



Dear RCS Family,

August 2019

As career teachers, my wife and I felt jolted at the beginning of every August. For us, it meant carving out time to plan units and organize our classrooms. During much of our daughters' K-12 years, they learned mom and dad's August routine implied summer was unofficially over. Our conversations focused on going back to school. Everything was discussed. More often than once. The expected topics of returning teachers, subject areas, prayer for new friends, and extracurricular activities expanded into trickier areas about clothing allowances and fashion choices when they started middle school. Whenever the fashion conversation surfaced, I felt flat-footed. My standard line, "Modesty is always in fashion," quickly wore out like a \$1.00 pair of socks. I needed to step up my game, and turned to resources from Focus on the Family.

As a parent, getting a head start before the first day of school requires planning, prayer, and perspective. Parents need answers and support. The added pressure of realizing kindergarten only happens once, just like all the other grade levels, elevates anxiety. Against that backdrop, access to the resources shown in the table below offers timely help. At RCS, there is also wisdom of practice readily available within and across our school community. I encourage new and returning families to reach out with questions as soon as possible. Please don't wait. Our warm and helpful parent-teacher community is one of the best assets around. May the resources and connections spark the right pre-ignition sequence to successfully launch a new school year.

Resources for Preschool through High School Years			
Preschool		Preschool Separation	Separation Anxiety for Parents
Kindergarten	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Kindergarten Readiness-Child's Fears	74 Topics	Prepare for Middle School	Good Reminders
Kindergarten Milestones	Better Back to School	Thrive in Middle School	Prepare for Graduation Day
	Good Reminders	Thrive, pt. 2	After High School

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In July's letter, you may recall the S.O.S. requesting a commercial refrigerator to rescue Little People Preschool and Childcare. Wonderfully, two generous donors responded and opened their checkbooks. They paid for a new refrigerator and to resupply all the spoiled perishables. These lavish gifts deeply touched and encouraged the LPPC team and me. We witnessed 2 Cor. 9:12 unveiled before our eyes, "*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*" Thank you, Lord! The new refrigerator, surrounded by freshly painted walls, shimmers in the LPPC kitchen.



Shuttle Bus Update

Generosity stirred dozens of auction goers last April to purchase a shuttle bus. With gratitude and a dash of fanfare, the new-to-us shuttle arrived at the Maple Valley campus. The significant addition creates district-wide transportation options. Maple Valley students may travel to RCMS or RCHS and back home to MVE at the end of the day. Expanding district-wide routes, however, require additional drivers. Fortunately, our shuttle busses do not require a CDL endorsement to operate. If you have a valid WA state driver's license, clean driving record, and an interest in driving a shuttle in exchange for tuition assistance, please contact Kery Wong, at Kery.wong@rainierchristian.org All cheerful drivers for morning or afternoon shifts are encouraged to contact Kery immediately.



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Until now, our busses traveled everywhere in incognito mode. By late August though, the shuttles become rolling billboards and showcase a new RCS logo. The shield logo, revealed in the bus picture and on this letterhead, appeal to prospective families. The design borrows from a color palette mirroring traditional hues and integrates a clear and clean font. Our mustang, crest, and interlocking RC logos remain unchanged.

As we steer into August, keep the 15-hour volunteer requirement in view. Each campus advertises ways to plug in via [Operation Curb Appeal](#). Coincidentally, your company may stretch volunteer hours and contributions. Double your impact with company matches for volunteering or donations. Rainier Christian Schools partners with **nonprofit.yourcause.com** as Christian Enterprises Inc. If you have questions about *nonprofit.yourcause.com*, contact Kery at Kery.wong@rainierchristian.org

Lastly, please calendar the Booster Club's Golf Tournament on September 21. A round of applause is in order for tournament sponsor, **Oak Harbor Freight**. August is a perfect time to practice your game and get your foursome together! Register early: [Golf Tournament Registration](#).

Business owners, consider the following promotion levels to publicize your business. Contact Joe Pratt, joseph.c.pratt@live.com for more information.



As I close, an August prayer of blessing for RCS families and staff flows from Num. 6: 24-26,

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

My best,

Bruce Kelly
President, Rainier Christian School

2019 GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ___ \$5,000 Tournament Sponsor (4 free golfers, large banner, 4 RCS sports passes, half page yearbook ad)
- ___ \$2,500 Dinner Sponsor (4 free golfers, banner, 2 RCS sports passes, quarter page yearbook ad)
- ___ \$1,000 Golf Cart Sponsor (2 free golfers, 2 RCS sports passes, eighth page yearbook ad)
- ___ \$500 Mustang Sponsor (18x24" hole sign, 1 RCS sports pass)
- ___ \$200 Hole & Contest Sponsors (18x24" hole sign)
- ___ \$100 Tee Box Sponsor (12x18" tee sign)

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