

Weekly Eagle News – Head of Schools

My Favorite Parents:

Sometimes it can be a challenge to think about paying for K-12 education and worrying about what will happen when your student graduates. Here are six ways you can leverage your time here to save money on college:

- AP courses – Advanced Placement classes give your upper school student the opportunity to graduate with AP credits that many colleges will accept for college credit. We offer 11 AP courses which could translate to 33 credits for college.
- Dual credit – Redlands Christian has a dual credit relationship with an accredited college which gives your upper school student the opportunity to take high school courses and earn college credits for a nominal fee. You could earn as much as a semester's worth of college credit this way.
- Partnership relationships – We have partnership relationships established with Grand Canyon University, Azusa Pacific University and Life Pacific University, all of which have built in scholarships that are automatically given for graduating from our upper school, regardless of need.
- Concurrent enrollment – Occasionally we have a student take community college courses while being enrolled at the upper school. This is a great way to get college credits, perhaps in an area of particular interest, while still being a high school student, often taking advantage of the early dismissal option.
- CLEP Exams – This independent study option gives students the chance to study on their own and take a test that gives them college level credit.
- Online courses that offer dual credit are available through our partner online school relationship. This can allow a student to do a summer class (or during the year) and get both high school and college credit for the course.

I share this because it can make our upper school pay for itself. My daughter graduated from college a year early, saving us \$40,000 in college tuition, making the tuition we paid here all the more worth it. We routinely have graduates who are saving a semester's worth of tuition simply through what they were able to do in high school.

These 2024-25 school year calendars have been updated (*also available on the website under Parents>Resources>specific school division*):

[2024-25 Preschool Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Lower School Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Middle School Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Upper School Calendar](#)

The spring Parent Society Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th at 7 pm in the lower school gym. We will film the event like we did in the fall and make that available later that week, in case you are not able to make it. Our newly hired lower school principal, who will start next fall, will be at the meeting. Come out and meet Chris Winters and welcome him to our Redlands Christian Schools' community.

Congratulations are in order for the Upper School Bands which participated in the BIOLA Instrumental

Music Festival last Friday. The US Wind Ensemble received an "Exceptional" and the US Jazz Band took home a "Superior" for their performances. Additionally at the Upper School, 13 students were selected to perform in the Azusa Pacific Honor Band and nine students were selected to participate in the CBU Honor Band. There was also much success at the middle school. The 7/8 Concert Band received a "Superior" at their performance at the CSI Regional Fine Arts Festival! "

Kudos to Abigail Cherian (10th grade) who was recently awarded the Yale Science and Engineering Association award for the most outstanding exhibit in science, technology, engineering, and math at the recent SIMSEF event. Her project was entitled *Using Python to Generate Multivariate Physiological Responses to Stress Relaxation Intervention*.

Our Eagles Cheer Teams spent last Saturday competing in the Sharp International State Championship at Knott's Berry Farm. Our JV team walked away with a 1st place trophy in the Advanced Division and the Leadership and Overall Team Spirit Award. Our JV Stunt Team, made up of all freshmen, received 2nd place and freshman Noelle Fernandez received 3rd place in the freshman tumbling competition.

Our Varsity cheer team won 1st place for their team routine in the Advanced Large Team Tumbling Division and 3rd place out of all the High Schools competing including the co-ed teams! Our Senior Stunt team brought home 2nd place for their stunt routine and the Sophomore Stunt team brought home 1st place! Senior, Michaela Yost, Sophomore, Rhys Haycock, and Freshman, Charli Byrd all brought home 1st place in the tumbling competition!

Have a great week.

Brian