

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
September 19, 2024

Enrollment as of 9/16/2023 718

School Shooting in Georgia

As a result of the latest incident, we have had a request for backpack checks and metal detectors at school. The software that we use on our cameras will detect a gun that is visible. (Flyer attached) I have requested a quote for the software module and the cost of monthly monitoring.

Fire Inspection

The annual fire inspection was conducted last week and we passed with no violations. The inspector requested that we add key fobs to all of the Knox boxes. We made those and they were added.

Sales Tax Permit

We recently applied for a sales permit to ensure that we were in compliance with tax laws for the resale of items, such as chapel shirts, t-shirt, PE uniforms etc.

Sewage Issue

On Monday, we had a plumbing issue, that required a controlled release of our students at 12:00 and 12:30. At that point, we had 3 restrooms that were inoperable. The issue presented itself on Friday at 4 pm, however, we were not able to get a plumber to come out until Monday around 2. By that time, the washout in the hallway had started to leak in the hallway and through the floor into two classrooms. We contacted the janitorial company and requested that they disinfect the floors and restrooms. This is the 2nd time, we have had an issue with the plumbing in Building B. We may need to consider putting a camera through the line to see if there is an issue other than using too much toilet paper.

Early Childhood

Spiritual

- The memory verse for all Pre-K children in September is, "Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:9
- Students in Pre-K get an overview of the Bible from Genesis to the Resurrection of Christ. Already this month, students have learned about the "sneaky snake" in the Garden of Eden, the disobedience of Adam and Eve, and the consequences of sinful choices. Classes moved to the story of Noah and how God keeps his promises. This is an important foundation for the upcoming stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Teachers help students recognize that God's promises apply to them personally and not only for Bible characters.

Academic

- Teachers are preparing assessments for every Pre-K student to share on Parent/Teacher Conference Day in October.
- Friendship is a theme to start the year, so classrooms become a community of learners that care for one another.
- Language: Students are learning to write their name using an upper-case letter for the first letter of their name and lower case for the remaining letters. Teachers play learning games to help students with rhyming. Specific letters and sounds are the focus each week.
- Math: Students are learning numerals 0-9 with ten frames and other manipulatives. Geometric shapes and their attributes is also a focus this month.

Elementary

- Spiritual
 - We have continued the theme of God Has Good Plans for Us. Amy Payton, children's minister at Fellowship, spoke to us about the plans in three steps. First, we need to hear the plan. Then, we must do or follow through with the plan. Finally, we should share the good news.
 - Rock the Flock is doing an amazing job leading worship this week. This past week I could see the Holy Spirit working in the students as we sang. We are finally feeling comfortable and confident worshipping. It is beautiful to watch their hearts for the Lord.
 - Next month we will begin a new theme: God Made Us for Community.
- Academic
 - We have been looking at Iowa Data and focusing on two questions.
 - Does our teaching and the experiences we provide the students meet the level of depth required for students to be successful?
 - We have noticed that we can increase the classroom rigor in some areas. For example, when teaching squares, we need students to compare to find the square with the greatest area. This second step had been causing students to struggle. Another example, in the reading passages, we have noticed the students answer correctly when only one sentence is presented. However, if they are asked to look at sentence 3 in the paragraph, they struggle to isolate and choose the correct answer.
 - These findings help teachers to provide experiences in class that will grow the students.
 - Are we using data from each assessment to measure growth and make changes to classroom experiences?
 - 3rd grade recently completed the solar system project. I always love seeing the students and families walk in with them.

College and Career

- 5 Universities have been scheduled to come to our campus to present to our juniors and seniors. We had Tarleton on campus 9/13, and 23 students were in attendance.
- We have had our first meeting for the Chik-Fil-A Leader Academy. Twenty-one students were in attendance. We packed books for our first service project as part of the 1 Million Book Giveaway. The students are identifying organizations that would benefit from the donation of the books. So far, they have identified TBCH, Dell Children's Hospital, and Texas Children's Hospital.
- SAT 2024 Cohort- Of the 27 students that took the SAT, 79% (23 students) scored above 1000. Twelve of those students scored between 1200-1400. A majority of the students took advantage of the SAT School Day opportunity that we offered in October 2023 and March 2024.

