

Round Rock Christian Academy
Head of School Report
February 20, 2024

Current Year Enrollment 727

Re-enrollment began on Friday, January 10. We started processing applications for new families February 3.

2025 – 2026 Enrollment as of February 7, 2025 660

Reenrollment Percentage 93% (minus 24-25 seniors and not counting PK)

* Siblings of current students

Grade	Returning	Completed New Apps	In-Progress Apps	Max	Budget
PK	3*	13		32	32
K	26	15		51	51
1 st	47	11	3	57	54
2 nd	59	4	1	63	57
3 rd	63	7	2	63	63
4 th	50	5	2	63	52
5 th	57	3	2	66	61
6 th	78	6	2	80	73
7 th	52	5	3	64	54
8 th	61	1	1	64	60
9 th	48	1	4	64	56
10 th	47	0	1	64	49
11 th	49	1	1	64	51
12 th	33	1		40	35
Total	673	73	22	833	748

Letters of Intent

Letters of Intent were due on February 3rd. Currently, the following positions will need to be filled:

1st grade – 1*

2nd grade – 1*

4th grade – 3

5th grade - 1

Aides – 2

Secondary will need to hire additional teachers due to the number of incoming 6th graders.

* Have people lined up for these positions.

Rooted and AI Conference

ACSI and the Colson Center are hosting the Rooted Conference on Biblical Worldview again this summer. Since the training will be in Dallas, we have a few teachers attending with us. After the conference, a few administrators will be attending an AI conference, to assist in developing a policy for the school.

Board Training

Gregg, Allan and I attended a Board Training course with Jeff Mattner of ACSI on Friday February 7th in San Antonio. There were a few areas pointed out that we need to consider working on: Intentional Board Training, Strategic Planning, and Board Evaluation.

It was also suggested that the Board members sign the Statement of Beliefs, Conflict of Interests and Confidentiality Policy annually.

Early Childhood

Spiritual

Students are learning about faith and trusting God through the story of Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego from the book of Daniel

Memory Verse: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself Luke 10:27

Academic

ELA: Students have completed all twelve of the sight word readers. They will be working on decoding words for the remainder of the year. The “take home” readers are short stories with consonant/vowel/consonant words that children can phonetically read. Students are sequencing in reading as part of comprehension.

Math: Children are counting to 100 as part of celebrating 100 days of school. They are counting by 10’s and 5’s as well. Students can identify numerals to 50.

Social Studies: MLK Day is a great opportunity for PK teachers to celebrate the unique differences of each child. Teachers reiterate the creative way that God designed our students, as each one is “wonderfully made.” February 3rd - 10th is “Notes from the Hearts,” a special time in which families write sweet notes to their children that are read aloud during circle time each day. The Valentine tradition of a “Teddy Bear Picnic” occurs on February 13th.

Elementary

Spiritual

We have been focusing on God Gives and Uses Our Talents in chapel and in the classroom this month. One of my favorite chapel speakers compared checkers to chess. The game of chess has unique pieces and God made each of us with a unique purpose. We have loved Kindness week put on by secondary Ambassadors. I encouraged parents to hand write letters to their students and secretly give it to the school. On Undercover Kindness Day, the teachers gave the students the letters. It was so fun to see the students read the letters.

Academic

Elementary has been preparing for the upcoming PSIA meet. Many students will be participating in early May. Elementary is focusing on the writing process and will have two sample writing to analyze in May.

College and Career

- January University Visits to RRCA- Howard Payne, Nelson University, and UMHB presented to the juniors and seniors.
- February University Visits to RRCA-Pensacola Christian, University of North Texas, The University of Texas
- Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy is going well. We are in the planning stages of the culminating project where the students are in charge. Ideas include a bingo activity at a local retirement center, clothing drive, and food drive. I am encouraging the students to get out and serve!
- February 26th is the High School Career ½ Day. Ten different rooms with 30 presenters will be available for the students. Careers included are armed services, entrepreneurs, medical, legal, ministry, non-profit, first responders, business, counseling, and science. The students have already started making their choices.
- February 24th is the Middle School Career Assembly. Four parents and one alumnus volunteered to be interviewed. The participants will answer the following questions:
 - When and how did you feel God directing you into your career?
 - Where did you attend college/university?
 - What is a God given talent that you use in your career?
 - 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?
- Book Drive- RRCA is partnering with LifeStone Discipleship Ministries for a school-wide book drive to support four LifeStone Learning Centers in Uganda, Africa. We hope to collect 5000+ books.

