



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

# LETTER

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## Superintendent's Desk



**School** has started with a bang for everyone at Rocky Bayou Christian! Our students are settling into the routine of their classes and teachers are getting used to their new pupils. We have several new faculty and were able to split up several classes that we had combined before last school year. The short summer left us with a few unfinished projects that we are just now completing.

We opened our teacher preparation week with a symposium on faculty as **The Living Curriculum**. One of our major emphases this year is on the professional development and continued education of our faculty. We know that faculty expertise and academic rigor are important to our parents. We also realize that faculty care and concern for the success of individual students

needs to be at the center of our mission.

The 2010-2011 RBCS athletic campaign has opened. This fall, our students are competing at the varsity level in Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, and for the first time in RBCS history, Swimming. Our middle school students are also competing in Basketball. Our new Athletic Director, Lisa Eaves, also plans on adding Tennis to our spring sports offerings. Check out the website, [www.rbc.org](http://www.rbc.org), for game times and locations.

Our **Parent-Teacher Fellowship** hosted its first organizational meeting and its first town hall meeting of the year. Those who attended (over 100 parents) were very helpful and provided important ideas for school and program improvement. The next town hall meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2010. PTF President Tim McIlhenny still needs volunteers for several committees.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the **Homecoming** on October 9. RBCS is growing and we want you to be a vital part of that growth.

Dr. Michael Mosley

RBCS Superintendent

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## Coming Up

10/4-10/8 -Spirit Week

10/8 -Homecoming 2pm

Parade and Pep Rally

10/9 -Homecoming Game

3 pm Destin Middle School

10/13 -PSAT testing/  
Senior Beach Pics

10/15 -Half-day/Casual day  
release begins @ 11:45 am

10/17-10/20 -FL College  
Trip

10/22 -Fall Festival  
3:30pm-6:30pm

10/29 -- Grandparent's Day  
8:30 am-12:30 pm

## Elementary News

The Elementary Department is very excited about the great start that we had this year! God has blessed us with many new families and many new faces around the campus. It is a blessing to see classrooms filling up and all of the children who have the opportunity for their lives to be changed because of our school. It is the start of a fresh new year with opportunities to impact the world for Christ. Our staff has come together and committed to providing the best possible education we can give and we are working hard to come alongside these parents in raising their children in a God honoring manner.

Our facilities have grown too, with the addition of new swing sets, tetherball courts, and refinished eating areas. The students can enjoy their lunch and recess time in a safe, fun environment.

God is truly good to us. Already we have seen lives changed as these sweet young children have begun learning about how to bend their wills to the discipline of a God-centered environment, and to turn their minds to things above.

It will be a joy to look back on this year and see just how good our God can be!



## Teacher of the Month



### Candice Montague

**My previous teaching experience:** I worked as an assistant for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and taught P.E. at Rocky Bayou.

**What I am currently teaching:** I currently teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade English and literature, 10<sup>th</sup> grade biology and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Chemistry.

**What I like best about Rocky Bayou:** I like the Christian atmosphere and the structured classrooms.

**My goal for this year:** My goal is to develop a love of God's creation in the students through studying science.

# TEAM ROCKY



## Football

10/22 vs. Cottondale (Away)  
10/29 vs. Graceville (Home)  
11/5 vs. FAMU (Away)  
11/12 vs Freeport (Home) Senior Knight

## Swimming

10/12 Meet @ Choctaw  
10/14 Meet @FWB  
10/19 County Meet  
10/29 District Meet

## Volleyball

10/7 vs. Bethlehem (Away)  
10/12 vs. Central (Home)  
10/14 vs. Walton (Away)  
10/19 vs. Bay High (Away)  
10/21 Senior Knight: Freeport (Home)

## “Together Everyone Achieves More”

Miss Lisa Eaves

Athletic Director



As leadership in the RBCS Athletic Department underwent change, so did its focus. This focus, the heart of the athletic department, is UNITY. Psalm 133 states that *it is good for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity*. As athletic director, it is my desire for our athletes to understand that being an RBCS Knight is a divine calling. This calling comes with the responsibility on the part of the athletes and coaches to pursue holiness and to diligently seek to serve God with their gifts and talents. To do less is to sacrifice the gift. We are to be salt and light in a world that desperately needs direction, to be genuinely set apart in order to make a difference for eternity. Success is the pursuit of all athletes—and rightly so. However, misguided success results in failure. Therefore, our focus must be spiritual success, which is to carry out a noble purpose to a noble end.

Psalm 133 also teaches that *unity results in material blessings*. With this year’s addition of both swimming and tennis teams, RBCS now offers nineteen varsity-level sports. This is an amazing blessing for a 1A school!