Secondary

Spiritual:

- This year the secondary team is committed to pray for each student by name at least once a quarter. Team meetings begin with a time of prayer in which teachers pray over the students and can write a note of encouragement to students. Additionally in team meetings, teachers are being presented to lead like Nehemiah following his leadership principles.
- September's high school chapel received positive feedback from the students. The speaker was Toby Tucker from Crossword Church. He presented to the students the art of knowing and being a true friend based on biblical principles. He used the acronym for True: Tough, Real, Uplifting, Encouraging to reinforce the principles.
- Preparations are taking place for High School Spiritual Emphasis Day, October 7th.

Academic:

During Inservice, teachers were presented IOWA testing data that showed grade level strengths and weaknesses. As a department, teachers developed goals to target areas of academic weaknesses.

Middle School

English/Reading

Target Area	Data-Driven Goal
Reading- Implicit Meaning	Students will read passages of non-fiction and be able to recognize organizational features, such as main idea, compare/contrast, description, etc. Middle school teachers will use Accelerated Reader and secondary teachers will integrate non-fiction reading into their curriculum so that students can practice reading for implicit meaning and ultimately recognize the planning and organizational strategies authors use to convey that meaning.
Written Expression: Usage and Grammar, Sentence Structure, Planning and Organization, Appropriate Expression	Teachers will integrate strategies that reinforce writing conventions, usage, grammar, and sentence structure. Strategies will be appropriate to the course and grade level but may include exercises, daily oral language lessons, and correcting essays. Connecting grammar and mechanical skills to writing will be emphasized.
Conventions Of Writing: Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation	Goal above addresses this skill target

Math

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Algebra Patterns/Connections	Develop students' conceptual understanding of algebra patterns and how they are connected to every branch of mathematics.
Data Analysis/Probability/Statistics	Develop strategies and perseverance to improve student problem solving skills through multistep process problems that require higher level thinking.
Geometry	
Compute with Decimals	Develop and improve students' computation skills with decimals and fractions.

High School

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Extracurriculars:

Homecoming week is September 16-20! Each day students dress in a different them; Monday- Neon, Tuesday-50's, Wednesday-Twin, Thursday-Class Color and Friday- Spirit. On Friday we will have our first All-School Pep Rally in the gym, and Saturday, the Student Council will host the Homecoming Dance in the cafeteria.

Athletics

We are excited that this week is homecoming, and the students will get to show their school spirit with the conclusion of the week the varsity football homecoming game. After a great first football game of the season where the varsity football team notched a decisive victory over SA Lutheran (74-26), the Crusaders have dropped the last two football games to very talented and skilled teams. They will look to right the ship vs Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills on Friday night for a homecoming victory. The junior high football team started off winning their first 2 games of the season on the road outscoring their opponents 97-37. In hosting their first junior high home game last week against Bracken Christian, a very tough opponent, saw the Crusaders on the

wrong end of the scoreboard at the end of a hard-fought game, 28-6. Our three flag football teams have just started playing games with only one game under their belts at this time.

The high school volleyball teams have continued their dominance on the court with victories over strong opponents. They remain unbeaten in the new Crusader Athletic Facility while fans have enjoyed cheering them on to victories. The varsity volleyball team is currently 20-7 (2-1 in district play) while the JV volleyball team is 13-1 (3-0 in district play). The middle school and junior high volleyball teams are less than 2 weeks into their season of play.

The high school and junior high cross-country members have competed in several cross country meets. Both groups competed at the Cedar Park XC Invitational showing a good competitive spirit while competing against many public and private schools in the area.

