

The Royal Review

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*Royal Legacy Christian Academy
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Royalty Showcase

Our first school-wide program was a success! RLCA students did an incredible job showcasing some of the things they have learned so far at our school. Music, sign language, Spanish, and theater were all incorporated. Thanks to everyone that came to show love and support.



Read-a-thon update

Our very first school-wide fundraiser was a hit! Our students took on a challenge to read for 30 minutes daily at school and also increase their reading time at home for two and half weeks. During this time, family, friends and community members had an opportunity to show their support by giving a donation on each student's online reading page. October 15th through October 31st, our students read 9,038 minutes and raised \$2,803 for our school! Way to go, Royal Legacy! Thank you to everyone that gave a donation and shared an encouraging message to our students as they read. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 of our overall budget for this semester through a variety of other fun fundraising events and activities.

Upcoming Events

Please mark these upcoming dates on your calendar:

Thursday, December 20th 5:30 – 6:30: Come and see how Christ is shining through our students as Royal Legacy Christian Academy presents: Legacy Lights an evening of music and theater.

Saturday, February 23rd 6pm - 8pm: Our Annual Legacy Ball will be a formal, black tie event with live music, dinner, and dancing. A silent auction featuring local artists' original paintings will take place at the event as well. Early bird price for tickets is \$40 and are available from December 3rd through December 28th. Tickets are \$50 after that. Location is TBA.

Ms. Cahoe's Class Highlights



Our 3rd through 6th grade class has engaged in hands on learning with science experiments involving seeds and God's creativity in vegetation. In Social Studies, they've been on a journey through American slavery to Jim Crow laws. This difficult reality is being taught through direct instruction, and through historical fiction in books like *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor, and *Bud Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. We are excited to introduce a new class: Social and Cultural Engagement which will be taught by Dr. Robinson and Pastor Chassidi. This class will explore areas of injustice throughout the world and our community, take a deeper look at American history, and discover God's heart for people in all of these important topics. All students have been learning "The Royal Way" of respect and stewardship by addressing adults with "yes Sir/Ma'am, no Sir/Ma'am". We believe this is preparing them for success as adults and teaching them to honor elders and people in positions of authority.



Spanish Immersion Progress

Our Spanish Immersion Class is exceling with leaps and bounds! It is quite wonderful to see how far the 12 students have come since the beginning of the school year. They started out with very little to no Spanish. Monday, October 22nd was the first day the students were required to speak to their teacher using only Spanish. Monday November 19th, the students are required to speak only Spanish in their classroom to their teacher and to their peers. No English allowed! Please pray for our little language learners, as this will certainly stretch them linguistically. We are so proud of them!

Chassidi and Ms. Cahoe at CCDA Conference

Professional development and training will always be a top priority for RLCA. Early this November, our 3rd – 6th grade teacher JoDee Cahoe and co-founder Pastor Chassidi Martin had the opportunity to attend the Christian Community Development Association's national conference, "Rooted". This was a three-day event with speakers and workshops centered on social justice and diversity in education, non-profit fundraising strategies, and empowerment for the most vulnerable in our society, including children. They took a tour of Daystar Christian Academy in downtown Chicago, a school that's been open for 22 years and uses a similar donation-based approach for their school. A lot was learned!



Needs and Blessings

We want to acknowledge our wonderful volunteers that have been such a blessing to our school!

- Ms. Emily Warigi – Morning Chapel Worship
- Mrs. Nancy Dryer – Music Teacher
- Ms. Kei-che Randle – American Sign Language Teacher
- Mr. Marv Deward – Reading and math partner in 3rd – 6th grade class
- Ms. Anne Davis – Reading and math partner in 3rd – 6th grade class
- Ms. Kathy Bond – Reading and math partner in 3rd-6th grade class
- Mr. Preston Taylor – lunch and recess monitor
- Ms. Claudette – office, secondary class, lunch support

Items Needed:

- Kleenex
- Hand soap refill
- Colored pencils
- White erase markers
- Computer paper
- Healthy snacks
- Spanish children's books (Spanish only – not bilingual)
- Board games
- Outdoor recess items
- Disposable tableware
- Hand sanitizer
- Small & large garbage bags
- Sandwich ziplock baggies
- Gift cards to Sam's Club
- Paint brushes

Technology:

- High volume printer (\$3,000)
- Projectors (2 – \$600 each)
- Cromebooks (12 – \$200/each)

Volunteers Needed:

- P.E. teacher (once/week)
- Spanish-speaking volunteers
- Providing lunch once/month for our students
- Chapel volunteers (guest speakers & guest worship leaders)
- Snow removal
- Prayer warriors



From the Principal's Desk

Hello RLCA Village!

Where do I begin? There is not enough room to tell of all the amazing things happening here! Our Spanish immersion class is making tremendous strides in their language acquisition, our 3rd – 6th grade classroom has created a culture where praying and interceding for each other is simply the norm, the praise and worship during our Chapel time is visibly heartfelt and genuine, our school has become a space where both academic and spiritual growth happen and are very intentional. All I can say is, "Wow!"



I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all volunteers who come and are a part of our village. Whether you have contributed monetarily, or you have given your time and talents, we thank you. A special thanks to volunteers who come monthly to provide food for our students: Megan Hannam, Corinthian Baptist Church's Women's Ministry (Pastor M.L. Robinson), Rodney Lewis, owner of Rodney's Kitchen, Alice Rohert, and Famous Dave's provided by Rodney Anderson. All the meals have been incredible!

As a final note, I am excited for what has been, is now, and is to come. God continues to confirm and reaffirm everyone, and everything connected to RLCA. I am grateful to be along for the ride. Stay tuned!

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Empowering Families to Choose (What it REALLY means to give to RLCA)



*Pastor Chassidi Martin
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I remember in high school reading the famous poem, "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost. I always felt drawn to this poem because I, like the author felt an allure to the road less traveled. Something about the path being unkept and ignored by most travelers

made it attractive and peeked my imagination. Now today just over two months into the school year, it's much more apparent why opening a donation-based school is the road less traveled. It is a daily faith walk, trusting that as we share our story, God will move the hearts of men and women of God to give, enabling us to cover our daily operating expenses. There is another aspect of this famous poem that is worth noting. It is the premise of choice. The person standing at the fork in the road is empowered to choose for themselves which road to take. If instead of two roads in front of our proverbial traveler there were two educational

models to utilize for his/her children, what tools does this traveler have that empowers him/her to choose? The unfortunate truth is that for many, choice in education is limited to your socio-economic status and what you can afford. When you give to RLCA, another path opens for families who never had another road to choose. And ultimately, the children are equipped with a Christ-centered education with prayer throughout the day, an opportunity to become highly proficient in a second language and rigorous curriculum with small class sizes. Most importantly, just like the gospel of Jesus Christ, this school is accessible to all regardless of socio-economic status. I encourage you to partner with us in this ministry of advancing the Kingdom of God through Christ-centered education.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly or bi-monthly giver! Remember RLCA as you give your year-end donations. We are tax-deductible!

-Pastor Chassidi Martin, Co-Founder