# YEAR END LETTER 2023



Hello Friends of Rainier Christian Schools,

I am thrilled to share several praiseworthy testimonies since the June 2023 newsletter. Thank you for taking a few minutes to read about the great things happening at RCS and for remembering us in prayer. Each Saturday evening marks my commitment to pray you.

# What's new for the 23-24 school year?

# **Rainier Christian High School** Four classes added to the master schedule:

- Automotive and Construction Trades
- A.P. U.S. History
- Chemistry
- Spanish III



RCHS realized enrollment growth for the first time in five years!

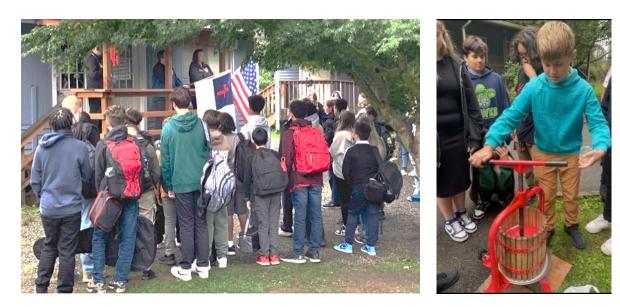
Our first offsite internship site was secured through **Corvettes of Auburn.** Two more CoA internships offered to RCHS students.





# **Rainier Christian Middle School**

- Students are supported twice a week through our new Homeroom program. The
  program bolsters student's organizational skills, leadership training, and communication
  strategies. Our middle school teachers witnessed the perpetual needs of this age group
  and creatively designed a way to make it happen.
- New PE/Health Teacher-Mrs. Chartrey brings fresh learning around healthy habits and best practices in nutrition to students. Students made and tasted real apple juice during a recent class period.



# **Kent View Elementary**

Mr. Alan Bulger was appointed principal after serving as the assistant principal last year. Mr. Bulger sons graduated from RCHS.





Thanks to Quartermaster Klug and VFW 6785, KVE"s Veterans Day Assembly brought a record number of veterans to be recongized and honored.

#### **Maple Valley Elementary**

With the departure of the principal and several staff members, MVE welcomed five new teachers and a new-to-MVE principal, me. I am thankful for the new team and a school full of very kind and amazing kids. Though MVE took a hit on enrollment, we are rebuilding with new



ideas and initiatives. The Reptile Man Assembly in November captivated students' curiosity and wonder about God's unique creatures.

#### Maple Valley Preschool & Childcare

An Early Learning Grant provided several extreme makeover upgrades to the bathrooms and toddler play area surfaces. The play surfaces, chosen with a nod to Seahawks colors, is incredibly spongy. Kids almost bounce right back up after falling down on the ground.

A very special thank you is due to Ms. Patty Edwards, MVPC Program Supervisor, for the dedicating many days to manage the mountains of ELG Grant paperwork to make it possible. The \$350K grant total transformed several areas of the campus.









# Little People Preschool and Childcare

Carol Meesuwse, Program Director, and her team continue to love on the preschool kiddos in Jesus' name. Next year, Carol celebrates 30 years with RCS. Carol, now oversees both preschool programs, and hired Elizabeth Zapata as the Program Supervisor for LPPC.

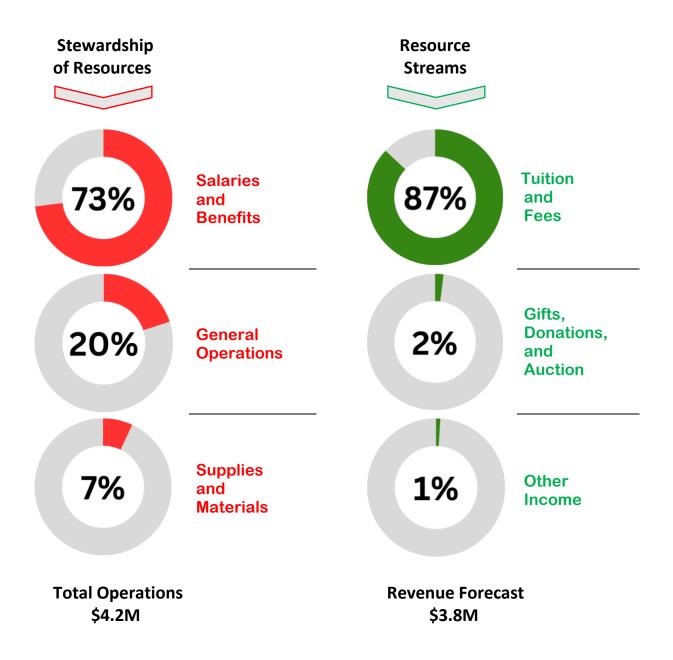


# Mission Adventure Team 2024



The team is partnering for the second year in a row with YWAM Nicoya, Costa Rica. Students must raise about 90% of their financial support and created business cards to provide services or work in exchange for donations. Thank you for considering them for your needs around the holidays and into 2024. The link to access the students' business cards is found here: <u>RCHS</u> <u>Student Business Cards</u>

# Stewardship Snapshot for 2023-24



For the 2023-24 school year, the budget was built around 370 students. While enrollment at RCHS increased, the MVE campus missed the enrollment target by 20 students. As it is a rebuilding year for MVE, your help with a year-end gift is greatly appreciated and may offset your tax liability.

Thank you for praying and considering a year-end gift to Rainier Christian Schools.Gifts can be given in cash or as non-cash assets. The following links offer an easy way to give.For cash: <u>Give Smart</u>

For non-cash assets: Rainier Christian School Fund

Thank you again for taking a few minutes to catch up on the ways RCS continues our mission to "Educate and Develop the Whole Child for the Glory of God." May the greatest news about the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ bring abundant joy and peace this season.

My best,

Bruce Kelly

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