

Weekly Eagle News – Head of Schools

My Favorite Parents:

We have entered “retreat season” – that time of the year when we do an upper school retreat, a 7th and 8th grade retreat and a 6th grade science camp. I remember when I first came and my predecessor, Mr. Cole, who started at the same time as me, would only commit to coming to RCS if the school would determine to having a high school retreat. A board member stepped up that first year to make a gift to cover the significant cost. To be honest, I was somewhat skeptical of the value.

But then I went through my first retreat. It was almost magical. God’s Spirit does a powerful work in the context of three days and two nights at a mountain camp. Getting away from regular life. Phones that lack signal. Conversations. Opportunities for teachers and students to connect in a different context. Powerful worship. A speaker who challenges students while also being able to interact with students outside of those speaking sessions.

Each year when we return from retreat there is a fundamental shift in the nature of our community as a school. We know each other more deeply. It is easier to have the kind of community that God desires. We have a platform of relationship that allows us to deal with the tough stuff that inevitably emerges.

Each retreat is different at each level of the school and is developmentally appropriate. The outcomes fit the context of the division or grade level involved. But each is important for accomplishing something that is significant and important to us as an institution.

Extras:

Special thanks to all the parents who completed the survey regarding a potential calendar change for next year. Over 80% of you were positive about the change and only 10% were against it. We anticipate releasing dates for next year’s school calendar in the next couple of weeks.

Kudos to the ACA varsity football team who have begun the season with victories in their first three games. Come out and enjoy some Eagles’ football. The next home game is against Grace Brethren on 9/22.

Enjoy your week!

Brian