Readiness

- RRCA 2024 Course Catalog updated with individual course descriptions.
- RRCA hosted John Brown University on 9/27 before school- 2 students in attendance.
- RRCA hosted California Baptist University on 9/22- 22 students in attendance.
- RRCA hosted Concordia University on 10/18- 19 students in attendance.
- RRCA hosted LeTourneau University on 10/25- 20 students in attendance.
- RRCA hosted Texas A&M on 11/1- 27 students in attendance.
- Texas State Technical College is scheduled for December.
- PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, and SAT School Day took place 10/11/2023.
- SAT School Day- 18 Seniors took the test.
 - 72% scored above the 50th percentile nationally.
 - 33% scored about the 80th percentile nationally.
- 9th-10th grade College Prep pamphlets are completed.

Athletics

Sports Updates

The fall sports season wrapped up this weekend with the varsity football team playing in the 1st round of the TAPPS 6man football playoffs. The football team finished with a winning record (6-4) and secured 2nd place in the district. They played a tough Pasadena 1st Baptist squad on Saturday, November 11th in Pasadena. The varsity volleyball team made the playoffs and finished as TAPPS 3A Regional finalist and a record of 35-11 on the season. They were undefeated district champions and TAPPS 3A Area champions. The 5th grade volleyball team captured in the CAPPS Volleyball Tournament Championship in the 5/6 3A division. The 6th grade Navy flag football team went undefeated on the season and were also CAPPS Flag Football Tournament Champions.

in the 5/6 6A division. The JH football team went 4-2 on the season and played in the South Texas Football Conference championship game finishing in 2nd place overall in the conference.

With the end of the fall sports starts the beginning of the winter season - basketball. The high school teams have played in a couple of scrimmages and a couple of games. The 5th-8th grade teams have been announced and schedules finalized. We will be fielding 11 teams at this level as well as running JV boys along with varsity girls and varsity boys' basketball teams. This is the first year that we had tryouts/cuts with the JH boy's division due to logistics. We have hired basketball coaches (non-parents) to coach the JH boys and JH girls' basketball teams this year.

