

Weekly Eagle News – Middle School

Greetings RCMS Family:

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year! This past week our Faculty and Staff returned to campus for In-Service training; they are ready to get the new school year off to a great start. It was a joy to see staff practice community as they attended various in-service sessions, finalized lesson preparations, and began to make their classrooms alive again. We were also pleased to welcome some wonderful new members to our faculty – this small group joins a solid group of returning teachers— You will get to meet all of them during Back-to-School-Night! Here are a few key notes:

1. **Middle School Back to School Night** will be held on Monday, August 14th. Due to our size, we are breaking up the evening into two segments. The first segment is for our incoming 7th and 8th grade students and parents which will begin at 4:00 p.m with a gathering in the Eagle's Nest on the Upper School campus. The second segment, intended for our 6th grade students and parents will begin at 6:30 p.m—this second segment will also begin in the Eagle's Nest. Attendance at this event is crucial for the successful start of the year. We will be handing out schedules, issuing textbooks, Chromebooks and also going over key information that will allow your student to have a great start to the school year. This is also a good time for students and families to meet teachers, familiarize themselves with the campus and build community.
2. As the **First Day of School** approaches on Wednesday, August 16th it will be important to notate a few items. Upon arriving between 7:30 and 7:55 a.m., students will be directed to the grass field to line up by grade with teachers who will walk them to an opening assembly. After the assembly, students will go to their 1st period classrooms. **Please remember that the first day is a minimum day and students will be released at 12:15 p.m.** Also, we will be providing all of our students with a lunch so you will not need to provide one that day.
3. **House Sorting Ceremony** Friday afternoon, August 18, all of our 6th graders and new 7th and 8th grader students will be randomly sorted into one of our five houses: Synergasia, Igesia, Epimelia, Tharros, or Efthyni. Returning 7th and 8th Graders should wear their house shirts on Friday and may bring house spirit gear (face paint, hair spray, tutus, hats, wigs, etc) and get decked out during lunch before the sorting ceremony.
4. **Family Night** will be held on Friday, August 18th beginning at 6:00 pm in Eagle Park. We hope you will plan to join us as we promote community within our schools through a free BBQ dinner, class fundraising booths, and just some great community fun. Family Night volunteers needed. This is a great opportunity to serve, work alongside people, and get some volunteer hours. Check out this [LINK](#) to see what opportunities exist! Thanks so much!
5. **Middle School Extended Care-** Extended care is available for all middle school students from 6:30-7:30 am and then again from 3:00-6:00 pm. Care is located at the Middle School Campus 3:00 – 4:30 and will move over to the Lower School Campus at 4:30. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more details and cost.

Please know that we are looking forward to working with your students this year as we challenge them to reach new heights spiritually, practice perseverance academically, and practice grace socially. We covet your prayers as we continue to strive to provide excellence in all that we do at Redlands Christian Middle School. One last thought,

I've often wondered if Soy Milk is just regular milk introducing itself in Spanish.

Well anyways,

Upcoming Dates to Know:

August 14 Back to Middle School Orientation (see details above)

August 16 First day of school (12:15 Dismissal)

August 21--6th Grade Catalina Trip Parent Meeting (6:30 pm) in the NEST

Thanks for reading to the end and make it a great week,

Jim Bennett
MS Principal