



## ROUND ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### *Crusader Welcome*

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Dear Parents:

We would like to extend a warm Crusader welcome to you and appreciate your interest in Round Rock Christian Academy. Established in 1975, we are celebrating 40+ years of providing quality Christian education in Round Rock and the greater community, equipping our students with an excellent academic and spiritual foundation. Our desire is to partner with Christian families to help educate through discipleship, encouraging each student to develop a Christian worldview and to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are a “Christ-centered, college-preparatory school equipping and developing students to effectively integrate Biblical truth and academic learning into their daily lives to impact their community for Christ.” As a school, we want to keep God’s Word at the center of everything we do, instilling Christian character in our students, who are strong in their faith, sharing compassion and love as they serve others.

We are also committed to offering a college-preparatory program of excellence to our students. We feel it is our responsibility as Christian educators to prepare our students to be successful in their academic endeavors. Therefore, we maintain high educational standards through the accrediting process of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvancED. This dual accreditation gives our students the opportunity to be prepared and accepted to any higher learning institution of their choice.

This is an exciting time for Round Rock Christian Academy as we recently purchased the land adjacent to our current location to build a new campus. We believe that God is leading us to enhance our existing programs and to update our facilities. The School Board and Administration are prayerfully working towards this goal.

We hope that you will feel God’s leading to join the RRCA family and we look forward to partnering with your family as we “Build Future Leaders.”

Serving Him,

*Rebecca K. Blauser*

Rebecca Blauser  
Head of School



**What classes do you offer?**

We offer classes from preschool age through 12th grade. The Preschool classes include a T/TH, MWF or M-F Preschool program for three year olds and a MWF or M-F 4-5 year old PreKindergarten program.

**What are the school hours?**

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Preschool and PreKindergarten:      | 8:30 am—2:00 pm |
| Elementary (Kindergarten—5th grade) | 8:20 am—3:20 pm |
| Secondary (6th - 12th)              | 8:15 am—3:45 pm |

**What are the maximum teacher to student ratios?**

|                 |         |                |         |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| PreSchool 3's   | 1 to 8  | 1st Grade      | 1 to 20 |
| PreKindergarten | 1 to 16 | 2nd-5th Grade  | 1 to 22 |
| Kindergarten    | 1 to 18 | 6th-12th Grade | 1 to 24 |

**Is Round Rock Christian Academy an accredited school?**

Round Rock Christian is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS)/AdvancED.

**What degrees and certifications do your faculty hold?**

The faculty at RRCA are degreed, certified, and professionally prepared to provide an excellent education. Many hold advanced degrees and are also required to become ACSI certified, which requires at least 6 credit hours in Bible and a Philosophy of Christian Education course. RRCA faculty must continue to pursue professional development opportunities to ensure that they are current on best practices and educational trends.

**What are the qualifications for acceptance?**

Entrance tests are given to assist administration and parents with making an informed decision regarding academic placement at RRCA. The Development Readiness Test is given to prospective kindergarten students. For grades 1-11, the language and math sections of a standardized achievement test are given. If a student scores in the 60th percentile in these areas, he/she should be able to maintain at least a passing average in our courses. Students scoring in the 90th percentile should be able to maintain good to above average grades in our classes.

Our goal is to fill RRCA with strong Christian families. At least one parent must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and believe in Him as Lord and Savior. The student should have a strong desire to attend school at RRCA. All families will be interviewed by Administration.

**Do you have to be a specific denomination to attend RRCA?**

Students and families do not have to be of a certain Christian denomination to be accepted at RRCA. In fact, over 130 churches and many Christian denominations are represented at RRCA. We welcome families of all evangelical denominations, and RRCA families are encouraged to be active members in the church of their choice.



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### *General Information (cont.)*

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#### **How would you describe your curriculum?**

RRCA's college-preparatory curriculum is designed to encompass the intellectual, physical, and spiritual development of its students. The particulars of the curriculum of each discipline impart that God is the source of all truth and that His truth is the standard by which all knowledge is measured. We use a variety of Christian and secular textbooks to provide a challenging curriculum including Houghton Mifflin, Pearson, Prentice Hall, Saxon Math, ABEKA, Bob Jones, Purposeful Design, Positive Action for Christ, Christian Schools International, Zaner Bloser, Handwriting Without Tears and Summit Ministries.

#### **Do you only accept children who score high on the testing?**

Although we have a rigorous course of study for college-bound students, we will accept students who score below 60th percentile, with the understanding that outside support may be required (i.e. tutoring, academic therapy, speech therapy, etc.) RRCA has a limited resource program to support students with learning differences.

#### **How does RRCA keep tuition so low compared to other private schools?**

In order to keep tuition affordable, parent participation in the Annual Fund is encouraged. In recent years, the Annual Fund has provided the funds for classroom mimeo technology, school vehicles, professional development for the faculty, and scholarships. Contributions to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible and are received from parents, faculty and staff, grandparents, board members, businesses, charitable grants, and friends of RRCA.

