

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
November 21, 2024

Enrollment as of 11/18/2024 725

Accreditation Preparation

We are scheduled for Re-accreditation in Spring of 2026. The ACSI accreditation program is a holistic process that helps Christian schools improve their educational programs and maintain their commitment to Christian education. The program includes:

- **Self-appraisal:** Schools evaluate themselves against established standards
- **External consultation:** Schools receive input from peers and other experts
- **Ongoing accountability:** Schools are held accountable for meeting and improving their standards
- **Improvement planning:** Schools identify areas for improvement and create action plans

The administration team has been going through all of the standards and the teachers will go through them in January. In February – April, there will be committees established for each standard and they will meet once or twice depending on the progress.

Each board member has been assigned to a committee. We have identified potential parents for each committee, and they will receive an invitation to participate in January.

There is an accreditation packet attached to the Board Website.

Committee Assignments

Purpose Domain	Alexis and Todd
Relationship Domain	Gregg and Clint
Teaching and Learning	Kristi R and Kristi H
Expertise Domain	Alan Keith
Resources Domain	David
Well-Being Domain	Felicia

Facts Enrollment and Tuition Processing

We have started the process to automate Reenrollment/Enrollment and process Tuition.

Here are the costs:

Initial Cost	\$5 per student (\$3,635)
Reenrollment applications	\$11 per student (\$6,798)
New Student applications	\$22 per student
(This would be paid by the new families and included in their fees)	

Tuition Contracts:

Plan A	\$25 per Family approx. 143 families (\$3,575)
Plan B and C	\$55 per Family approx. 380 families (20,900)

We have to make the decision as to what the school is going to pick up and what we are going to require the families to pay. There is a proposed increase of \$50 for Registration Fees.

Early Childhood

Spiritual

Pre-K students just learned about Joshua and the Israelites entering the promised land. Each teacher built a small wall out of classroom blocks and marched around it seven times. Then they blew horns and watched the wall come down. They discussed that when the Israelites obeyed God, He helped them through their troubles and difficulty. The Israelites did not even have to fight. In the same way, God fights for us.

Pre-K classes packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child- Mrs. Rowe said while she was helping the boys pray for the “boy box,” her girls began praying spontaneously for the girl that would receive their box. These are some of their words:

“help this girl be safe”

“make sure she knows about Jesus”

“help my girl be happy at Christmas”

“send someone to help her and say Jesus loves you”

Academic

Pre-K students enjoyed learning about elections and participating in the process by casting their vote for a bubble party or balloon party which will take place before Thanksgiving.

ELA: Students are learning to break words apart phonetically with segmenting, onsets, rimes, and final sounds. Story sequencing and cause and effect is ongoing with read aloud books.

Literature focus: Veterans: Heroes in our Neighborhood, and The Duckling Wants a Cookie

Math: Students are learning numbers 11-19, patterning, and counting by 5's

Elementary

Spiritual

We have been enjoying chapel. The students worship louder each week as the songs become more familiar. We enjoyed Epic chapel. It is such a fun time of laughter mixed with teaching from the bible. 4th grade performed the musical Faith News. The musical told several biblical stories. It is a sweet time to share the word of God while the students are performing. Veteran's Day chapel was amazing. The 1st and 3rd grades did a great job singing. The speaker shared of his christian faith. He shared how he has been able to use his faith while in combat and with the soldiers he leads. We are moving into a thyme of God Made Us to Serve. I am looking forward to the gift packages we are making for the veterans.

Academic

I have been enjoying sometime in the classrooms with observations. Teachers are creating classrooms that encourage learning and growth. I have observed students participating in great lessons and growing independent skills. One kinder class wrote a story for the first time while I was there. It was amazing to see little students use site words and sound out other words to write 3 sentences. Students in all grades are showing improvement in all areas and growing. We have a few students who need a little extra support. Teachers and families have adapted to their needs. We will monitor their growth closely as the year continues. 5th grade students took a field trip to Inner Space Caverns.

