



RAINIER
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Educating and Developing the Whole Person for the Glory of God



The Mustang Messenger
August 18, 2023

Principal's Pen

Hello RCS Families,

The return of students and staff next week brings excellent energy to the campus. I love it. Since arriving in 2017, I am thrilled to see four new high-school courses added for 2023-24: Intro to Construction and Automotive Trades, A.P. U.S. History, Chemistry, and Spanish III. Career and technical education classes and additional college-preparatory courses serve a wider arc of students and their [Interests and Gift Pathways](#).

The middle school features two highly-qualified teachers to join the team for English and Social Studies. Students and families will notice the positive difference immediately. Also, the middle school teacher team is launching a new support for 7th and 8th graders, Homeroom. Homeroom offers a mix of appropriate and biblical support from organizational skills to social and emotional learning resources for this age group.

As we start the year, our spiritual theme to anchor our chapel messages comes from Romans 8:29. "Be conformed to the image of his Son." I liked the image shown below that captures the idea, and as always, I want to welcome parents and grandparents to attend our chapel services on Wednesdays at 9:45 am.



I would appreciate prayer for finding the right P.E. and Health teacher for our middle and high school students. If you know of someone with interest, experience, and credentials, please have them contact me directly.

Thank you again for choosing Rainier Christian Schools!

My best,
Bruce



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What's New

Move-in Thursday, August 24, 10 am - 12 pm

Help teachers move back into their classrooms. If you would like to volunteer please complete the [WSP background form](#) and email it to brenda.vigil@rainierchristian.org by Wednesday, August 23rd. Please be sure to send a copy of your valid driver's license. Please sign up [here!](#)

Mr. Benson's Beautification Day, August 24, 12 pm - 3 pm

Help spruce up the flower beds and grounds to transform our outdoor space. Please bring gloves, rakes, and shovels. Beverages and ice cream treats will be provided. If you would like to volunteer please complete the [WSP background form](#) and email it to brenda.vigil@rainierchristian.org by Wednesday, August 23rd. Please be sure to send a copy of your valid driver's license. Please sign up [here!](#)

Mustang Day Drop In, August 29th, 9 am - 3 pm

Pick up schedules and drop off forms, and meet your teachers. High School students will receive a syllabus from each teacher which has a supply list for each class. Click here for the [Middle School Supply List](#).

[RCS Dress Code](#)

[RCMS/RCHS Regular Bell Schedule](#)

[Student Community Service Hours Form](#)

[Pre-Arranged Absence Form](#)

Forms needed for all students

- [Student Health Form](#)
- [OTC Parent Permission Form](#)
- [Permission to administer prescribed medication](#)
- [Vehicle Registration](#) form and fee for those students who drive
- [WSP background form](#) for parents/grandparents who plan on volunteering throughout the school year

Parent Volunteer Requirement

Parental involvement is extremely important in the lives of our children. RCS requires each family to volunteer 15 hours per school year. Families unable to volunteer can exchange volunteering for a

\$25/hr fee or a total of \$375 per year. Please [click here](#) to see what counts toward volunteer hours and to report your hours.

Student Volunteer Requirement

Rainier Christian Middle and High School values community service opportunities. This value flows in part from Mt. 5:16, and each student is expected to perform community service hours annually. A community service hour policy will be distributed to students by the principal of each school.

The general requirements are shown below:

7th grade: 10 total hours of community service per year

8th-12th grade: 15 total hours of community service per year Students may serve in their community, school, church, etc.

The recordkeeping forms are available in the school office or you can [click here](#) for the form.

Water-bottle filling station

The blue jug, formerly parked out in front of the office retired. The bottle-filling station features an additional water filter and reduces the trash generated by paper and plastic cups. Students should bring a refillable water bottle to school each day as we are no longer dispensing drinking cups from the office.

FACTS Family Portal

Please sign in and utilize the Family Portal to see information on upcoming events, weekly newsletters, find forms, and check grades! Also, check out the calendar with upcoming events! Click on Create a new account if you are a new family and be sure to check the box parent or student.

Family Portal: <https://www.rainierchristian.org/> Click on Parent Login, District Code: RCS-WA, enter credentials or create a new account.

