

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
January 25, 2024

24-25 Enrollment as of Jan 22: 351
23 New Families Applications

Grade	Enrolled	New Apps	Grade	Enrolled	New Apps
PK	6		6	28	1
K	24	8	7	31	1
1	32	5	8	26	1
2	36	2	9	23	
3	29		10	24	
4	35		11	18	
5	33	5	12	4	

Admissions Open House was held on Saturday, January 20th. We had 205 people RSVP. Current families have until January 31st to turn in their forms before new applications are processed.

Morning session

37 families RSVP'd, 108 individuals
 10 families No Show
 3 walk in families

Afternoon session

33 families RSVP'd, 100 individuals
 6 families No Show
 2 walk in families

Grade level interest

PK	18	5th	13
K	19	6th	4
1st	11	7th	2
2nd	4	8th	4
3rd	8	9th	5
4th	3		91 total Students

Church Involvement – Accreditation Standard states:

The school facilitates spiritual formation of students, provides opportunities for discipleship and outreach, and fosters the development of a biblical worldview. Spiritual growth toward maturity in Christ is a priority throughout school programs, is regularly assessed, and is modeled by faculty and staff.

An indicator under these standard states: The school promotes church participation among faculty and students.

To address this indicator the Administration created a survey for all staff to complete so that we could assess the involvement of our staff.

Church Home	92%
Level of Attendance	69% - 4 times a month
	14%– 3 times a month
	12%– 2 times a month
	5% - 1 time a month

Staff members currently attend 32 different churches, and many serve and are involved.

We are capturing this information for New Families on their applications and returning families on their reenrollment forms.

Parent Bible Study

Beginning in mid-February, we are offering a 6-week Bible Study for parents on Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoons. We are limiting each session to 15 participants.

Study of John 13 – 17. In this study, Jesus' public ministry had ended, and He spoke personally and privately to His disciples in the Upper Room. His words guide us today by teaching us how to Serve, Love and Pray like Jesus, while keeping our eyes focused on Heaven.

Session 1	Serve Like Jesus
Session 2	Love Like Jesus
Session 3	Heaven and How to Get There
Session 4	Pray Like Jesus
Session 5	Who is the Holy Spirit
Session 6	Prayers for Unity

Early Childhood

Spiritual

Students are learning about Elijah and Elisha and the miracles God performed through them. They are also learning about disobedient Kings during the same period of time and how their disobedience led to God's judgment and hard consequences.

Children are memorizing Luke 10:27, "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."

Academics

Students have begun leveled reading groups. Teachers have begun assessing students for the Spring Parent Teacher Conferences.

January 19th children will have a 3-D museum in which they bring gallon sized bags full of 3-dimensional objects to share with the class like an ice cream cone, blocks, or a can.

Events

December 12th was the Pre-K Christmas Musical and Celebration. Students shared the joy of the birth of Jesus with worship songs and scripture for their families. There was a “cold cocoa” bar, cookies, and multiple photo opportunities for parents.

Elementary

Spiritual

We enjoyed Christmas and learning about Jesus’ birth. One 2nd grade classroom talked about receiving the gift of Jesus often. Before leaving for break, a student told the teacher she was ready to receive Jesus. The teacher and family celebrated. It is such a sweet time to remember we teach to show them Christ.

The chapel theme this month is Respond Instead of React. We have talked about James 1:19-20 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. We were reminded we have two ears and one mouth so that we listen twice as much as we speak.

Academics

January is my favorite time in the classroom. It is a sweet time of new beginnings and fresh starts and routines of the classroom are already established. This is a leap year and an Olympic year. I have challenged the teachers to grab on to these events. We teach 365 days in a year except leap year has 366! We are in a leap year and that will be so fun. I challenged the students with the Olympics telling them that no athlete starts training for the Olympics in January of 2024. I reminded them the athletes have been training for years. I encouraged them to keep working on learning so that one day we could celebrate their graduation. Students will do benchmarks this month and we have already seen growth in tested areas. We will do a more in-depth dive into the data once all students have been tested.

Events

The month of January has been relaxing compared to the festivities of December. We are looking forward to lots happening this spring.

Spelling Bee - The in-school Spelling Bee was held for 3rd and 4th graders on January 9th. Nine 3rd graders and eight 4th graders competed. The parents attended to encourage and support the students.

