

Taking the cue from Philippians, in 2020, Rainier Christian Schools...



Remains blessed by an amazing staff for going above and beyond during a pandemic

Welcomed many new students and families

Successfully managed in-person learning from September 9

Purchased new camera technology for remote learners

Witnessed students' positive response to God's Word, Bible classes, and chapels

Appreciated everyone's cooperation with CDC/DoH guidelines

Adopted a coherent K-6 English Language Arts curriculum

Set sales record at the Fireworks Stand

Celebrated new Golf Tournament participation and sponsorships

Received PPP funds to keep our hourly staff whole

Developed new employee and coaches' handbooks

Accelerated security improvements due to donors' generosity

Broke the Fund-A-Need giving record

Orchestrated a district-wide, PreK-12th grade Christmas program



While it is hard to believe, at the end of January, our K-12 students reach the midpoint of the academic year. Some have asked about volunteer hours given all the COVID-19 restrictions. There are two additional opportunities to satisfy the 15-hour requirement in less than one day. The first option is running security detail for our Fireworks Stand—10pm to 6am. One shift satisfies the 15-hour requirement.

The second option is a garage sale at your house. Pick a sunny Saturday in May and sell your unwanted belongings from 8:00am -1:00pm. The proceeds are sent to the district office and earmarked for our tuition-assistance program with 10% directed to Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission or a charity of your choice. A yard sign, and one directional sign, shown at right, are provided when registering by Friday, April 16. Use the appropriate link



below to register. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

[**Garage Sale Sign-Up Form**](#)

[**Fireworks Security Detail Sign-Up Form**](#)

Next week, January 7, principals Don Garnand and Dave Rehnberg join me for our second town-hall meeting to discuss the middle school to high-school transition plan. The 6:30pm Zoom meeting is accessible via the following link, [MS-HS transition town-hall meeting on January 7 at 6:30pm](#). The RCS Board of Directors will render a final decision during the executive session of February’s Board meeting.

One final development features a new tool, ACT Inventories, to support secondary student's exploration of their Interest and Gift Pathways.

2020-2021 Rainier Christian High School: Interest and Gift Pathways



One of my other professional hats is sitting on WA State's ACT council. The inventories are complimentary resources from ACT, American College Testing. These tools allow students to investigate their interests, abilities, and values through thoughtful prompts. I believe ACT's inventories directly support RCS' Interest and Gift Pathways, and therefore, will supplement our comprehensive student profile activity. One artifact of the inventories is a personalized Career Map, shown below. Note the orientation from the center of the Career Map: Data, Things, Ideas, and People. Secondary students will engage with the inventories later this spring.

ACT TESTS & PREP SCORES PLANS

Inventories

Take your inventories to learn more about yourself

Introduction Interest Inventory Abilities Inventory Values Inventory Inventory FAQ

These Inventories are quick and simple ways to help you learn more about yourself. The results will suggest occupations and college majors that fit your interests, your self-reported abilities, and / or your values. These results can help you explore career options and plan for your future. You can take any or all three of these Inventories. Your results will be presented on the Career Map. In addition, your Interest Inventory results can be viewed on the Major Map. To begin, click on one of the Inventory buttons on the top.

[Get Started](#)

Career Map

Map List [View Career Search](#)

Use the Career Map to explore occupations that may be right for you.

[Take a tour of Career Map](#)

Take your inventories to see the results on the Career Map. Roll over and explore! There are 26 Career Areas to discover and research.

Career Map Key

- A Career Area
- A Matches at least one inventory
- A Matches two or more inventories

In closing, as we return to school thank you for in advance for helping us stay healthy. The months from September through December 2020 are recognized as the healthiest environment for staff and students on record. Thank you for keeping sick children at home and adhering to all CDC/DoH guidelines. The four months of in-person learning showed us that it is possible to keep the school doors open if everyone does their part.

Happy New Year!

My best,

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