



Dear RCS Families,

September 2021

Hello, along with the RCS Board of Directors, administrators, teachers, and support staff, I am thrilled to see students return in a few days. September 8 is the first day of school for our K-12 program. With the facility improvements completed at each campus, great spots are ready for the first-day-of-school pictures. Plan ahead by adding a few extra minutes for drop off and pick up during the first week. Our new families have not queued up in the car line or know where to park. The rhythm and flow before and after school takes a few days to settle into an efficient routine. Please be patient. Obey posted speed limits. Lastly, hands-free calling while behind the wheel keeps drivers better focused on what is happening outside their vehicles. Please do your part to keep everyone safe.

Following the in-service training for staff, I am convinced we are ready for an amazing school year. The new hires impressed me with their engagement and commitment to our mission. For district operations, Olan Garcia, Lead Maintenance and Grounds, and Loren Button, Network Administrator, recently joined our team.



Olan and Loren, already in overdrive, are addressing the maintenance needs for each campus. Welcome aboard Olan and Loren! The new teachers receive their introductions through the campus newsletters.

Speaking of facilities, I want to thank our alumni who belong to the Boeing Donor Match program, the St. Claire Flo Foundation, and the Parent-Teacher Fellowships for making every campus improvement possible. In my August letter, the pictures for the KVE upgrades were featured. Since then, the makeovers at MVPC/MVE and RCMS/RCHS are now ready for the cameras.

Maple Valley Preschool and Childcare and Maple Valley Elementary



Principal Dave Glass, muralist, front office



Widening the the upper-campus road

Also at MVE, the K-6 classrooms shimmer with new whiteboards. The MVPC and MVE playground areas greet students with 6” of fresh wood chips for play and recess!

Rainier Christian Middle School and Rainier Christian High School






From the outside, the exterior paint scheme of the classrooms matches the front office. It is a fantastic improvement! And, thanks to the sweat equity of volunteers, the spruced-up landscaping transformed the campus. Thank you volunteers! Currently, the buildings and grounds are in the best shape since we landed at BDC. A few more projects remain, but celebrating the most productive summer in five years is in order!



The progress on the Middle School/High School gym continues. Look for additional updates and requests for help in the MS/HS newsletters. We are committed to hosting home games for basketball and volleyball this year. Let's get ready to cheer on the Mustangs!

As we start the school year, health and safety remain top priorities to keep the ministry doors open. Interestingly, our Safe Reopen Plan for 2021-22 is identical to last year's operations. The Safe-Reopen Plan, version 2.0, is featured below. Masks, or an acceptable alternative, for K-12 students and staff while indoors are currently required.

Key Points of RCS' Safe Reopen Plan v.2.0 for September 8th

-  In-person learning resumes. The remote option is discontinued.
-  A decision to vaccinate belongs to parent(s).
-  Masks or acceptable alternative are worn indoors by all (age 5 and older).
-  Daily screenings remain part RCS' multi-layered prevention strategy.
-  Masks are not required while outdoors.



An Explanation of the Key Points...

In-person learning: The ideal learning environment is in-person. RCS may return to an online model if necessary, but in-person learning is planned to begin the school year. Unless mandated, there is no plan to return to remote learning.

Vaccinations: A parent makes the decision whether or not to vaccinate their child. RCS encourages staff and families to get the shot(s), but does not require it.

Face Coverings Indoors: As noted earlier, face coverings remain the most divisive topic. RCS must align with the Governor's mandate for PreK-12th grade to remain open. Come September 8, unless the mandate is lifted, all staff, students (over the age of five), and visitors—regardless of vaccination status, will mask up, or wear an acceptable alternative, e.g., face shield, while indoors.

The exceptions for not wearing a mask are:

- A person who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.). Discuss the possibility of reasonable accommodations for workers who are not fully vaccinated who are unable to wear or have difficulty wearing certain types of masks because of a disability.
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

Daily Screening: The daily-screening procedure, temperature checks upon arrival, continue. Each building administrator will provide specific details for their campus in subsequent communication. Please keep students who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms—not attributable to allergies, at home.

Face Coverings Outdoors: No face coverings are required outdoors regardless of vaccination status.

When a positive test case surfaced last year, contact tracing proved to be a time-intensive and disruptive process. I expect fewer interruptions to student cohorts this year. If you have any questions about our Safe Reopen Plan, please contact me directly, bruce.kelly@rainierchristian.org or 425-255-7273.

Wow, with less than three weeks away, the Booster Club's Golf Tournament is a go for Saturday, September 18. Sixty-five golfers have signed up. Only a few spots remain. Sign up today to guarantee your spot. The proceeds supports our athletics and sports-of-the mind teams. Please join

me in thanking our platinum sponsor, [Oak Harbor Freight Lines](https://www.oakharborfreightlines.com), for securing the Washington National



Course in Auburn. The full promotional details appear below...

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JOIN US!
September 18, 2021
1:30PM Shotgun Start
Washington National Golf Course
14550 SE Husky Way
Auburn, WA 98092
For more info, contact:
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The registration form, shown at right, is hyperlinked. Click anywhere on the image to open the registration form. Washington National is a fantastic venue, and it is a fun way to support RCS athletics and sports-of-the-mind teams. For more information about sponsorships or the tournament, please contact alumni parent, Joe Pratt, Joseph.C.Pratt@live.com

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2021 Golf Tournament Registration
Register early to ensure your spot. Includes golf cart, range balls and dinner. Awards given at dinner for team scores and contests. Check-in and Putting Contest begin at noon.

Saturday, September 18, 2021
Washington National Golf Course - 14330 SE Husky Way, Auburn, WA 98002

Contact Person:
2010 Name Last Name

Email:
example@domain.com

Phone Number:
Area Code Phone Number

Registration
• Early Bird Registration (Before August 18) \$ 125.00
Number of Player:
Item subtotal: \$ 125.00
• Registration (After August 18) \$ 150.00
Number of Player:
Total: \$ 125.00

Credit Card
First Name: Last Name:
Credit Card Number: Security Code:
Expiration Month: Expiration Year:

Billing Address
Street Address:
Street Address Line 2:
City: State / Province:
Postal / Zip Code: Country:

Player One
Full Name: Email Address: Average Score:

Player Two
Full Name: Email Address: Average Score:

Player Three
Full Name: Email Address: Average Score:

Beyond the links, our grandest fundraiser of the year is the annual auction. Please mark your calendar for **October 29-November 6**. Sarah Rickel, our auction coordinator rock star, and her team, scheduled the online auction from October 29-November 5, and the Live Auction pops on Saturday, November 6. Stand by for more information. If you are interested in promoting your business or have an item to donate, please contact Sarah, sarah.rickel@rainierchristian.org



In closing, I recommend Michael Bird's book, *Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew About the Bible*. The content is designed for a lay person without formal Bible-school training. Ideally, anyone struggling with or challenged by interpreting God's Word in the 21st century, would benefit. Some of the later chapters are technical in nature, but the book is an easy read overall.

One of my takeaways reconciled the violent battles and wars described in the Old Testament against the message of God's love prominently featured in the New Testament. Each chapter aided my understanding and appreciation of God's Word. The table of contents is shown at right.

To our new and returning families, thank you for choosing Rainier Christian as a partner during a formative time of your family's life. I look forward to the opportunities to meet you over the next few months. Please know I am praying for you, and for God to be continually glorified this year. GO MUSTANGS!

My best,

Bruce Kelly



president, Rainier Christian Schools



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