5th through 8th grade students went to the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee in Fort Worth on January 12th. Each grade competes in their grade level first and sends the top 4 spellers to the spell off. RRCA had 5 students advance the spell off. Eighth grader, Blaze Mink was the top speller of the bee and will be advancing to the State competition. RRCA students took 5 out of the 6 top places of the meet.

5th grade basketball for both the boys and the girls has started. Both teams are having fun and learning the value of working together. It is a great place for the athletes to use the lessons from chapel and their classrooms in real life. I enjoy seeing them lift each other up and cheer each other on. They are learning sportsmanship with other teams. Thanks to all the coaches for their hard work.

Secondary

Spiritual Formation

December 11th – Secondary students worshipped and enjoyed an All-Secondary Christmas chapel. Most of the service was student-led. The High Call Choir and Praise Band led the students in worship as well as familiar Christmas Carols. Members of the Forensic Team read an excellent piece based on Luke 2 and the prophecies of Christ's birth found in Isaiah. Mr. Abbe presented the message about salvation. It was a beautiful chapel, and the students were engaged since so many were invested in the service.

Spring Semester High School Discipleship Groups-Based on feedback both students and Discipleship leaders preferred meeting by gender and discussing topics that face each group as opposed to having a topic each quarter. Students enjoy this time to build relations with one another and the Discipleship group leader.

Middle School Discipleship Groups- At the end of January, groups will take a break from Habitudes and focus on kindness. With divisiveness being glamorized in our culture more students are saying unkind things to one another without any filter. The lessons will help develop a student's self-awareness of their words and actions towards one another.

Academics

January 10-11- Students in grades 6th-11th took mid-year benchmark testing in Math and Reading. Overall pre-liminary results show growth in these areas. Results will be shared with the Math and English departments to help guide instruction.

Events

November 3-4- Middle School students represented RRCA in the TPSMEA Choir Competition. Ten 6th graders and five 7th-8th graders participated in this performance.

December 5th –Secondary Christmas Concert- This is a longstanding tradition of RRCA, and the Secondary Choirs did not disappoint. All three choirs (6th Grade, Joyful Sounds and High Call) sang classic songs, familiar Christmas Carols and each performed a novelty holiday piece. The performance was outstanding and rang in the Christmas cheer!

January 12th- Ten High School students represented RRCA at the TPSMEA Regional Choir competition. Colin qualified for All State Choir and will represent RRCA TPSMEA Choir performance.

College Readiness

RRCA hosted University of Texas on 1/10- 22 students in attendance

Texas Tech was scheduled for 1/17 but due to weather in Lubbock, has to be rescheduled

Planning for "Career Day" for high school students is in the works. Tentative date is 4/3 in the afternoon after the IOWA testing

- There will be 5 rooms with 3 speakers in each room
- Speakers are asked to speak on their education/job/faith/Q&A

Athletics

Sports Updates

The basketball season is at the midway point and our high school varsity teams are competing for playoff spots. The varsity girls are sitting in 3rd place in the district (2-1) with an overall record of 14-7. The varsity boys are 4th in district (2-1) with an overall record of 11-11. JV boys' basketball team is 2-11 (0-3 district). The high school basketball teams have appreciated the new transportation vehicles as they travel to away games.

The 5th-8th grade basketball teams are nearing the end of their season with 2 weeks left of conference play before heading into the CAPPS end of season tournament.

- 5th Girls: 0-5
- 5th Boys RED: 2-0
- 5th Boys GOLD: 2-1
- 6th Girls: 1-4
- 6th Boys Grey: 4-2
- 6th Boys RED: 2-2
- 6th Boys Navy: 3-2
- JH Girls: 1-6 (will play in 2 tournaments)
- JH Boys RED: 0-7 (played one tournament)
- JH Boys NAVY: 1-6 (played one tournament and has another one to play in)

We have 2 high school female swimmers that will be representing RRCA in the TAPPS Regional Swim meet in San Antonio on Monday, January 29th. The top 3 finishers will qualify for TAPPS State along with the next 7 fastest times from all 3 regions on February 14th. The last time we had swimmers at RRCA was 2017-2018.