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Crusader Welcome

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Dear Parents:

Let me extend a warm Crusader welcome to you and your family. We appreciate your interest in what we believe is one of the strongest and most experienced educational institutions in the community. We are entering our 40th year and since 1975, Round Rock Christian Academy has been equipping students with an excellent academic and spiritual foundation.

We are committed to offering a college-preparatory program of excellence to our students. We feel it is our responsibility as Christian educators to be spiritually mature, professionally trained, and highly motivated to prepare our students for their God-ordained destiny. 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.

As a school, we want to keep the Bible at the core of everything we do. We desire that our students choose a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition, we strive to instill in our students the heartfelt desire to serve others in their family, school, community, and in the mission field.

Our Mission Statement says it best: Round Rock Christian Academy is 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. Our goal is to develop Christian character in our students that helps them to be in the world, but not of the world.

We look forward to partnering with your family as we cultivate students' hearts and minds to become men and women of integrity to be future leaders that impact the world.

Serving Him,

Rebecca Blauser
Head of School

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General Information

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What classes do you offer?

We offer classes from preschool age through 12th grade.

What preschool classes do you offer?

Round Rock Christian Academy offers 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
PreKindergarten	1 to 16
Kindergarten	1 to 18
First Grade	1 to 20
Second through Fifth Grade	1 to 22
Secondary Classes (6th Grade & up)	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.

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, and Summit Ministries.

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

Students and families do not have to be of a certain denomination to be accepted at RRCA. In fact, over 130 churches and many 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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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. Entrance testing is not required for prekindergarten or preschool students, but we do require that all early childhood students are **potty-trained** before the first day of school.

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. Parents of all applicants will be interviewed by the Departmental Principal.

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, 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.

Do you have a hot lunch program?

We do have a nutritional hot lunch program provided by a contract service. The menu and lunch orders are available online and can be ordered on a weekly basis.

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Application Process

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Round Rock Christian Academy extends a warm welcome to you as you begin the admissions process. We invite you to get acquainted with RRCA by visiting our campus, the website (www.rrca-tx.org), attending our open house, or by contacting our admissions office. Our goal is to bring together a body of students who desire to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. Each student is considered on an individual basis. We request that you submit the completed application and all forms included so that we can have the necessary information to make an accurate 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 6th-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 Secondary Office at 716-1354.

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 testing and relevant medical records (including psychiatric data) along with the application paperwork.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Application for Admission (include family photo)
- ☐ New Student & Registration Fee
- ☐ Copy of Birth Certificate & Immunizations
- ☐ Prospective Family Questionnaire (attached)
- ☐ Church Involvement Form (attached)
- ☐ Release of Student Records (1st-12th) (attached)
- ☐ Policy Agreement & Compliance Form (attached)
- ☐ Student/Parent Covenant (7th-12th)
- ☐ Parent Questionnaire (PS -12th)
- ☐ Teacher/Principal Recommendation Form (6th-12th)
- ☐ Pastor Recommendation Form (6th-12th)
- ☐ Student Questionnaire (6th-12th)
- ☐ Copies of student's educational records
- ☐ 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, the signed contract should be submitted within three days to the Business Office.
- Upon acceptance, parents will receive another packet of health forms to complete by August 1st.

