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Dear RCS Family,

January 2018

Welcome back from Christmas break. A heartfelt thank you is due to the staff, students, parents, administrators, and board members for supporting our five Christmas programs. Our programs trumpeted the good news of God's gift and promise of His Son. The music, singing, and choreography wonderfully ushered in the season's proclamation of Immanuel.

God with us. Consider John 15:7. *"If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."* While I grow in understanding of abiding in Christ and his words abiding in me, I continue to pray—ask whatever you wish, followed by a promise of answered prayer. Perhaps the implication of abiding means our will harmonizes with the Divine will to a point where we cannot ask contrary to God's purposes. While I often ask people to pray, John 15:7 may advance the idea I ask others to abide.

In my weekly visits to classrooms, I see teachers develop the ideas of abiding in multiple ways. They integrate prayer, God's word, and a biblical worldview throughout our core academic and elective classes. The difference sets our educational program apart. Refreshingly, I see it spilling over into our athletic programs and extracurricular activities. Thank you parents, alumni, and donors for your support to make this reality possible.

Typically, the month of January kick starts our recruiting and enrollment efforts. I ask that you abide and pray for our outreach activities on January 11, 22, and February 8. Our enrollment matters campaign now stretches across the calendar and contains 12 separate initiatives. Please see the updates below. I am very pleased with the progress.

Lastly, the new American tax bill became law effective January 1, 2018. The change favorably impacts K-12 private school tuition under 529 accounts. Previously, 529 accounts exclusively addressed college education expenses. The new tax law now applies to K-12 private school tuition.

Happy New Year!

My best,

Bruce Kelly

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	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Updates</b>
1	<b>Parcel Sale</b>	The Board approved contracting with Ronald Dawes, State of Washington, Certified General Appraiser, and State of Washington DOR Accredited Appraiser, to address the first condition surrounding abrogation. The intended use of the appraisal report is for abrogation of the Declaration of Covenant for the 35 acre parcel. Mr. Dawes estimates the appraisal report to be completed by mid February.
2	<b>Master Plan Development</b>	The priority focus is on relocating the high school. The Board continues its commitment to the multipurpose gymnasium at the Kent View campus, and exploring the reality of a permanent home for the high school
3	<b>High School Relocation</b>	December hummed with activity, coordination of mutual board meetings, discussion of lease payments, and synchronizing a communication plan. Expect an official announcement by our soft deadline of Feb 28.
4	<b>Norcliffe Foundation Grant</b>	The grant is scheduled for submission August 2018. There are no new developments at this time.
5	<b>Auction Nights</b>	Auction procurement is underway. Please save the dates of April 13 and 14 to attend and support RCS.
6	<b>Website Improvement and Updates</b>	The site is now 90% complete with the fresh content, images, and navigation items. An exploration of other website options is underway to address other needs to improve communication and information for current and prospective families.
7	<b>Outreach to Christian parents with students in public schools</b>	The presentations are on track for January 11, 22, and February 8. Families and staff members can assist by distributing promotional flyers to their local congregations.
8	<b>Radio Spots</b>	Beginning in January, KCMS 105.3 FM, KCIS 630AM, KGNW 820 AM, and 1590 AM, will air 120 commercials for each of the three Science and Health Outreach events.
9	<b>55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Roll Call</b>	An announcement of the Alumni Roll Call was sent to our community via school newsletters. Ed White, current Board member, has agreed to help organize a committee to move this initiative forward.
10	<b>RCS Community Impact Day Mt. 5:16</b>	There is no movement to report on this initiative. Ideas can be forwarded to Bruce Kelly.

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<b>1 1</b>	<b>Parent, Student, Staff Climate Surveys</b>	The survey is scheduled for release mid April. The content for the climate surveys borrows heavily from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.
<b>1 2</b>	<b>Research Based Professional Development for all staff around Instruction, Assessment, and Special Needs</b>	The February 20 in-service is dedicated to Formative Assessment Tactics, Part 2, and Addressing Special Needs. We are coordinating with Patrick Mulick, Auburn School District, for the Special Needs training. Next August, the University of Washington’s Center for Educational Leadership will begin a yearlong focus to support RCS teachers and principals in the 5 Dimensions of Teaching and Learning Model. The materials and training costs are subsidized with Title II funds from the Kent and Auburn School Districts.

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