Parent-Student Handbook

The parent-student handbook can be accessed through our [website](#). Please make sure you and your student have read through it as there are some changes.

Shuttle Service 2023-2024

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to submit your request for next year's shuttle service by August 25th. The

confirmation of your seats will be sent around mid-August.

Prayer Team

RCMS/RCHS is looking for those who would like to join the prayer TEAM to pray and intercede for our students, staff, and school. The prayer TEAM will meet on Wednesdays at 8 am on campus. Interested parents can email Jessica Burrows at eburrows2@msn.com



Wednesday, September 6th

First-Day Assembly Bell Schedule

High School		Middle School	
	8:00-8:50	1 st	8:00-8:50
	8:55-9:35	2 nd	9:55-9:35
Break	9:35-9:45	3 rd	9:40-10:20
	9:45-10:25	Break	10:20-10:30
	10:30-11:10	4 th	10:30-11:10
LUNCH	11:10-11:40	5 th	11:15-11:55
	11:40-12:25	LUNCH	11:55-12:25
Assembly	12:30-1:30	Assembly	12:30-1:30
	1:35-2:15	6 th	1:35-2:15
	2:20-3:00	7 th	2:20-3:00

Annual Auction

11.04.23
Save the Date

Rainier Christian Schools Annual Auction Celebrating 60 Years of Outstanding Education

Hello Middle School and High School Parents!

I am in search of one parent from each grade level to help coordinate the basket/getaway adventure for our upcoming auction. This is an easy way to get volunteer hours completed and is something that can be done 90% with electronic communication.

Please contact naome.fouts@rainierchristian.org for more details if you are interested.

Academic Eats

Parents, click on the link below to order your student's lunch choices. All orders must be in **by 8:00 a.m.** If you need to cancel your order, it must be canceled **by 8:00 a.m.** as well. You may order ahead of time, through the end of the year.

Middle School: [Academic Eats](#)

High School: [Academic Eats](#)

Or you can go to the appropriate campus on our website and order there.



MUSTANG ATHLETICS AD CORNER

RCS Golf Tournament

September 16, 2023 | 1:30p.m.

**Washington National Golf Course
14330 SE Husky Way, Auburn, WA
98092**

[Online Registration](#) [Online](#)

[Sponsorship](#)

[Download a Sponsorship Form](#)

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Registration Deadline: September 1, 2023

Dear Parents, Coaches, and Students:

I am writing to invite you to the Rainier Christian School Athletic Program's Annual Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 16th at the Washington National Golf Course.

The tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are in desperate need of players. We are asking each family to try to get 2-3 people to register for the event.

The cost for the tournament is \$130 per player or \$500 for a team of 4. This price includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, a riding cart, an individual golfer thank-you gift, dinner, and various awards and prizes.

In addition to the golf, there will also be a dinner and raffle. The dinner will be held directly after golf at the course. Spouses are invited for cocktails and dinner following the tourney for \$45 per person.

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts are preferred, no denim, and soft spikes only. All participants must be at least 16 years of age.

I know that many of you are busy, but I would be grateful if you could help us spread the word about this event. We need as many players as possible to make this a success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jasen Baskett

Additional Information

- **The tournament will be a 4-person scramble.**
- **The shotgun start is at 1:30 PM.**
- **Registration is open now and closes on September 1st.**

RCHS Volleyball

Coach: Beth Loftis

mrsbethloftis@gmail.com

Coach Beth Loftis is entering her first year at RCHS coaching Volleyball, and third year overall of coaching. Beth is a Kittitas High School graduate where she played both varsity basketball and volleyball, qualifying for the state tournament multiple seasons. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Central Washington University in 2007. Beth is a 4th-grade teacher at our Maple Valley Elementary campus. When she is not coaching Volleyball, teaching, or at church, you can find Coach Beth hiking with her son, Marcus (14), or riding horses with her husband, Clay. What she loves most about coaching is not only sharing the love of the sport and teaching the skills but watching the hidden talents, athleticism, and God's love and faithfulness shining through dedication and teamwork among her athletes.

Her favorite verse on the court is: "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Hebrews 12:11

Practice will be 4-6 pm now and throughout the season

Season: Start date Aug 21st

End date: Nov 18th

Practice time: 4:00-6:00 pm.