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Tuition and Fees

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Program	New Student Fees (includes Reg. Fee)	Regis. Fee (Current Families) * 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)
Preschool 3s Tu & Thu 8:30 - 2:00 (3 by Sept. 1)	\$350.00	\$150.00 \$200.00*	\$2900.00	\$2813.00	\$290.00	\$241.67
Preschool 3s M, W, F 8:30 - 2:00 (3 by Sept. 1)	\$350.00	\$150.00 \$200.00*	\$4100.00	\$3977.00	\$410.00	\$341.67
Preschool 3s Mon-Fri 8:30—2:00 (3 by Sept.1)	\$550.00	\$250.00 \$300.00*	\$6000.00	\$5820.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
PreKinder 4s M, W, F 8:30 - 2:00 (4 by Sept. 1)	\$350.00	\$150.00 \$200.00*	\$4100.00	\$3977.00	\$410.00	\$341.67
PreKinder 4s Mon-Fri 8:30 - 2:00 (4 by Sept. 1)	\$550.00	\$250.00 \$300.00*	\$6000.00	\$5820.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
Elementary (K-5th) 8:20 - 3:20	\$650.00	\$300.00 \$350.00*	\$6850.00	\$6644.50	\$685.00	\$570.83
Secondary (6th - 12th) 8:15 - 3:45	\$650.00	\$300.00 \$350.00*	\$7850.00	\$7614.50	\$785.00	\$654.17

All Tuition and Fees are Non-Refundable

A **LATE FEE OF \$30** 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. There will be a \$25 charge for returned checks. Only cash, money order, or cashier's check will be accepted after the 2nd 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

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Tuition and Fees (Continued)

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Extended Care	Time	Age	Rate per month
Morning Extended Care	7:00- 8:15 am	PK - 5th	\$ 85.00
After Care 1	2:00-3:20 pm	PS and PK	\$200.00
After Care 2	2:00-6:00 pm	PS and PK	\$375.00
After Care 3	3:20-6:00 pm	K — 5th	\$275.00
AM/PM Combo Care	7:00-8:15 am and 2:00-6:00 pm	PS and PK	\$425.00
Hang Time (drop-in rate of \$5.00 / half hour)	4:00-6:00 pm	6th-12th	\$150.00

High School Athletics	Fee
Football	\$250.00
Varsity Volleyball	\$200.00
JV Volleyball	\$175.00
Varsity Basketball	\$250.00
JV Basketball	\$175.00
Baseball	\$250.00
Track	\$200.00
Cross Country	\$200.00
Golf	\$250.00
Cheerleading (*cost varies depending on camps, uniforms)	\$250.00*

Other Fees	Fee
Secondary Yearbook	\$25.00
Elementary Yearbook	\$15.00
Discovery Inclusion (K-5th grade) <i>Cost per subject per month</i>	\$85.00
Discovery Enrichment (K-5th grade) per month	\$85.00
Graduation Fee (Seniors) <i>One-time, billed in January</i>	\$175.00
International Student Fee	\$750.00
HS Forensics (Speech/Debate)	\$250.00
Hot Lunch Program <i>(varies by grade level)</i>	

Middle School Athletics	Fee
Football	\$200.00
Flag Football (5th-8th)	\$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

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Prospective Family Questionnaire

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The questions below are designed to help parents decide if Round Rock Christian Academy is a good fit for their child and their family. Some parents desire a private school for their child; however, they do not understand the concept of a Christian education. The following questions may assist parents with this decision.

- Are you willing to cooperate in helping your child attain his highest possible level of academic achievement?
____Yes ____No
- Will you be willing to consult and cooperate with the teacher in overseeing and showing interest in your child's homework? ____Yes ____No
- Will you examine with interest his class work, praise him in areas of achievement and encourage him in areas of weakness? ____Yes ____No
- Will you faithfully support the Parent Support Team (PST) and attend meetings when possible? ____Yes ____No
- Will you attend parent/teacher conference sessions with a cooperative spirit? ____Yes ____No
- Will you support RRCA by giving generously of your time and financial resources to the Annual Fund whenever possible? ____Yes ____No
- Will you stand with and support the teacher in matters of discipline and consult with the teacher if there is a question about the reason for or method of discipline? ____Yes ____No
- Do you, as a parent feel that you are personally responsible before God for the spiritual training of your child?
____Yes ____No
- Do you believe that a knowledge of the Bible is necessary in building the kind of character you desire for your child? ____Yes ____No
- Do you want your child taught that the Bible is the infallible, inspired Word of God? ____Yes ____No
- Are you willing for your child to be exposed to a Bible-centered teaching that could bring him to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? ____Yes ____No
- Do you want your child to learn how to pray and to think of God as a vital part of his daily life?
____Yes ____No
- Are you willing to help and encourage your child while he is memorizing and reciting his Bible verse? ____Yes ____No
- Our school's financial obligations cannot be met if tuitions are not paid. Will you make sure payment is made on time each month and keep your account current? ____Yes ____No

If you have any hesitations about these questions, PLEASE make note of your uncertainty so that it can be discussed during your interview. We do not want anyone to misunderstand our approach to education.

