



Dear RCS Family,

September 2019

I feel the energy rising from our new and returning families. To all families, please accept my deep appreciation for choosing and supporting Rainier Christian Schools. This year, nearly 70 new students joined our community. That's a praiseworthy development, thank you Lord. For new families, you'll discover I enjoy personal connections. Our returning families know about my open-door policy. I'll do my best to connect with you during weekly campus visits or at a RCS event. Thank you again for choosing Rainier Christian.

As I begin my third year, delivering relevant supports to parents remains a top priority. While progress toward that vision seems to move at the speed of a glacier, I am thrilled to announce a new website feature, [For Parents](#). For Parents connects preschool through high-school parents to an information toolkit—designed for navigating a child's developmental stages. Parenting is tough work. Like most parents, my wife and I learned that some seasons were much more challenging than others. Parent Helps highlights an array of resources we used while raising our daughters.

When it comes to providing parenting help, our parent-teacher community is one of the best assets around. Across our PreK - 12th grade programs, you'll discover allies at every level. Reach out, be a resource, submit prayer requests, and benefit from others in a similar or subsequent life stage. The just-in-time supports strengthen community and offer tangible ways to make family life better.

Boosted by that inspiration, I'd like to trumpet another website improvement, [Meet our Team](#), shown at right. Looking closely, you'll see underneath each staff member's photo, our places of worship and favorite verse(s). From Rainier Christian's beginning in 1963, an interdenominational emphasis for education drove policy development and decision-making. In its unique role, RCS links the broader church community together. Leveraging our spiritual unity aligns with Jesus' hope found in

Jn. 17:21-23. A desire to stitch local-area churches together and elevate awareness about our signature programs sparked an idea, the Parent Ambassador Program.

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The Parent Ambassador Program raises Rainier Christian's profile through local-area churches. How does it work? The primary activity happens during **Stand-up Sundays**. On a designated Sunday, an ambassador wears our new, logo-embazoned T-shirt to their regular service. We provide the shirt—the front and back of the shirt are shown at right. In a winsome way, ambassadors are prepared to explain why they chose RCS.



An ambassador is not expected to distribute literature, supervise a kiosk, or deliver congregational announcements. Simply, they wear the shirt, and if asked, are prepared to answer. To optimize the impact, seven pre-selected Sundays are chosen. In chronological order, the second Sunday of November, January, February, March, April, May, and June mark our Stand-up Sundays. If you are interested in assisting as a parent ambassador, please leave your name, shirt size, and where you attend church with any school-office personnel.



Over the last two years, conversations with RCS students inspired me. Listening to kids is an enjoyable part of my campus visits and squares with Jesus' statement in Luke 18:16. Making those conversations visible to others offers a shower of blessing. With a bit of fanfare, please welcome my first guest, Timothy Chow, to Student Spotlight—a planned standard feature. I connected with Timothy during our Community Impact Day and while he served on an interview team for hiring high-school staff.

Student Spotlight, **Timothy Chow**, 11th grader, RCHS—Honduras Mission Trip



“This summer, from July 1st to the 10th, I went to Honduras with 16 other people from my church, Living Hope Bible Church of Issaquah. We worked with a missionary family living there and they were really nice and helpful. We conducted dental and eye clinics for people in a small community. I liked to help clean and sterilize the dental equipment and share my testimony with the people who came into the dental clinic. We also led Vacation Bible School at three places and I shared my personal experience with the kids at an orphanage. Some of the foster parents said to me they were very encouraged by what I shared and were thankful to hear how God takes care of orphans around the world. It was an awesome opportunity and experience. God showed me a lot and one thing he taught me was to trust Him no matter what happens in my life. It was encouraging and I would go again.”

Please join me in thanking the Lord for Timothy's testimony, service, and example.

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Turing the page into September, Joe Pratt, parent alumni, and Golf Tournament organizer, reports 52 golfers are registered for the Booster Club's Tournament on September 21. That's great news! Joe's goal of 72 golfers is within reach. Golfers of all experience levels are welcomed to play through Washington National's 18 holes and enjoy dinner. Register today, [Golf Tournament Registration](#).



Our tournament sponsor, **Oak Harbor Freight**, made it possible to secure the Washington National course. Thank you, Oak Harbor Freight, for your commitment to Rainier Christian Schools!

In closing, thank you again for choosing and supporting Rainier Christian Schools. Our staff and Board aim to honor and glorify the Lord. Together, we pray the 2019-20 school year delivers on all that is promised and hoped for. "Glorify the Lord with me, let us exalt his name together," Ps. 34:3.

My best,

Bruce Kelly
President, Rainier Christian Schools