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RCS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

The students of Redwood Christian Schools returned to their campuses during the last week of August, excited to see old friends and to make new ones. As JH/SH parents filled out forms, elementary parents bought P.E. uniforms, and traffic monitors hit the parking lots! Pray for our students, faculty and administration during the 2006-07 school year.



Please join the family and friends of Redwood Christian Schools in celebration of our 37th year in ministry.

Monday, October 23rd, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd, Hayward
Dr. Ken Smitherman, President
Association of Christian Schools International

*This evening is complimentary to all guests. No children, please.
An opportunity to financially support Redwood Christian Schools
will be given during the evening.*

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2006-07 CALENDAR SPONSORS

Our thanks go to the following friends of the RCS Family who have been sponsors for our 2006-07 school calendar. Please express your gratitude when you see them, and be sure to think of them when you have a need they can fill! If you did not receive a school calendar and would like one, please call 510-889-7526 or e-mail ValerieWolf@rcs.edu.

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RCS REACHES OUT TO KATRINA VICTIMS

On August 6, twelve members of the RCS family left the comforts of home to invest their time ministering to many impacted by Hurricane Katrina. RCS Teacher and Coach Ben Warner, along with his wife, Amber, and Mr. (Coach) Mike Spade and his wife, Robin, left the Bay Area with eight of our high school students for a week to help with relief work in 95-degree, 90-percent humidity weather in Bayou la Batre, Alabama, and Biloxi, Mississippi. The students who raised their support and completed this mission trip were Gary Hatton, Ryan Lepore, David Sommers, Josiah Gutierrez, Christina Welch, Kensey Vold, Angela Blake and Lindsey Blake. This team spent their week doing various work projects in and around Bayou la Batre, including tearing down a house, removing and replacing a roof, painting the trim on a house, replacing a wall in a garage, and mowing a lawn!

Three days were spent tearing down the house that had a tree fall on it during the storm. The tree, which fell between a man and his son, destroyed the house and was still inside when the team arrived. The owner had asked the members of his church for help, but they were yet unable to assist him. The team paid to have the tree removed and demolished the house using sledge hammers and pry bars.



The final day was spent passing out groceries to families affected by the storm in Biloxi. This was easily the highlight of the trip as team members were invited into homes to interact with and shower love on those devastated. The grocery bags were filled with nonperishable food items, toiletry items and Wal-Mart gift cards. One of the groups went to a home where a lady was on the phone talking to her mother asking for money, as she could not even afford to buy toilet paper. She turned around to see the students approaching her door and saw a four-pack of toilet paper sticking out of the top of the grocery bag. She hung up immediately and invited the

students in. God's timing is incredible! Our students were a blessing to the people in the South and were challenged in so many areas of their lives! For more pictures of this missions trip, please visit www.rcs.edu.

HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of CY LEHMAN
Gus and Gale Enderlin

In Memory of SHARI SILVA
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In Memory of RUTH DA SHIELL
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright
Redwood Christian Schools

RCS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Redwood Christian Schools is to provide a Christ-centered education which is able to equip students for daily living and eternal life.

RCS EXPECTED SCHOOL-WIDE LEARNING RESULTS

ESLR I: Conforming to God's Truth
ESLR II: Renewing the Christian Mind
ESLR III: Striving for Intellectual Excellence
ESLR IV: Demonstrating Academic Growth

RCS CORE VALUES

Establish CHRISTIAN TRUTH as a guide for life.
Maintain a HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARD.
Instill PURE MORALS in the heart of the student.
Generate a SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM.
Live a DISCIPLINED LIFE.

LATEST RCS PROPERTY UPDATE



A view of the plateau on which the school will be built

The Redwood Christian Schools lawsuit in the Northern District of California against Alameda County will proceed to jury trial per the Honorable Judge Samuel Conti. Redwood Christian Schools was improperly denied the right to build a new school on land it owns. County officials sought to get the case tossed out, but Judge Conti ruled on August 30, 2006, that the case should, indeed, go to trial on 15 of Redwood Christian's constitutional and civil rights claims.

Judge Conti has set the trial to begin on February 5, 2007. "For nearly five years, Alameda County has used every trick in the book to keep us from having our day in court. Well, that day is about to come," said Kevin Seamus Hasson, founder and president of The Becket Fund. Also at stake is \$30 million in damages being claimed by Redwood Christian for lost tuition income and increased construction costs. Attorneys for The Becket Fund, a nonprofit, public interest law firm based in Washington, D.C. that protects the free public expression of all religious traditions, are arguing that Redwood Christian Schools has the right to use land it owns to build a new school based on the First Amendment of the Constitution and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA).

The Becket Fund is not working alone on our case. In the October-November Issue of News and Views we will introduce the remainder of the RCS legal team to you. We are truly blessed. Please continue to keep this entire process in your prayers. For more information on our lawsuit please visit www.rcs.edu, www.rluipa.org and www.becketfund.org.



A view of the 580 Freeway from the RCS property

Redwood Christian Schools Receives Maximum Six-Year Term of Accreditation from BOTH WASC and ACSI

During the 2005-06 school year, the entire Redwood community was involved in renewing our accreditation. This three-year process was very trying at times, as school had to be conducted "as usual." The results, even before we received the final report, were very encouraging as we evaluated every aspect of the school program and then had a four-day visit from a nine-member accreditation team representing the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).



In addition to a 600-page document that was prepared for the accreditation visit, many other documents were provided, including community surveys both within and outside the school and interviews of parents, students, staff, and others.

Accreditation is an on-going process that will be a tool to help ensure that the ministry of RCS maintains the high standards, both spiritual and academic, that we have been striving for throughout our 37 years of ministry.

While the 30-page report listed many commendations and recommendations, the visitation team recognized five major commendations:

1. The board, administration, and faculty for demonstrating accessible leadership which fosters trust, openness and acceptance in the school community.
2. The board and administration for providing funds for ongoing training, including seminars, conventions, graduate school and teacher credential programs resulting in maintaining highly qualified faculty.
3. The board, administration, and faculty for offering the Jump Start, PEACH, and Basic Ed classes which enable students with special academic needs to become successful learners.
4. The administration, faculty and staff for having a passion to make spiritual truth integrated throughout the curriculum to produce Christ-like behavior.
5. The administration and faculty for developing a sense of school family and support for each other, and their dedication to the students and the community they serve.

The visitation team's final report is posted on our Web site at www.rcs.edu.

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