

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
April 18, 2024

24-25 Enrollment as of Feb 15: 681

As of 4/8/2024

We are currently 40 students away from making our budgeted numbers. We expect PreK to be full, so that is 27 additional students.

Grade	Enrolled	Budget	Grade	Enrolled	Budget
PK	19	32	6	46	55
K	49	51	7	64	69
1	54	54	8	53	55
2	58	54	9	52	64
3	48	47	10	48	48
4	60	60	11	34	38
5	75	66	12	21	27

Iowa Testing

Iowa Testing was administrated the 1st week of April. We have a few students who will be making up portions of the tests due to absences.

In the initial results, we are seeing an increase in the scores from last year.

Early Childhood

Spiritual

The children learned that Saint Patrick used the shamrock to help people understand the Trinity. Prior to Easter, Pre-K learned about the miracles of Jesus such as walking on water and healing the blind and leprous. During Holy Week, after reading about the Last Supper, teachers washed their little ones' feet. Then of course, teachers helped students comprehend the crucifixion and the miraculous resurrection of Jesus.

Academics

This is an exciting time of year! In Language Arts, Pre-K students are reading CVC words. They are also reading Starfall primary books. In Math they are practicing subtraction strategies and less than/greater than. Teachers have butterfly sanctuaries in their classrooms, so students can observe the insect's life cycle.

Events

Students enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt on the playground on March 28th.

Solar eclipse day was a day of galaxy related crafts and snacks as students learned about the way our God controls the universe. The children had a “perfect day,” according to the teachers.

Elementary

Spiritual

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

Academics

Secondary

Spiritual Formation

All Secondary Easter Chapel (3/25): Both middle and high school students combined to celebrate our Risen Savior! The Praise Band led the students in worship, students viewed a video clip which visually explained the meaning of the crucifixion, and Mr. Dakota Abbe shared the gospel with students. The students were engaged during his message.

6th and 8th FCA Service Trips (4/2 & 4/3): Both FCA groups served the Round Rock Serving Center. The group first went to CiCi's pizza for lunch and then served during the afternoon by stocking shelves.

High School FCA Service Trip (4/4): High school FCA served at Ride on Center for Kids (ROCK). They cleaned horse stalls, wiped down railings, and swept to help the Center get ready for their largest fundraiser, a barn dance, which took place on Saturday 4/6. They then got to spend some time with the therapy horses. Before leaving the students prayed over the Center, the fundraiser, the staff, and the work they do.

Academics

8th Grade field trip (3/20): The 8th grade class visited the Holocaust Museum. This trip followed their novel study of *The Hiding Place*. Mrs. Hodges reported that the students asked the tour guides excellent questions and represented the school well. Students heard stories from direct descendants of holocaust survivors.

6th Grade Field Trip (3/27): The 6th grade class went on their annual field trip to Longhorn Caverns. This trip helps reinforce the concepts that they have learned in science class. The students have an exciting time exploring the caves and looking at the different formations. As a post-discussion for the field trip, Mrs. Vinke, 6th grade science teacher, had the students view a video on the

secular viewpoints of cave formation. The students then had a class discussion comparing secular and biblical worldviews of cave formations.

Events

National Honor Society Induction (3/25): The National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society Inductions were held in the school library. Mrs. Cermak, the faculty advisor, spoke at the NHS ceremony. Her message focused on the biblical aspects of NHS qualities of character, integrity, service, and scholarship. There were 11 NJHS members inducted, and 18 NHS members inducted.

Eclipse Day (4/8): This was an amazing learning experience for secondary students. For the morning academic classes, each class taught some aspect of eclipses from the perspective of that subject. For example, in math, students calculated the distance between planets and the sun, in English, they read non-fiction passages about eclipses and responded to a fictional writing prompt about eclipses. For the afternoon, students enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities such as making galaxy slime, eclipse chalk art, angling a magnifying glass to pop a balloon, inflatable obstacle course, hungry hippo, and space snacks. The highlight was the eclipse. It was an amazing sight, the whole school community was gathered, students and adults cheered, and it was just a testimony to our Wonderful Creator.

College Readiness

- Colleges scheduled to visit RRCA through the end of the year include
 - South University
 - Texas State Technical College
 - Colorado Christian University
 - Baylor/UMHB ROTC program
- SAT School Day March 20: 20 students took the SAT on Campus.
- AP Exams start on May 8th and end on May 15: 45 students will be taking AP tests.
- Advising for next year's classes will begin in May.
- Researching additional Dual Credit options for the upcoming school year.
- Career Day 4/3: 1-3:45pm- We had 30 presenters on campus across a variety of fields (listed below). Students rotated through 3 different sessions where they heard from three different career paths. Teachers served as facilitators of the rooms. RRCA provided a thank you and a gift card to the presenters. A post Career Day Survey was sent out to students, teachers, and presenters. The information will be used in planning for next year's Career Day.

Law	Business: Entrepreneurial
First Responders	Business: Finance
Science	Medical
Ministry/Non-Profit	

Athletics

Sports Updates

We are excited to honor two athletes this year that have committed to playing at the college level – Rachel Millikan is going to Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and Audrey Asher is attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Both will continue competing in Track and Field at their respective schools. We will be honoring them at a commitment ceremony on Wednesday, April 17.

The RRCA Track teams are finishing up their season as we come to the end of April. The high school track members competed in their district meet on Thursday, April 11 in San Marcos to qualify for Regionals (an athlete must finish in the top 4 of their events to move on). The TAPPS Regional meet will be on Friday, April 26 in Seguin. Those athletes qualifying for the TAPPS State Track meet will be held in Waco on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.

The middle school track teams will be competing in the CAPPs Track Championships on Friday, April 19 at Austin TSD and Saturday, April 20 at Austin St. Gabriel's. We have about 60 athletes competing this year.

The high school baseball team is posting a record of 5-11 (1-5 in district) with the top 4 teams in district securing a spot in the baseball bracket. With two weeks left in district play, the team is fighting to earn the 4th place finish in district. The baseball team will honor 7 players on Thursday, April 18 on senior night at their last district game.

The RRCA tennis program has one high schooler who competes for the school as a singles player. The TAPPS district/regional tennis event was held on Thursday, April 4 in Kerrville. He competed well against strong competition.

The RRCA golf program this year has one high school golfer and seven middle school golfers. Our high school TAPPS district golf event is Friday, April 19 in Spring TX at Gleannloch Pines Golf Club. Our middle school golfers will be competing in the CAPPs golf event on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 16 playing 9-holes at the Riverside Golf course.