



Dear RCS Alumni,

December 2022

Hello, and thank you for taking a few minutes to reconnect with the great things happening at RCS. Since my last letter in June, I am thrilled to share that the 2022-23 school year is off to the best start since my arrival in 2017. Several reasons are responsible for the terrific start, but the glory belongs to the Lord. He is faithful.

During this school year, all the campuses adopted the same spiritual theme: God's Personal Presence. Our chapel messages across the district connect students to the agency, power, and person of the Holy Spirit. In that vein, while I was struggling last summer, God impressed an idea upon my spirit: "If you preach my gospel, I will take care of your needs." Staying obedient to His prompting yielded many blessings.

One of my privately-held needs—more likely a strong desire, is to graft a mission trip into our high-school culture and experience. The answer arrived! Last July, staff member Rachael Ramey brought up a proposal to partner with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) and their mission base in Nicoya, Costa Rica.



In about three months, 14 high school students and two RCHS chaperones depart to serve on the eight-day mission adventure. One of the three projects we will engage with is Guanacaste 2026. Two RCHS students, Colin and Nardi, explain the 2026 outreach effort in the following video. <https://youtu.be/MRkd0PVCC1c>

Another dream concerns expanding our high-school courses with CTE (Career and Technical Education) options. I found a willing teacher, Mr. Bill Dipple, former Maple Valley Elementary 6th grade teacher, to help me get started. Mr. Dipple expressed an interest in teaching a construction trades class. Construction trades, automotive repair, and culinary arts round out the vision for CTE-type class offerings.

With our current facilities at Black Diamond Camps, securing additional classroom space is not an option. Instead, the plan is to convert a Class A motorhome into a mobile CTE lab. I am looking for a Class A motorhome just at or under 40' in length and lighter than 26,000 lbs.

Ideally, the motorhome is mechanically sound, leak-free, and could use an interior makeover. If you know of someone who has one to sell at a great price or donate, please have them contact me.



This year, RCS strives toward a greener footprint. Kent View and Maple Valley Elementary campuses, Little People Preschool and Childcare, Maple Valley Preschool and Childcare, and the district office began converting old fluorescent



lighting into LEDs. In the classrooms, 6th-grade KVE pictured at left, students with sensory-related issues noticed an immediate and positive effect. The rooms are brighter, the bulbs last considerably longer, and they use significantly less energy.

Our Maker Space environments at KVE and MVE received new tools to expand student opportunities. MVE Maker Space Teacher Tom Allen and KVE's Sciacca family brought fresh ideas and laser-cutting technology to elevate students' potential. The vision for the Maker Space, shown at right, allows students to explore five different domains in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. We are getting closer to a dream where a team of students:

Maker Space Vision Statement

Learn:
How the Lord wired us together. We are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Genesis 5:1, Psalms 139

Discover:
How each of us is equipped with natural talents and spiritual gifts.
Exodus 31, 1 Corinthians 12

Engage:
Use tools, talents, and gifts to address a real-world challenge.
Genesis 1, Ephesians 2:10

An engineer, an entrepreneur, and a designer create a signature line of customized products to sell on our virtual storefront. God gives each of us a gift, and at RCS, we aim to nurture and develop student talents for God's glory.



A 3-D printer in action



MVE Maker Space



Our educational ministry receives donations and year-end gifts to tackle impossible projects. Impossible projects describe those that cannot be funded from tuition dollars alone. As you prayerfully consider year-end giving, the following focus areas accelerate our mission and vision: facility upgrades, an endowment, and instructional materials. Gifts of any amount are welcomed and may offset tax consequences.

Our mailing address appears below the web-enabled gift-giving links. Please specify the direction of the gift. Over Christmas break, I am available to meet or discuss over the phone, giving-related questions. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

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In closing, a few students from the KVE Kindergarten class show off their star-studded prayer chains. The kindergartners remove a link from the chain daily to pray for people and various needs during the Advent season.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to catch up on the great things happening at RCS. I pray the Christmas season ushers renewed hope, joy, and peace to you and your family. Jesus Christ is the true and only Prince of Peace.

My best,

Bruce Kelly



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