College and Career

- October/November Universities- Texas State University and St. Edward's University presented to the juniors and seniors. Abilene Christian University is being rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict.
- Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy is going well. We have completed the Million-Book Give-away. The students chose to donate the books to Texas Children's Hospital; 7 students were able to go and present the books. There are 2 meetings plus a service project this semester.
- PSAT8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, SAT School Day- All tests were digital, students took their tests on October 16th. An email went out to the parents and students on the day the results were posted. Last week a hard copy of the results was distributed to the students in Bible classes, and an email was sent to the parents to be on the lookout for the results.
- College/Career- January is College and Career month. A panel of parents is being coordinated for an Elementary Chapel. The parents will answer the following questions:
 - When and how did you feel God directing you into your career?
 - Where did you attend college/university?
 - How long have you been in your career?
 - Tell us about a God moment while you have been "on the job"? Or how has your faith impacted your job?
- Additional Activities are being planned for the month.
- Failing grades- At Quarter 1 Progress Reports, there were 84 failing grades across the secondary students. I met the students at least 2 times after progress reports and at the Quarter 1 Report Card, only 15 failing grades were present. The students worked on attending Help Class, getting assignments turned in on time, and putting more effort into their work.

Secondary

Spiritual:

October 7th – High School Spiritual Emphasis

Students were invited to reflect on a pivotal question “Am I convinced?” Through large group sessions led by Nolan O’Conner of Hutto Fellowship, students were taught the challenges the early apostles faced in defending faith in Christ. Discipleship groups engaged in practical application and discussion. In addition to whole group and small groups sessions students participated in team games. The students had a great time and enjoyed taking the day to worship, learn truth and fellowship with friends.

November 11th- All School Veteran’s Day Chapel

This was a special event for two reasons. This chapel was the first all school chapel since COVID. Second it was a special time to recognize and honor the men and women that have served and our currently serving our country. The chapel promoted patriotism and service to country. There were student performances by first grade, third grade, and High Call Choir. The guest speaker was Wayne Hirt who shared his testimony of serving his country and honoring Christ.

Academic:

Students in grades 8th-11th took the PSAT October 16th 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	35%	25%	89%	53%	37%	26%
9	53%	29%	84%	56%	55%	31%
10	45%	34%	85%	63%	47%	35%
11	53%	40%	81%	66%	56%	42%

RRCA Historical Data

PSAT Results-Percent Met Both Benchmarks

Grade	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
8	38%	41%	37%	43%	35%
9	47%	55%	41%	51%	53%
10	66%	43%	43%	51%	45%
11	52%	61%	61%	35%	53%

PSAT Results-Percent Met EBRW (Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing)

Grade	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
8	88%	78%	86%	69%	89%
9	78%	77%	68%	82%	84%

10	94%	71%	67%	71%	85%
11	88%	89%	63%	65%	81%

PSAT Results-Percent Met Math

Grade	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
8	41%	41%	37%	46%	37%
9	49%	49%	44%	51%	55%
10	66%	66%	48%	54%	47%
11	52%	52%	50%	42%	56%

Athletics

The fall sports season concluded with the Varsity volleyball team competing in the TAPPS 4A Regional Volleyball playoff match on November 9th. The team achieved an impressive season, finishing as TAPPS 4A Regional finalists, TAPPS 4A Bi-District champions, and co-district champions with an overall record of 33-11 (10-3 district). The JV volleyball team also had an outstanding season, setting a school record with a 24-2 overall finish (10-1 district).

The 5th-8th grade volleyball teams showcased their talent in the end-of-season CAPPS Volleyball tournament, producing a tournament champion and a tournament runner-up. The 5th grade RED volleyball team secured the title of CAPPS 5/6 3A tournament champions, while the 5th grade GOLD volleyball team earned the runner-up position in the CAPPS 5/6 2A tournament.

As the winter season begins, we are excited to field 13 basketball teams. Strong participation numbers at the 5th and 6th grade levels promise continued growth for our basketball program. The high school basketball teams have already begun their season, with both varsity girls and varsity boys earning victories in their opening games at the RRCA gym. Most basketball teams are scheduled to compete this week leading up to the Thanksgiving break.