#### **Does RRCA offer scholarships?**

RRCA offers a limited amount of tuition assistance to its families based on need. RRCA uses an online application process called FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition). The scholarship application link can be found on the school website and applications can be submitted on March 1st and must be completed by April 15 to be considered for the following school year. Scholarship funds are limited and are supported by donations to the Annual Fund. Current families have the opportunity to apply for financial assistance in January of each school year.

#### **What sports are offered in the Crusader Athletics program?**

RRCA believes competitive sports programs help students learn the value of hard work, determination, and teamwork. The Crusader Athletics program includes 5th grade sports through the Varsity level, including teams winning state championships in multiple sports. Football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball, track, soccer, swimming, tennis, and golf are offered at various grade levels.

#### **What Fine Arts programs do you offer?**

Elementary students participate in art and music classes each week, and have at least one outstanding performance a year. Secondary students have a choice of theater arts, choir, art, graphic arts, yearbook, and textiles. High school students compete in accredited fine arts competitions at the regional and state level, and have built a phenomenal reputation in the community.

#### **Can you tell me about the lunch program and snacks for younger students?**

We do have a nutritional hot lunch program provided by a contract service that meets FDA recommended standards and is available for purchase. The menu and lunch orders are available online and can be ordered on a weekly basis. Should you choose to provide a lunch or snack for your child from home, we cannot guarantee the nutritional value. As part of voluntarily complying with Texas state recommended guidelines, RRCA provides a nutritious snack to Early Childhood students each day. Older students may bring a snack to eat at a time deemed appropriate by their classroom teacher.



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# Application Process

### Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you as you begin the admissions process. We invite you to get acquainted with RRCA by visiting the campus, attending an open house, or by contacting the Admissions Office. Our goal is to bring together students who desire to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. Each student is considered for admission on an individual basis. We request that you submit the completed application and all forms included so that we have the necessary information to make an informed decision regarding a student's potential enrollment at RRCA.

### Admissions Open House

Each year RRCA hosts an Admissions Open House in January to give interested parents the opportunity to meet Becky Blauser, our Head of School, as well as the faculty and staff. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the facility, view the curriculum and learn more about RRCA.

### Visiting Campus

Parents are welcome to schedule a visit to observe classes during an ordinary school day. Appointments are required and may be scheduled by calling the Admissions Office. Students applying for grades 3rd-12th may schedule a visit to the campus and attend classes at certain times during the school year. Appointments are required and should be scheduled by calling the Admissions Office at 255-4491.

### Priority of Admission

Students who have siblings enrolled at RRCA have first priority. All other applications are prioritized by the date the application and registration fee are received by the Admissions Office. When classes are full, the student's position on the waiting list is determined by the date the Application and Registration Fee is received.

### Application Procedures

- Submit all paperwork and fees listed on the Application checklist.
- Submit current educational records, test scores, and relevant medical records (including psychiatric data) along with the application paperwork. RRCA will request official records from the student's former school. If for some reason the official records reflect a difference from the initial information provided, RRCA can withdraw the offer of student acceptance.

### Application Checklist

The following items are required before student enrollment application can be processed:

*(Bolded items can be found on the website under Admissions and completed as PDF-fillable forms)*

- Application for Admission**
- Parent Questionnaire (PK -12th)**
- Student Questionnaire (6th-12th)**
- Student/Parent Covenant (7th-12th)**
- Family photo (printed or digital)
- New Student Registration Fees
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copies of student's educational records (can be unofficial)
- Immunization Record

Additional items required:

- Teacher/Principal Recommendation Form (6th-12th)**
- Pastor/Spiritual Leader Recommendation Form (6th-12th)**
- Medical Packet (PK-12th)**
- RRCA Entrance Testing
- Parent Interview

### Next Steps—Admissions Process

- Upon receipt of all required paperwork and fees, if space is available, parents will be contacted to schedule a student testing date and parent interview.
- After the interview, if the student is accepted at RRCA, the Enrollment Contract will be given to the parents.
- To enroll a student, submit these items within three days to the Business Office:

- Registration Form
- Enrollment Contract
- Tuition Collection Policy
- Parent/Student Agreement and Acknowledgement form



