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A Message from Head of School Dr. Duda



In the month since school released for the summer, our executive team has been busy with recruiting efforts for faculty and families as well as wrapping things up for the fiscal year. We are excited about our summer lineup of events as we welcome new students, families, employees, and board members to the Rockford Christian community. The principals and I will send back-to-school newsletters in a few short weeks with event details, updated handbooks, and schedules to help you and your children prepare for the start of the new school year in August.

For now, I pray you are enjoying your summer break at the lake, at a vacation home, or in an RV traversing across the country (my dream!). I don't know about you, but I have appreciated the slower pace that summer brings and the time to be still, reflect, and pray for the Lord's wisdom, discernment, and blessing upon Rockford Christian School and each member of our Royal Lion family.

Happy Fourth of July, RCS!

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Psalm 115:13-15

NEW SEASONS

The Rockford Christian Board of Directors celebrated the retirement of Board Chair Linden Griesbach this month. Lindy has served as a board member for over 20 years and has been a calm, stable presence during difficult seasons. Lindy and his wife Carol have had three children attend and graduate from Rockford Christian, Tim '02, Anna '05, and Mary '09. We are grateful



for Lindy's dedication and service to Rockford Christian School, and we wish him all the best. Congratulations, Lindy!

Lindy passes the gavel to incoming Board Chair Gary Love.

NEW PLANS

I am excited to announce the Rockford Christian Board of Directors approved the **2023-2026 RCS Strategic Plan** at their board meeting this month. The plan was written by a team of students, faculty, leaders, and board members after analyzing input provided by 120 community members through surveys and focus groups. The team was intentional about writing a plan that ensures RCS remains the best option for families seeking a solid, biblically based education for their children and is the preferred destination for professionals who desire to partner with us in equipping minds and nurturing hearts of future generations.

The plan will provide the board of directors, school administration, faculty, staff, and families with a framework intended to steer RCS on an increasingly upward trajectory. It will also serve as the plan that guides decision-making, policy development, and goal assessment for the coming years. The future of Rockford Christian School is bright as the school cultivates biblically minded students who serve God to their greatest potential and impact the world for Christ.

Look for updates about the strategic initiatives in future head of school newsletters.

NEW ROLES

As we prepare for the new school year, I am happy to announce that two of our current staff have moved into new roles.

Val Piasecki has been at Rockford Christian for 17 years, four of which she has worked in the Finance Department as the Accounts Payable Clerk. Mrs. Piasecki will become the Accounts Receivable Specialist, assisting families with tuition payments, discounts, and other financial items. Val will also continue to oversee our SCRIP program which allows families to earn a percentage back as a credit on their school account by purchasing gift cards through SCRIP to places they already shop such as Woodman's, Meijer, and several other participating restaurants and retailers. To learn more about SCRIP or ask questions about your student account, you can contact Mrs. Piasecki at val.piasecki@rockfordchristian.org.

Christina Nelson has been with Rockford Christian for 10 years. Throughout her time at the school, her skill and ability in graphic design and content writing shined. Christina has been pivotal in our marketing plan for a comprehensive, cohesive message and will continue to do so in her new role as an assistant to the Advancement Office. Mrs. Nelson will work closely with the Head of Advancement and Head of Recruitment to tell the story of RCS in an effort to retain and attract families, faculty, and supporters to our mission.

CONTINUED NEEDS

We are still seeking a few people to join our team for open positions. Please visit the **employment page** on our website to share openings with your network and help us find highly qualified people who are a mission-fit for our organization.

Do you wish to impact the lives of students as they discover their God-given talents and purpose?

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