

From the Desk of Dr. Jahna Duda



Dear Royal Lion Community,

Although we are just approaching February, planning for the 2024-2025 school year has been underway for several months. The Board of Directors met recently to review our analysis for projected enrollment, compensation proposals, and anticipated expenses associated with furthering the strategic plan. Using guidance from organizations committed to seeing independent schools achieve or maintain financial stability for future generations, the Board was able to approve tuition, fees, and planned initiatives for the upcoming school year.

As the primary source of funding for RC (over 80% of total revenue), tuition is a significant factor in providing an excellent Christ-centered educational experience where children thrive spiritually, excel academically, and live boldly for Jesus Christ. Revenue for the 2024-2025 school year will specifically further the following strategic initiatives:

- Over 70% of the operating budget is focused on retaining and attracting highly qualified, mission-fit faculty and staff by adjusting salaries closer to our goal of paying 70% of the local public school while simultaneously offering robust employee benefits (SP 2).
- Ensuring adequate resources are available for academic and athletic program needs (SP 3).
- Continue incremental steps toward long-term financial stability (SP 4).

The magnitude of your investment in the life of a child is not lost on me. I cannot begin to thank you enough for the ways you have partnered with us in educating over 700 children for eternity this year. With your support, students have given their life to the Lord, been baptized, and are in discipleship programs. They have received notable curricular and co-curricular honors at local, state, and national levels as well as being accepted into schools such as MIT. Students are growing as individuals and discovering their God-given identity and purpose. Their lives embody RC's core values and continue the legacy of excellent Christ-centered education provided by Rockford Christian since 1961.

Thank you, Royal Lion families, for your continued commitment to the mission of Rockford Christian. Our work is making an impact and we are thrilled to continue the partnership in equipping your child's mind and nurturing their heart to impact the world for Christ.

In His Name,
Dr. Jahna Duda

2024-25 Tuition & Fee Schedule

Continuous Enrollment Opens February 1

The continuous enrollment (or re-enrollment) process allows us to accurately measure enrollment benchmarks, a determining factor in decisions to open additional grade level sections or increase the budget for faculty, resources, and materials. We are seeing high demand in certain grade levels, and knowing whether we are reaching our benchmarks in early spring allows our team to appropriately scale programs, add qualified staff, and maintain a fiscally responsible budget.

For current RC families, continuous enrollment will begin February 1st and end on March 1st.

- On February 1st, current families will be invoiced for the registration fee through FACTS. Payment will be due March 1st, 2024 to secure your child's seat for 2024-25.
- If your family plans to return for the 2024-25 school year, please ensure your registration fee(s) are paid in full by March 1st. No further action is required once payment is received.
- If your family does not plan to return for the 2024-25 school year, log into FACTS Parent Portal, select "Will Not Enroll," and your child's seat will become available to new families.

Should you have any questions about continuous enrollment, please reach out to admissions@rockfordchristian.org.

Tuition Assistance

Rockford Christian remains dedicated to making excellent Christ-centered education accessible to families through a variety of scholarship opportunities. For more information and/or to apply for the 2024-2025 school year, please visit the **Rockford Christian Tuition Assistance** page on our website or contact the **Admissions Office**.

Families can also offset the cost of tuition by utilizing the RC SCRIP program. Local and national retailers sell gift cards to RCS at a discounted price. Family and friends can purchase those cards, in person or online, and apply the profit to any school expense, including tuition, extracurricular fees, and lunch accounts. Contact the **Finance Department** for more information.

2024-25 School Calendar

Business Office Staffing Updates

We are excited to welcome Mary Sunday to the Business Office in the role of Accounts Payable. Mary has worked in finance for over 15 years and is excited to join the team at RC. Married for over 20



years, Mary and her husband Jason have two children, Donovan '22 who attended Rockford Christian School from kindergarten and Brooke (11) who has attended RC since preschool. Through the years, Mary has been dedicated to Rockford Christian through her volunteerism and financial support of the Fine Arts Booster Club, varsity cheerleading team, and science department. She credits her husband Jason as the reason she is able to do so much for our school. She is looking forward to this new opportunity to continue to serve our Royal Lion community.

We're excited to announce we're moving forward with adding an Admissions Director to our team. With a shared strategic goal of enrollment growth, the Admissions Director will be focused on retaining and recruiting mission fit families to Rockford Christian School. Applicants are encouraged to **apply today!**

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