



Dear RCS Alumni,

July 2022

Hello, and thank you for taking a few minutes to reconnect with the great things happening at RCS. There are many highlights worthy of praise from the 2021-22 school year.

- Over 45 MS/HS students responded to invitations for prayer during chapel services.
- The middle school relocation to the high-school campus proved wildly successful. About 20 students left RCS due to the move. However, almost as many new middle school students filled their seats.
- The MS/HS Community Impact Day supported Covington Food Bank and Real Life Church. I am so proud of our students and staff for rolling their sleeves up and working hard all day to give back to the community.



Community Impact Day 2022-Covington Food Bank and Real Life Church

- The Maple Valley Ministerial Association invited me to their final meeting before the summer. The pastors wanted to pray for me and the ministry of RCS. Wow!
- The proceeds from our annual auction allowed us to purchase 125 new Chromebooks for students.
- KVE sixth grade teacher and artist Mr. Johnston poses next to a striking montage of his student's Bible verses copied down during the school year. Class of 2028! Over 1000 verses are displayed. The artwork will become a permanent display at the KVE campus.



- Since my arrival, RCS hosted home basketball games for girls' and boys' teams for the first time. We missed getting the gym ready for the 2021 volleyball season by a few weeks but are eager to see girls' volleyball games at home for 2022.



While there are praises to declare, the 2021-22 school year brought the most significant challenges faced during my five-year tenure. For different reasons, I lost two principals during the year. One of my prayer requests is for God to bring the right persons to fill those roles at the MS/HS and KVE. The stress of simultaneously tackling three jobs could explain a March ER visit. I was diagnosed with cellulitis and spent five days hospitalized to treat an infection in my leg.

Four other staff members left without notice, two teachers, a network administrator, and our maintenance/facility lead. God quickly provided long-term substitutes for the teacher positions. In early July, Wes Brown filled the Network Administrator role. Lastly, I want to thank **Dave and Deb Brumfield**, who stepped up in a big way to help with the lawn maintenance at KVE and MVE.

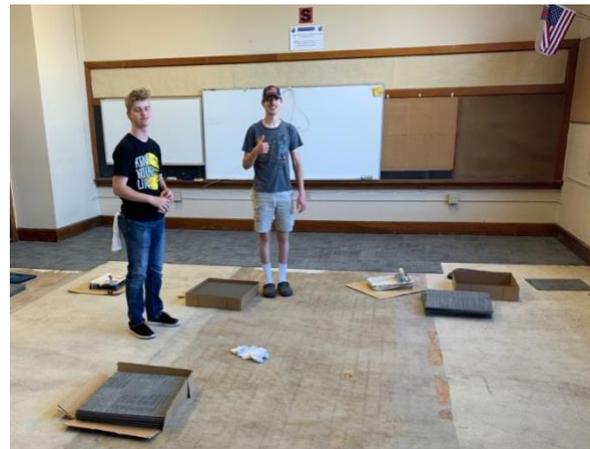
On the facility side, LPPC/KVE and MVE suffered from catastrophic sewer line failures. The damage was followed by multiple repairs and stretched the staff's patience at both sites. I am thrilled to report that the stinky phases are over.

Last week, I learned that a mole below my ankle is cancerous. The removal requires plastic surgery to repair. I would appreciate prayer as the recovery will take me off my feet for a couple of weeks.

The final prayer request is to fill three teaching positions: a Kindergarten or a 1st-grade teacher, a 5th-grade teacher, and a middle school social studies teacher. If you know someone sensing a call to serve in educational ministry, please forward our career link, <https://www.rainierchristian.org/careers.html>.

I want to bounce ahead to a more positive storyline. Summertime is dedicated to facility projects and preparing for the arrival of staff in late August and the students on September 7.

The KVE campus is getting new carpet squares in the upper classrooms. Two high-school students, Joey and Joshua, are getting paid to work and learn how to install carpet squares. They're doing a great job and have been a tremendous help to me. From downstairs, you can smell the pungent odor of varathane wafting up from the KVE



gym. The fresh coat of varnish also protects newly painted 3-point lines for basketball.

At MVE, principal Dave Glass stands proudly against the front office makeover-from floor to ceiling. The total transformation of the MVE office is impressive!

The lower parking MVE lot required a retaining wall. A special thank you to alumnus **Ben Dipple** and dad, **Bill Dipple**, for their professional installation skills. It looks fabulous and keeps the lower parking lot from sliding away into a drain field.



At the middle school/high school campus, a new awning keeps students, visitors, and staff dry while being served at the office window. Anyone traveling through the BDC grounds can easily spot the awning and find the front office.



The **St. Clair Flo Foundation**

funded the project.

One feature on our website, [For Parents](#), supports families raising children through the changing life

stages. If you know someone looking for resources on a variety of topics outlined in the

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[For Parents](#). Unsurprisingly, the

cultural narratives are much different than when my daughters

were in school. Staying abreast of a rapidly changing landscape

facing kids is not easy. I hope the

resources offer a starting point for understanding the changes.

In closing, Acts 2:1-2, the day of Pentecost, reminds me of several truths. "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like

the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting." This moment marks the birth of the church and illustrates a difference between advocates and witnesses. God's inspiration creates witnesses who are transformed inwardly by His personal presence. In the words of Martin Llyod Jones, the aim is more witnesses and fewer advocates. As I pray about our theme for the 2022-23 school year, God's personal presence is at the top of the list. As the Lord brings RCS to mind, please pray for God's Spirit to empower students and staff as witnesses for his glory.

Thank you again for taking a few minutes to catch up on the great things happening at RCS. I am praying for you. May our great God and Savior be glorified throughout the 2022-23 school year. GO MUSTANGS!

My best,

Bruce Kelly



president, Rainier Christian Schools

