



Dear RCS Families,

February 2022

Hello, and thank you for choosing Rainier Christian Schools! The second year of the pandemic continues to challenge everything, but February 1 means we are halfway through the school year. Our administrative team is already thinking and planning around next year.

### **Tuition for 2022-23 school year**

I recommended a 6.8% tuition increase for next year during the January executive session. RCS subscribes to Christian School Management's Key Performance Indicators to set tuition prices. An explanation about their metrics appeared on the second page of my January letter—[linked here](#). The RCS Board of Directors approved the recommendation and the 2022-23 tuition prices appear on our website, under the tab, [Admissions](#).



### **Parent Climate Survey Open**

Three years ago, I launched a climate survey for parents, staff, and students. The results sparked significant improvements across our facilities, instructional programs, ministry outreach, and marketing efforts. As an educational ministry aspiring toward excellence, gathering periodic feedback from our families, staff, and students is critical. Our admin team considers each suggestion collected from the Parent Climate Survey. The survey window is open from **Feb 1-28**, and all responses remain anonymous. [Go to Parent Survey](#). A reply takes approximately three to five minutes.

[2021-2022 RCS Parent Survey](#)

[2021-22 RCS Student Survey](#)

Students in grades 6-12 receive an opportunity to respond to their climate survey during February. Look for a summary of findings in my April letter. Thank you in advance for helping us get better at what God has called us to do.

## Non-Cash Assets

One of the funding options for our long-term facility plans involves appreciated stock, interest in a business, real estate, IRAs, or non-cash assets. RCS relies on the assistance of a qualified third party for receipting non-cash donations. Our partner, the [National Christian Foundation](#), makes that possible. By partnering with NCF, all donor

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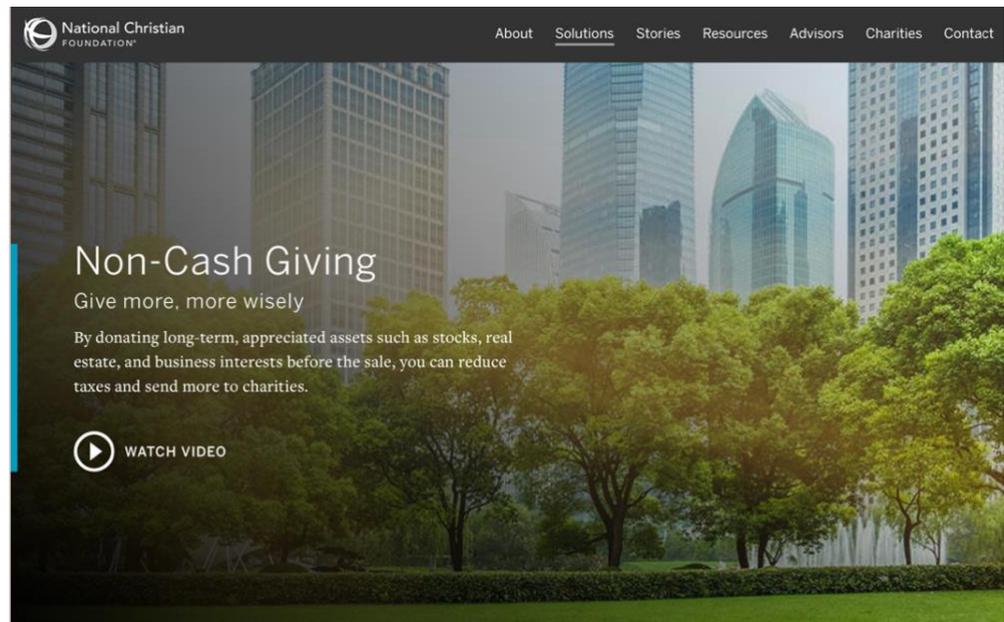
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and reduce current income tax liability. If you have questions, desire to learn more about our capital projects, or would like to designate a gift, please get in touch with me,

[bruce.kelly@rainierchristian.org](mailto:bruce.kelly@rainierchristian.org), or open the following form, [The Rainier Christian Schools Fund](#).

## Satisfy the Volunteer Requirement in One Day!



In 2021, several families helped us launch a new volunteer option, the Garage Sale. They picked a sunny Saturday and sold unwanted belongings from 8:00 am -1:00 pm.

The proceeds boosted our tuition-assistance program, and 10% of the amount went to Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission. The Garage Sale option returns and allows families to satisfy the 15-hour volunteer requirement in less than one day. As part of the support, two garage sale signs, a directional sign shown at right, and a marker sign, appearing in the photo above, get delivered to your child’s school. Click on the following link to be whisked to the registration page, [Garage Sale Sign-Up Form](#). The final Saturday to count the garage sale for volunteer hours in the 2021-22 school year is June 4.



### **February Pro-Parenting Tip: Modeling, Dt. 6:6-9.**

My employment history includes 21 years of classroom teaching. I loved it. Nevertheless, one of the consequences of being a teacher is non-stop paper correcting and lesson planning. Usually, that happened at home after dinner. When our girls were in elementary school, my wife returned to teaching. Nearly every night, she also brought stacks of papers home to grade. We were unaware how carefully our daughters paid attention to our nightly routine—grading papers and planning at the dining-room table.

As a teacher and later as a high-school principal, I held numerous conferences with frustrated parents. What was the problem? Their kid’s homework was not getting done.

Most meetings focused on tips and strategies to fix a kid's homework production. Sometimes a tactic worked, but usually, the conferences produced little change and seemed dominated by the adults doing all the talking. The significance of modeling did not cross my mind.

Today, I would connect the dots and ask a couple of questions discreetly, "Does your son or daughter ever see you study or do homework?" After dinner, what do they typically see you doing? A child's formation via parenting is more often caught than taught.

Now studying in graduate school, my daughters never needed a reminder to get their homework done. They observed mom and dad's example. Modeling shows rather than tells. Modeling outdistances nagging, consequences, and bribes combined. Parents, verbal instructions to our kids are important, but words alone are not as indelible as modeling. Our kids understand the difference and take cues from our example. The passage in Deuteronomy 6 gets to the heart of parenting with good form.

Thank you again for choosing Rainier Christian Schools. May God bless you and your family throughout all the special days in February.

My best,



Bruce Kelly

president, Rainier Christian Schools