Practice will be every day during the week from 4:00-6:00 unless the coach communicates otherwise. There will be no practice on game days.

RCHS Soccer

Head Coach: Geoff Ellis geoff.ellis@rainierchristian.org

Assistant coach: Colton Etue rokstr10@gmail.com

Other assistant coaches:

Andrew Thomas, Dawit Yohannes, and Josh Ward.

Season: Start date Aug 21st

End date: Nov 18th

Practice starts Aug 21st:

Assistant Coach Colton Etue will run team training Monday, August 21 thru Thursday, August 24 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Training will be on the upper field at Rainier Christian School. Friday will be a day off and he will resume team training activities on Monday, August 28.

Practice during the season:

3:30-5:00 pm at Rainier Christian School

Are you interested in a Middle School Soccer Team?

If there are enough students, we would like to field an RCS co-ed Soccer Team. There is an information form to complete through this link: [I am interested in MS Soccer!](#)

The tentative season schedule for soccer and volleyball

Updated Schedules may be found at <https://rcsmustangs.com/>

Soccer

9/12 @ Auburn Adventist
9/19 vs Concordia
9/26 @Evergreen Lutheran
9/29 @ Pacific Christian
10/10 vs Crosspoint
10/24 @ Puget Sound Adventist
10/27 vs Sound Christian

Volleyball

9/12 vs Muckleshoot
9/14 @ Northwest Yeshiva
9/19 Pacific Christian
9/21 @ Pope John Paul
9/25 vs Puget Sound Adventist
9/26 @ Quilcene
9/28 @ Northwest Christian
10/3 vs Summit
10/5 @ Sound Christian
10/10 @ Auburn Adventist
10/12 vs Concordia
10/16 vs Crosspoint
10/19 @ Evergreen Luthern

Please note that fall registrations are open so [register](#) asap! Practices for Fall sports start August 21st. If any changes come about, we will inform you all asap. We truly appreciate you all!

I hope all this information is helpful. Please let Jasen and me know if you have any further questions.
Have a great summer! God bless.

-Athletic Department



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SENIOR CORNER



Seniors: Jostens will be on campus during lunch on Thursday, September 8th. Plan on spending your lunch time learning about Jostens and what they have to offer! Cap and gown order forms will be handed out at this time.



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Tdap Vaccine reminder for students entering 7th grade!

SCHEDULE TODAY

Your child is due for three recommended vaccines: Tdap, HPV, and meningococcal vaccine. These vaccines will keep them healthy and prevent serious disease.

In Washington state, children are required to get a Tdap vaccine at age 10 years of age or older to enter 7th grade.

Call your provider today to schedule a visit!

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI>
DOH Pub #348-693 August 2020



Attendance Policy

Late Arrival: Students who arrive late to school must be signed in through the school office by their parent/guardian.

Tardy: In most situations, chronic tardiness models poor form. Students who are tardy disrupt learning environments. If you are late for school, go directly to the office and request a tardy slip. Parents will be informed of excessive tardiness.

Early Dismissal: All students leaving campus during the school day must sign out

through the school office by their parent/guardian or prior approved authorized person. High school dismissal can be authorized via email/phone from the parent/guardian.

Please report absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals by 8 am!

You may email brenda.vigil@rainierchristian.org or call 253-735-1413.

Dear RCS Staff and Families,

Mrs. Benson, Aurelia, Lucius, and Petal would like to share their sincere thanks for your prayers, love, and blessings.

A meal train has been created for the beginning of the school year when life gets a little hectic.

Will you please prayerfully consider helping the family with a meal?

Meal deliveries can be coordinated directly with Mrs. Benson.

Here is the link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yklyy1>

Please continue to keep the family in your prayers as they continue to miss Mr. Benson.

Thank you very much.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

All School Events

8/24 - Classroom move-in day/Mr. Benson's Beautification Day

8/29 - Mustang Day Drop In

9/6 - First Day of School/Alternate Schedule

9/8 - Picture Day

9/16 - RCS Golf Tournament

[Rainier Christian School Calendar 2023-2024](#)



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Office Hours

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

School Hours

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Our Mission

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Our Vision

Rainier Christian Schools is to be a Ministry of Excellence that Produces
Students of Excellence, who serve God with Excellence.