If no openings are available at this time, would you like to be placed on a waiting list? ____Yes ____No

Please sign this form and return it to the school office with the application. The enrollment process cannot begin until this form is completed, signed, and turned in to the school office prior to your family interview.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student's Full Name

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Church Involvement

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FAMILY / CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

When children are trained by their parents and supported by their church and school, we compare it to the three cords of a rope; it is not easily broken by other influences of the world. For this reason, it is important that the families of Round Rock Christian Academy be actively involved in the church of their choice. Therefore, we are asking you to complete this form and submit it as a part of the application.

Name of Applicant: _____ Applying to Grade: _____

Father attends church: ☐ regularly ☐ occasionally ☐ seldom ☐ never

Mother attends church: ☐ regularly ☐ occasionally ☐ seldom ☐ never

Parents are church members: ☐ yes ☐ no

Student is a church member: ☐ yes ☐ no

Student's involvement in children's ministry or youth activities:

☐ regularly ☐ occasionally ☐ seldom ☐ never

Number of years your family has been involved in church: _____

_____ We currently do not have a church home.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____
 Street *City* *State* *Zip*

Church Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Head Pastor: _____

Name of Youth Pastor (if applicable): _____

Name of pastor/teacher who has the most direct influence on your child: _____

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Release of Student Records

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Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Last School Attended: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Date of Request: _____

Please forward the following via fax OR email as soon as possible:

- ☐ Withdrawal Form
- ☐ Official Transcript
- ☐ Withdrawal Grades
- ☐ Report Cards
- ☐ Discipline Records
- ☐ Medical Records (Vision, Hearing, Immunizations, etc.)
- ☐ Standardized Test Results
- ☐ Attendance Records
- ☐ Special Education Records / Testing

**Your immediate attention is appreciated
so that we may correctly place this student.**

Enrollment by a student in RRCA constitutes authority for sending district to release the education records of that student, regardless of whether parental authority has been received.
Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) 34 CFR Part 99, 99.31 (a)(2) and 99.34.

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RRCA Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15; 2 Peter 1:21)
- We believe there is only one God eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30)
- We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).
- We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (1 John 3:16-19; 5:24; Romans 3:34; 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-24; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18).

Statement of Development

God has blessed RRCA with devoted faculty and staff committed to molding students for Christ and families who give generously of their time and financial resources. It is through faithfulness and commitment to the mission of our school that we can reflect God's grace to transform communities for the glory of His kingdom. No gift to RRCA should replace your regular tithe to your church. We ask that you prayerfully consider participating.

Volunteerism: Your time is valued and we appreciate volunteer support with our Parent Support Team (PST), Apple Polishers, Watch D.O.G.S. Dads, Athletic Boosters, homeroom parents, and special event volunteers.

Annual Fund: We encourage your participation in this annual giving program which enables RRCA to provide the highest quality of education for our students. All gifts are tax-deductible. In the future a Capital Campaign may be implemented to raise funds for additional facilities.

Policy Agreement and Compliance

By signing this form below, this acknowledges that our family will abide by the policies and procedures, the Statement of Faith, applicable student covenants, and the Statement of Development. The current parent/student handbook can be found online at www.rrca-tx.org, or you may request a hard copy of the handbook from the Business Office.

Print Family Last Name

(Signed by Father/Legal Guardian)

(Date)

(Signed by Mother/Legal Guardian)

(Date)