The RBCS Athletic Department looks forward to serving you and assisting you as together we train your children to become Champions for Christ.

## Athletics Schedule

# Talent Development

Talent Development is off to an exciting start this school year. With our classrooms full and several new faces, both students and teachers, we are busy learning about each other and what it means to be a part of a Christian school. This year students are changing classes for reading and math groups. This is a great way to meet each student's particular need and helps us to grow closer as a department as we spend time learning with different groups of students. We appreciate being able to use the elementary conference room for two of our smaller groups. In Talent Development 3, we are augmenting our curriculum with a class reading of [Little House on the Prairie](#), an overview of Florida History and Geography, and a study of our solar system. For our technology lesson, Mr. Wills is teaching the class how to prepare and use a budget in Microsoft Office Excel. Please pray for our students to continue to grow to know one another and in their knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## Therapy Services



### *Spotlight on Therapy Services: Did You Know?*

Test your Therapy Services knowledge. Did you know...?

- Therapy Services provides an array of services for students in grades K – 12<sup>th</sup> in **all** three educational tracks and is a resource for RBCS teachers
- Services include Speech Therapy, Teach, Discovery, Discovery Math, Rx for Reading, and Group Educational Therapy-G.E.T., FIE Basic & Standards 1 -2, testing services, accommodations validation support for students taking college entrance exams ACT/SAT/AP, and now Occupational Therapy
- Has a team of professionals who receive specialized training and continue educational development on the latest brain-based research
- Therapy Services is accredited by the National Institute for Learning Development
- The Therapy Services' Office has relocated to the Academy Office Suite
- You can contact Therapy Services by calling RBCS ext.333 or stop in and make an appointment through our secretary, Mrs. Aull

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Therapy Services Director

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# HELLO my name is



## Julia Denney

*This month we interviewed Julia Denney, student body president. Julia is quite active in school and extra-curricular activities in addition to her duties as President.*

First thought when you wake up: I didn't do any of my homework last night!

Favorite book? Duh... the Bible!

Do you have a joke you would like to share? I'm not a funny person (get it?)

Invisibility or flying: Invisibility

Who would play you in a movie about your life? Probably somebody with a fake leg.

Most embarrassing moment: Would rather not say...

Crest or Colgate: Crest

Tom or Jerry: I don't remember which one is which.

World Cup or Superbowl: Superbowl only because the commercials are funnier.

What are you looking forward to most this year? Graduating!

Do you see yourself more as a dictator or democratic leader? Definitely doing it Third World style... DICTATOR!

Movies or television: Movies

If you were a salad dressing what would you be? Ranch- white and creamy.

Favorite school uniform outfit: Oxford tucked in a khaki skirt with a light cardigan over the oxford.

Biggest pet peeve: Atheists who say "Oh my God!"

Ninjas or pirates: Pirates... wooden legs rock!

Favorite color: Purple

Biggest ambition: To do an Ironman.

What is the closest thing to you that is red? Someone else's backpack.

What would your first words be to the people of Antarctica? Do you have a brain freeze?

## Hi! I made this...

My name is Emily Kent. I am a senior and in student government. As the assistant development prefect my duties include putting together this monthly newsletter so that parents, teachers, and even alumni are informed. The *Knightly Newsletter* is a slightly more grown-up version of the *Knightly News*, a publication that students receive once a month. I hope you enjoy our first school newsletter this year.

# Discipleship News



For the past decade, we have started each year with a retreat for all Junior and Senior students. The goal of this retreat is to promote unity amongst the students and begin the year encouraging them to live their lives for Christ. The theme this year came from Acts 4:19-20 in which Peter and John, after being commanded not to speak in the name of Christ, say: *Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.* Our speaker, Youth Pastor Travis Cook (Rocky Bayou Baptist Church) taught our students to be bold in their witness for Christ no matter what the consequences.

The group stayed at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City Beach and enjoyed fellowshiping through singing, Bible study, beach and pool time, team-building games, and a canoe trip down Holmes Creek in Vernon, FL. A group of 30 students spent an afternoon removing trash along some of Panama City's beaches while another group of more than 70 students traveled to Panama City Rescue Mission and spent the day cleaning, organizing, and serving the homeless who use the shelter. The Rescue Mission, which provides meals and housing to more than 175 individuals and helps coordinate charity and job placement, was very grateful for the students' willingness to come and serve with their staff for a day.



## A Servant's Heart

**Thank you parents!** Your service, support and involvement through PTF have helped influence many changes.

Our town hall meetings provided parent input regarding the athletic and academic programs, the uniform policy, and the school calendar. Last year, PTF raised a substantial sum for the gym soundproofing effort. We also served our school through a book fair, and started the teacher evaluation committee.

