



Dear RCS Families,

June 2021



Please join me in congratulating the students featured along the side margins—the **RCHS Class of 2021!** Along with family, friends, and staff members cheering them on, I look forward to celebrating together during next week’s commencement ceremony. For all of us, my graduation-related prayer is, “Lord, keep our hearts soft like clay in the potter’s hands,” Isaiah 45:9.

As a potter, God shapes us for His glory. However, yielding our life choices over to Him is an obstacle for many. To yield is a daily decision. Therefore, I stretch my hands forward to offer an Old Testament blessing for our graduate’s next steps. *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”* Num. 6:24-26.

The graduation season lets us noodle over the concept of time. Ask a parent of a high-school graduate, “How fast does 18 years go by?” The most common answer is, “I cannot believe it.” Like most parents, I am unable to grasp the speed of life. Yes, some days drag by. However, the years accelerate. Psalm 90:12 addresses our brevity, *“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”* The passage drives home a biblical strategy of intentionally asking God for wisdom. With God’s grace and parental insight, we can leverage every childhood transition purposefully.



Given all the transitions and promotions: JK's matriculating to Kindergarten, sixth graders to middle school, and eighth graders to high school, there is much to celebrate and leverage. Parents, snap pictures, share widely, and use every transition to make deposits into your child's love account, a.k.a., [Love Language](#). It is a bittersweet reality to witness the milestones in a child's life quickly flash by.

Against that backdrop, please join me in honoring three rare teachers, with lifetime careers at RCS: Julie Fail (KVE), Kevin McCready



(RCHS), and Scott Melton (RCHS).

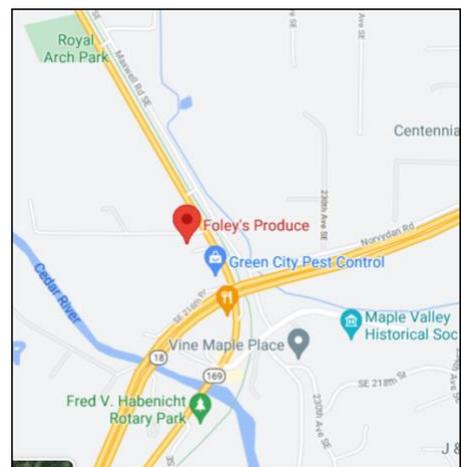
Collectively, Mrs. Fail, Mr. McCready, and Mr. Melton faithfully served the Lord, their students, and families for 83 years—wow!



The details about their retirement celebrations appear in the KVE and RCHS newsletters, respectively. Additionally, Mrs. Jayne Munch (RCMS), Mrs. Kit Bennett (KVE), who retired last year from a lifetime of service at RCS are also being recognized. COVID protocols kept us from honoring them publicly in 2020.

Galloping into the Summer of 2021...

The Booster Club Firework Stand is open from **June 29 through July 4**. If last year offers any indication of what can happen, shop early. The desirable items sold out before July 4. Drop by Foley's Produce to support RCS Athletics and Sports-of-the-Mind Teams, 9am to 9pm. Also, selling fireworks is a fun way to volunteer. The sign-up sheet is found here, [Fireworks Stand](#).



Attention golfers! **Oak Harbor Freight Lines**, our Tournament Sponsor, spearheads the RCS Golf Tournament on Saturday, **September 18th** at Washington National. Sign up today to secure a spot in the shotgun start, [Golf RCS!](#) Business owners, advertise your products or services through a variety of promotional options to reach our community. For more information about sponsorships, contact alumni parent, Joe Pratt, Joseph.C.Pratt@live.com or click [here](#).

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As the academic year closes, thank you for choosing Rainier Christian Schools. Your partnership and God's provision allowed us to maintain in-person learning for roughly 96% of the year. Last September, no one knew what to expect. Our wildly successful year and amazing staff are praiseworthy. Thank you, Lord!

Look for my next letter in early August with the latest COVID-related guidance for 2021-22 school year. May God richly bless you and your family this summer.

My best,

Bruce Kelly

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president, Rainier Christian Schools

