

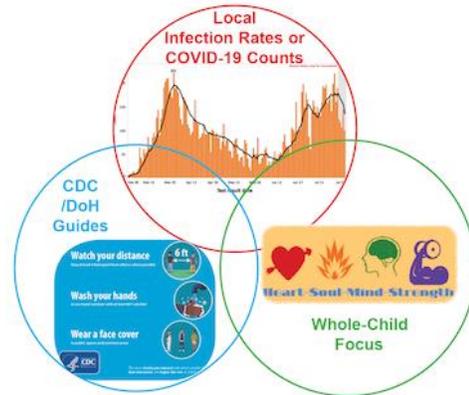


Dear RCS Alumni,

September, 2020

Hello, and thank you for taking a few minutes to reconnect the great things happening at RCS. This week, I learned that 94% of K-12 schools across WA State begin their year via remote learning. The Lord is to be praised for allowing us to open for in-person instruction on September 9. As we prepare to open, RCS will welcome more than 100 new students to our learning community. With the Lord's help, RCS

developed a robust model entitled, our Safe-Reopen Plan. There are three spheres of influence guiding the plan: local infection rates or COVID-19 counts, the ability to adhere to CDC/DoH guidelines, and our whole-child focus. A complete explanation of the plan



was published in the [August president's letter](#). In effect, the plan straddles the golden mean between a child's physical health and their emotional/social needs.

In addition to all the planning to reopen safely, a number of campus improvements occurred over the summer. All campuses are capable of offering online learning if needed.

Logitech's Meet Up camera/microphone/speaker systems- shown at right, allows a remote learner feels like they are in the classroom. It is impressive! The Maple Valley campus team installed new flooring in the classrooms, and saw several electrical-infrastructure improvements.



At Kent View, an enclosed music classroom was created by installing a new wall and solid-core door. The lower level features new carpet in the hallway and bathroom foyer. There is more work on the gym, but that is taking longer to finish. At the high school campus, volunteers performed heroic landscaping. Wow, it looks great. The high school added electrical work to address work flow issues. I want to thank our alumni donors for their contributions. The quarterly distributions are very much appreciated and their recent gifts were earmarked for improvements to the Kent View Gym.

September 9 is a big day for another reason. September 9 at 3:00pm marks the final opportunity to register for the Booster Club Golf Tournament. The tournament on Saturday, **September 19, 2020** enjoys the generosity of our platinum sponsor, **Oak Harbor Freight Lines**.

Oak Harbor Freight Lines' donation secured the



Washington National course in Auburn. Thank you! Oak Harbor Freight Lines did their part, and now it is time to complete the easy sign-up and registration process, linked here, [Golf Tournament Registration](#).



Business owners, take advantage of the available promotion levels to publicize your business at [Golf Sponsorship Opportunities](#), or contact Joe Pratt, joseph.c.pratt@live.com. The tournament will adhere to the CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe. Enjoy fellowship at one of our region's



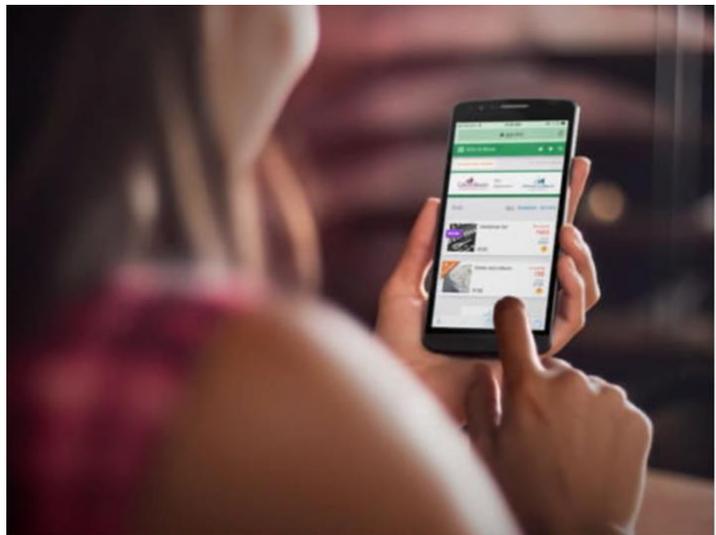
finest golf courses. All proceeds directly support our athletics program and sports-of-the-mind teams. Space is limited, so register today. I look forward to seeing you at Washington National!



On the Tuesday night before school starts, September 8, please accept my invitation for the next president's prayer meeting via Zoom. From 6:30pm-7:00pm, the time of prayer is dedicated to reopening school, our community, and families. Prayer plays a critical and historical role with RCS. The prayer time is open to parents, students, staff, and alumni. Simply click on the following hyperlink to access the [president's prayer meeting](#). The educational ministry of RCS thrives because we depend on God's grace working through our faith.

Last year, our auction coordinator extraordinaire, Sarah Rickel, took a leap of faith and shifted our signature fundraiser, the annual auction, into an online event. The online auction proved wildly successful with the proceeds directed to teacher raises and a new K-6 English Language Arts curriculum. Given the COVID-19 restrictions, a large formal event is not possible. Therefore, Sarah and her team will host the fall auction via an online format. Mark your calendars for October 30th through November 7th. Sarah's efforts include two action and information items for your review.

- Any help with procuring donations is greatly appreciated.
- If you or you know someone who owns their own business and would like to donate a gift card or services, contact Sarah Rickel, sarah.rickel@rainierchristian.org



In closing, I have spent considerable time with the principals, directors, and staff over the last few weeks. There is one unmistakable quality surfacing in those conversations and interactions. Excitement! The RCS staff is overly excited to see kids return to school, and believe the influx of new students offers unparalleled opportunities to grow the Kingdom of God. With them, I feel blessed that we are able to provide in-person and remote learning experiences. Thank you for taking a few minutes to read up on the developments at RCS. Your support, encouragement, and prayer mean a lot to me and our entire staff.

My best,

Bruce Kelly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Kelly".

president, Rainier Christian Schools