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*Tuition and Fees (2017-18)*

| Program  | New Students    |                  | Annual Registration Fee (Returning students) * after 6/1 | Annual Tuition   | PLAN A 3% discount Paid by July 1 | PLAN B 10 Month Plan July-April | PLAN C 12 Month Plan July - June (Bank Draft Only) |
|--|-----------------|------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
|  | New Student Fee | Registration Fee |  |                  |                                   |                                 |  |
| <b>Preschool 3s</b> Tu & Thu<br>8:30 - 2:00 (3 by Sept. 1) | \$250.00        | \$175.00         | \$175.00<br>\$225.00*                                    | <b>\$3200.00</b> | \$3104.00                         | \$320.00                        | \$266.67   |
| <b>Preschool 3s</b> M, W, F<br>8:30 - 2:00 (3 by Sept. 1)  | \$250.00        | \$175.00         | \$175.00<br>\$225.00*                                    | <b>\$4500.00</b> | \$4365.00                         | \$450.00                        | \$375.00   |
| <b>Preschool 3s</b> Mon-Fri<br>8:30—2:00 (3 by Sept.1)     | \$350.00        | \$275.00         | \$275.00<br>\$325.00*                                    | <b>\$6600.00</b> | \$6402.00                         | \$660.00                        | \$550.00   |
| <b>PreKinder 4s</b> M, W, F<br>8:30 - 2:00 (4 by Sept. 1)  | \$250.00        | \$175.00         | \$175.00<br>\$225.00*                                    | <b>\$4500.00</b> | \$4365.00                         | \$450.00                        | \$375.00   |
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| <b>Elementary</b> (K-5th)<br>8:20 - 3:20                   | \$600.00        | \$325.00         | \$325.00<br>\$375.00*                                    | <b>\$7575.00</b> | \$7347.75                         | \$757.50                        | \$631.25   |
| <b>Secondary</b> (6th - 12th)<br>8:15 - 3:45               | \$600.00        | \$325.00         | \$325.00<br>\$375.00*                                    | <b>\$8700.00</b> | \$8439.00                         | \$870.00                        | \$725.00   |

**All Tuition and Fees are Non-Refundable**

**Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and a LATE FEE of \$35** will be charged for all tuition payments received after the 7th of each month. Report cards will be held when tuition payments are one month behind. School records will not be released when a child leaves the Academy and has not paid all charges due. All returned checks will be subject to an additional \$25 collection fee through checXchange. Only cash, money order, debit/credit card, or cashier's check will be accepted after the second returned check. **The parent handbook contains the complete financial policy and procedures of RRCA.**

**Family Discounts**

The family discount is available to families with multiple children enrolled at RRCA in a five day a week program. The discount is taken off the family's annual tuition amount (not a per student discount.)

|            |                     |
|------------|---------------------|
| 2 Children | \$500.00            |
| 3 Children | \$750.00            |
| 4 Children | \$1,250.00          |
| 5 Children | See Business Office |

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*Other Fees (2017-18)*

| Extended Care  | Time         | Age       | Rate per month |
|--|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>After Care 1</b>                                      | 2:00-3:20 pm | PS and PK | \$200.00       |
| <b>After Care 2</b>                                      | 2:00-6:00 pm | PS and PK | \$375.00       |
| <b>After Care 3</b>                                      | 3:20-6:00 pm | K — 5th   | \$275.00       |
| <b>Hang Time</b><br>(drop-in rate of \$5.00 / half hour) | 4:00-6:00 pm | 6th-12th  | \$150.00       |

| High School Athletics                                  | Fee                 |
|--|---------------------|
| Football   | \$275.00            |
| Varsity Volleyball                                     | \$225.00            |
| JV Volleyball  | \$200.00            |
| Varsity Basketball                                     | \$275.00            |
| JV Basketball  | \$175.00            |
| Baseball   | \$275.00            |
| Track  | \$225.00            |
| Cross Country  | \$225.00            |
| Golf   | \$250.00            |
| Tennis   | See Athletic Office |
| Swim   | See Athletic Office |
| Cheerleading<br>(*plus the cost of camps and uniforms) | \$250.00*           |

| Other Fees  | Fee           |
|---|---------------|
| <b>Secondary Yearbook</b>   | \$35.00       |
| <b>Elementary Yearbook</b>  | \$25.00       |
| <b>Discovery Enrichment (K-5th grade) per month</b>                   | \$85.00       |
| <b>Graduation Fee (Seniors)</b><br><i>One-time, billed in January</i> | \$175.00      |
| <b>International Student Fee</b>                                      | \$1,000.00    |
| <b>HS Forensics (Speech/Debate)</b>                                   | \$275.00      |
| <b>Chromebook Case (9th-12th)</b><br><i>One-time</i>                  | \$15.00       |
| <b>Chromebook Insurance (9th-12th)</b><br><i>Annual</i>               | \$30.00       |
| <b>Hot Lunch Program</b>  | <i>varies</i> |

| Middle School Athletics | Fee      |
|-------------------------|----------|
| JH Football (7th-8th)   | \$200.00 |
| Flag Football (5th-6th) | \$100.00 |
| Volleyball (5th-8th)    | \$125.00 |
| Basketball (5th-8th)    | \$150.00 |
| Track (7th-8th)         | \$100.00 |
| Track (5th-6th)         | \$ 25.00 |
| Soccer (5th-8th)        | \$100.00 |