

Weekly Eagle News – Middle School

Hello Middle School Community,

One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is having the opportunity to sit with new families interested in sending their child to our middle school. I was preparing for a new family interview this past week and as I was reading through the application, I came across this list of parent expectations:

- **Pray** for your child, his/her teachers, and the RCS faculty and staff.
- **Make** regular and prompt payment of tuition and fees.
- **Attend** parent-teacher conferences. We encourage both parents to attend.
- **Live** by the RCS definition of family as found in the handbook.
- **Support** school discipline of your student.
- **Register** any complaints directly with the teacher or administration utilizing the Matthew 18 principle. Do not discuss problems or complaints with other parents.
- **Read** all communications carefully. Be prompt in returning those requiring a response. Attend school events and volunteer as you are able. We need volunteers to help make this school thrive. This promotes the sense that your student is part of a larger community, builds school spirit, and encourages excitement about the opportunities that lie ahead for them as an RCS student.

As a longtime RCS parent, these were a great reminder to me! I reflected on each one and considered whether I am living up to them as an RCS parent, and I would encourage you to do likewise. While no one can live up to these expectations perfectly (not even the middle school principal!), we do expect parents to do their best to support their students and the mission of RCS. In fact, just by reading this Weekly Eagle, you are already one step closer to meeting our parent expectations, so thank you!

And now for a few notes, reminders, and key dates:

- Please remember that middle school students are not allowed to hang out at the upper school after 3:15 PM (Mon-Thurs) or after 1:45 PM (Fridays), even if they have a sibling on campus.
- March 4 – Washington DC Trip Meeting – 7 PM in the Eagle's Nest. All travelers MUST attend (or at least one parent of students traveling on their own).
- Fine Arts Festival: one of my favorite events of the year is approaching fast! Come support our musicians and actors on February 8 and 9. Note the early dismissal time listed below. Students that advance will perform at the Regional Fine Arts Festival in Chino on February 29.
- Mark your Calendars! Grandparents Day is coming February 15! We are excited to host grandparents and grand-"friends" from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM where they can enjoy chapel, band, and choir performances, and interactive classroom experiences. Follow this [LINK](#) for more details.
- Upcoming Special Dismissal Times
 - Friday, February 9 – NOON Dismissal (middle school campus only) for Local Fine Arts Festival which runs from 1:00-5:00 PM on our campus.
 - Thursday, February 15 – NOON Dismissal for Grandparents Day (middle school campus only); 5th Grade Middle School Experience 1-2:45pm on our campus.
- Presidents Day – February 19: NO SCHOOL
- Cornerstone Gala – March 2
- 8th Grade Washington DC Trip – March 16-23
- Spring Break – March 22 – April 1 (Easter Monday)

Have a fantastic week,

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