

**Round Rock Christian Academy**  
**Head of School Report**  
**February 22, 2024**

**24-25 Enrollment as of Feb 15: 637**  
**As of 2/21/24**

| Grade | Enrolled | Budget | Grade | Enrolled | Budget |
|-------|----------|--------|-------|----------|--------|
| PK    | 14       | 32     | 6     | 44       | 55     |
| K     | 44       | 51     | 7     | 60       | 69     |
| 1     | 53       | 54     | 8     | 49       | 55     |
| 2     | 56       | 57     | 9     | 43       | 64     |
| 3     | 45       | 47     | 10    | 47       | 48     |
| 4     | 58       | 60     | 11    | 33       | 38     |
| 5     | 72       | 80     | 12    | 19       | 27     |

We currently have 49 current students who have not reenrolled or withdrawn for the upcoming year. 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> seems to be where we are losing the most students.

New Student Application are currently being taken through the admissions process.

### **Professional Development**

In January, the teachers did a Study of John 13 – 17. We felt it was a good study to help refocus the staff for the upcoming semester. In addition, we discussed Critical Thinking and the importance of challenging the students in our questioning to help them develop skills necessary to participate in their learning.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the principals are leading sessions on Meaningful Feedback and Vertical Alignment.

### **Benchmark Testing**

Benchmark Testing was completed for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades in early January.

### **Early Childhood**

**Spiritual** Students are learning about Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who knew that God was with them and trusted Him regardless of the outcome. Seeds are being planted with our youngest children to stand up for righteousness even when there is a cost.

**Academics** Pre-K has completed all the Starfall Sight Word Readers and are moving into CVC readers.

In Math students group objects in sets of ten and count to 100. They are using manipulatives to solve addition and subtraction word problems.

### **Events**

On Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Rowe's class earned a pizza party reward for raising \$14,293.00 for Jogathon.

Beginning February 2, families send "Notes from the Heart" to school affirming their children. These notes are read out loud each day until Valentine's Day. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, in lieu of a Valentine's Day party, the class reads, "The Teddy Bear Picnic," and they share a picnic snack with their stuffed bears that the parents have discreetly brought to class.

Students celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school the first week of February by wearing crazy 100 glasses, counting and sharing various 100 objects and candies.

### **Elementary**

#### **Spiritual**

Elementary chapels finished this month theme of Respond Instead of React. The speaker spoke of first responders and their role to respond to emergencies. It was a great way to connect with the students. It allowed the students to think about how first responders are trained so that they will be successful at their jobs. A connection was made about how student need to "train" to be responders the way God shows us in the bible. As Christians, we need to read the bible, pray, and be around other believers daily.

The topic this month is: I Am Brave. The messages have focused on how the brave are seeking is doing the right thing even if when they are afraid. The students have looked at stories in the bible of people who were afraid and studied how they responded. The students were reminded to be focused on praying, calling on God and keeping our eyes on the Lord.

#### **Academics**

Elementary students were able to view the middle school STEM Day projects. The students enjoyed talking to the older students about their projects and what they had learned from their research.

17 elementary students traveled to San Antonio to compete in Math Olympics on Friday, February. The students competed and represented RRCA well.

The following students placed:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade finalists are 5<sup>th</sup> place Eleanor Lutfi,

2<sup>nd</sup> place Olivia Zamora,

1<sup>st</sup> place Lily Frantz.

5<sup>th</sup> grade finalists are 5<sup>th</sup> place Harrison Hammerlind

4<sup>th</sup> place CJ Weakley

2<sup>nd</sup> place Henry Rozmus.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade musical is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Secondary**

### **Spiritual Formation**

For the month of February, middle school student discipleship groups focused on how to develop positive relationships. Lisa Kugel, school counselor, created a series of lessons that included developing peer relations, self-reflection of peer relationships, relational aggression, and bullying roles. Additionally, teachers are incorporating specific plans to address “kindness” in the classrooms.

### **Academics**

Teachers reviewed Benchmark scores, comparing beginning of year testing scores to mid-year scores. The results showed considerable improvement in math scores, demonstrating that gaps are being closed and secondary students should begin trending to pre-pandemic scores. Reading scores did not show as significant improvement. In the secondary team meeting, departments brainstormed specific ways to incorporate more critical reading opportunities in the classroom so that all departments are intentionally supporting reading comprehension and understanding.

### **Events**

Middle School STEM Day was held, Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students spend the first semester, planning, creating, and documenting STEM projects which either propose solutions on modern problems or re-design/re-imagine current objects to make them better. Students then present their projects to elementary students and middle school parents. The gym is always full of energy and excitement on STEM Day as the students share their results and celebrate their accomplishments.

Winter Formal, hosted by Student Council, was held on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at Fern Bluff Clubhouse. There were over 100 students in attendance, and it was one of the school’s largest dances. The theme was “Under the Northern Lights” and included a photo booth and professional DJ. Students had a great time.

### **College Readiness**

- RRCA hosted Baylor University on 2/14 with 16 in attendance.
- RRCA hosted East Texas Baptist University on 2/21 with 18 in attendance.
- Completed “RRCA 11th Grade College Prep” pamphlet.
- SAT School Day is March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Career Day Planning:
  - Date-4/3 1-3:45pm
  - An interest survey was sent to parents, 43 responses were received.

- Exploring more options for Trades, Armed Services, Legal, Science and Hospitality

## Athletics

### Sports Updates

**Basketball** – The Basketball Teams finished their seasons over the last few weeks. The varsity girls' basketball team had a successful season and secured a playoff berth. They were able to host the 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff game by winning their last district game of the season. The girls won the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the playoffs on Saturday and lost on Tuesday night to end their season by making it to the Area Round.

The Varsity Boys team struggled this season, but Senior Wes Owens finished his career with 1179 points and 532 rebounds. This was a great accomplishment.

The Following Athletes received All District Honors:

1<sup>st</sup> Team All District – Ava Zamora, Grace Jones, Wes Owens

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All District – Mallory Owens, Jordan Greatting

Honorable Mention – Avery Sackal, Noah Headley, Vashon Carter, Jayden Eckert

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys RED basketball team finished 7-3 and were CAPPS regular season champions in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade boys 2A division.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys GREY basketball team made it all the way to the championship game this year after not winning a game last year.

**Swimming** - Our two high school swimmers competed in the TAPPS Regional swim meet in San Antonio last month. Both freshman swimmers competed well against very strong competition in their 4 events. Lorelei Stewart finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the 500yd freestyle and Kaya Pelayo finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the 100yd freestyle.

**Spring Sports** - Spring sports season is underway with the HS track team attending their first meet and HS baseball team having their first scrimmage this past week.

Our baseball program is working hard to develop players in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade with the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a JH baseball team.

Our golf program is starting to build momentum as there are about 8 players participating in MS golf and we will have 2 golfers competing in high school this spring.