Secondary

Spiritual

Monday March 3, 6th Grade girl discipleship groups will begin the Bible study, Defined, by Priscilla Shirer. The study teaches teenage girls how to find identity in God rather than how cultural influences define identity.

Academic and Fine Arts

Speech and Debate Team -The Speech & Debate team currently has 11 members. This year, in addition to the regular competition schedule, which includes both public and private school tournaments, the team has expanded participation to include online competitions. This allows students to receive additional judge feedback and further refine their skills. This season the team

has celebrated successes in a variety of events, including Duo Interpretation, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Oratory. Most recently, the team took home the Team Sweepstakes award at the Trinity Classic at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Temple. In addition to this overall achievement, our students took first place in three tournament-specific events: Bible Reading, Group Improv, and Soapbox. This weekend six students will be competing in National Qualifiers.

Academic Team- The TAPPS Academic Team is currently comprised of 11 members and the team meets during high school lunch to prepare for the state meet March 25th-26th. Students compete in mathematics, current events, ready writing, and Spanish.

Choir

Due to their outstanding efforts, 11 students earned a place in the TPMSEA All-Region Choir, and one student, Colin Russell, achieved the highest honor by earning a spot in the TPMSEA All-State Choir. Notably, Colin was ranked as the Number One bass in the entire state. This performance was held on January 25th.

Extra-Curricular:

Student Counsel hosted Winter Formal, Saturday, February 8th at Avery Ranch Clubhouse. The dance is a traditional favorite because it is open to all high school students and for many it is their first formal! Over 130 students attended the event.

Athletics

The high school swim team had a strong showing at the TAPPS Regional Swim Meet on January 27th. The Girls' 200-yard medley relay team—Abby Swanson, Kaya Pelayo, Sarah Jones, and Lorelei Stewart—secured 3rd place overall. In the Girls' 500-yard freestyle, Kaya Pelayo earned 2nd place, Abby Swanson took 4th, and Lorelei Stewart finished 9th. The Girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team placed 4th, while in the Girls' 50-yard freestyle, Abby Swanson and Lorelei Stewart finished 7th and 11th, respectively.

The team went on to compete at the TAPPS State Swim Meet on February 10th, delivering another strong performance. In the 500-yard freestyle, Abby Swanson placed 4th, Kaya Pelayo 8th, and Lorelei Stewart 14th. The 200-yard freestyle relay team also had an impressive finish, securing 9th place. The athletes represented their school well with their outstanding efforts.

The basketball season wrapped up on February 11th with Senior Night, celebrating varsity boys' seniors Jordan Greatting and Dylan Branscum. Competing in their new TAPPS 4A classification and district, the high school teams showed resilience and growth throughout the season. Meanwhile, the 5th-8th grade basketball teams concluded their season with an end-of-season tournament during the week of February 3rd. The 5th-grade girls' grey basketball team had an exceptional season, going undefeated in both regular play and the tournament, ultimately winning the CAPPS 5/6 3A Girls Division Championship with an 18-15 victory in the final.

Looking ahead to the spring season, excitement builds as the junior high girls' softball program kicks off, complementing the continued growth of the junior high baseball program. Both teams

have strong participation numbers, which bodes well for the future of the high school programs. After a hiatus due to low participation, the 5th-8th grade soccer program is making a return this year.

The 5th-12th grade track program is seeing remarkable growth, with 92 participants in 5th-8th grade and 32 in 9th-12th grade. Additionally, the high school and middle school golf teams, along with the high school tennis team, will have several athletes competing this season.

With an exciting spring sports season ahead, our student athletes are ready to showcase their talent and dedication across multiple disciplines!