Our prayers and goals for our three service committees are to perform teacher evaluations as well as improve our school campus using eager volunteers. Opportunities to volunteer during the months of September and October include:

October 9<sup>th</sup> Alumni Homecoming BBQ

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Fall Festival petting zoo

October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day Set-up & Teardown

I am very excited about this year at RBCS, and I look forward to getting to know many of you as we work together throughout the year. For those who have already signed up to join the PTF, thank you for your support and involvement. If you haven't yet signed up, don't miss the blessing! This year promises to be exciting and productive as PTF continues its focus on prayer, service, and communication.

Tim McIlhenny

PTF President

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# Technology

## Features of Info Direct

### Lunches

Locate the **Cafeteria** section on the left side of the screen, you can view the lunch schedule for the week. The **Voucher** section shows your deposits to your child's lunch account, what days they ate lunch, and the balance in their lunch account.

### Homework

For Academy and Track III students, the **Homework** section allows you to see your child's assignments. To print your child's homework for the week, use the small printer button at the top right of the screen, just under the Logout button.

### Grades

The **Grades** section allows to you to view all of your child's grades.

### Messages

You can send messages to your child's teacher or any staff member through the **Message Center**. Some teachers prefer to communicate over the phone or through email so they have requested that we turn off the Message Center feature for them.

## From the Ground Up



RBCS staff and faculty are dedicated to providing a safe and secure school for your children.

These past few months, they have uncompromisingly labored to arrange fences that enclose a significant amount of student play and lunch areas. Some of this fencing work included extending the fence height so that students could not kick balls into the roads and subsequent traffic. We have also eliminated obstructions from the playground that prevented RBCS teachers from continuously monitoring each precious student. Next, the RBCS maintenance staff removed the condemned module and the antiquated stone utility shed that were in the middle of the elementary playground. This improves playground visibility significantly. Additionally, RBCS purchased additional sod and landscaped campus grounds in critical areas to decrease the burdensome flow of water that occurs during heavy rain storms. These efforts allowed for the removal of the fences in the water hole from the center of the elementary playground. Finally, RBCS has improved outdoor lighting capability throughout the campus. Increased visibility helps ensure the campus is safe and secure during the evening hours. By putting up fences, removing non-essential buildings, slowing the flow of water in the elementary playground, and increasing visibility during the evening hours, RBCS has ensured students have a safe and secure area to play under the watchful eyes of teachers.

## Alumni Spotlight



It was in 1987 that the Hamilton family made Neville their home. They came from San Antonio where their children were in Christian school, so it was a primary family task to find Christian education for their three school age children in their new location. Three of the children were enrolled at Rocky Bayou Christian School and the two youngest as pre-schoolers remained at home.

**Troy** graduated from RBCS in 1991, and from Cedarville with a Bible and Pre-Seminary degree. He also received his MA in Intercultural Studies from Columbia International Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. He has been serving Christ in several third world countries working with NGO's involving himself in humanitarian and medical aid to those in need. Troy is currently living in London with his wife Beth and two children, Grace and Timmy.

**Tiffany** graduated from RBCS in 1994 and from Cedarville University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She and her husband Ernest are serving the Lord as missionaries in parts of the world under domination by Islam and Hinduism. They have three children, Catherine, Ben, and Anastasia. Their lives are committed to their calling of spreading the Gospel of Christ to the nations.

**Trent** graduated from RBCS in 1998, attended Cedarville University and Harvard Law School. He is serving the Lord in the United States Air Force as a JAG Officer and will soon be deployed to Afghanistan. He currently lives with his wife Erin and children Joshua, Caroline, and Annabelle in Xenia, Ohio and is stationed at Wright Paterson AFB.

**Timothy** graduated from RBCS 2001 and from Palm Beach Atlantic with a degree in International Business. After spending several years in the yachting industry, and traveling to many parts of the world sharing Christ, he is pursuing a career with BAE as a consultant in Washington DC.

**Thomas** graduated from RBCS in 2002 and from Cedarville University with a BS degree. Thomas became a missionary with Heart of the Bride Fellowship, traveling to Guinea-Bissau on the continent of Africa. Currently he is serving the Lord as Discipleship Director, teacher, and mentor at RBCS. He teaches math and science courses in the Academy.

One goal of RBCS is to set a foundation in each student's life so each can answer whatever "call" God gives them. These five Alumni are instruments in God's hand, building His Kingdom as they have answered His call.

Mrs. Katherine Grete

Alumni Relations

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