

Dear Reid Temple Christian Academy Families,

I hope that your summer has been restful and enjoyable. I would like to thank you for allowing me to work with your scholars and create programs that will address their social-emotional, fitness and overall wellness needs. We are excited about the 2023-2024 school year! We have been working hard to create another successful year in extracurricular activities. Reid Temple Christian Academy is growing and we are expanding our teams to build on the competitive spirit we witnessed last year! We are excited to announce that we will be offering sports and activities for each season of our academic school year. This summer, I had an opportunity to meet with coaches, leadership staff and parents as it relates to our department's effectiveness and viability. I was encouraged by our parents' support and their desire to have high quality programs for our scholars. We discussed communication, budgets, coaches, teams, activities, and fundraising. This letter provides feedback from those meetings, along with changes that need to be made, to ensure our continued success and growth.

Communication: We will provide weekly information about all current and upcoming activities through our Conqueror Connect newsletter on Friday of each week. The practice and game schedules will be posted on each of our social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook). My contact information, along with all coaching staff, will be listed on each of the RTCA athletic communications to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Budget/Coaches: We conducted a budget analysis of our expenses last year to operate our athletic program. This provided vital information and assisted in our strategic plan to provide effective and efficient extracurricular activities for your scholars. Last year, we had a high interest in team sports and our intramural program. We have a limited amount of space onsite for the activities we would like to provide. Therefore, we must pay for the use of outside spaces to be competitive. This year, we will be offering more sports and activities for our scholars. Consequently, there will be an increase in the amount we are asking our families to pay to participate. Please find the list of allocated fees and the explanation of why this increase was put in place.

- Last year, the rate for each sport and activity was **\$145** to participate. This rate was charged for the practice sessions, coaches, travel, uniforms, referees, gym rental, field rental and equipment. Unfortunately, the amount paid averaged out to be \$3.00 per hour and we were often operating at a deficit. Additionally, this rate would not be enough to sustain our athletic programs.
- Our new proposed fee is **\$350** for each activity. Please note that this fee will be adjusted if there is more than one sport or activity that your scholar participates in. The fee scale is listed below:

Number of Sports	Participation Fee
1	\$350
2	\$525
3 or more	\$775

Teams/Activities: This year, we are excited about our school's growth and the high interest in sports and activities. Each activity listed below will begin with an interest form completed by the parent or guardian. The process is as follows.

1. Secure coaching (coaching contracts contingent upon the number of participants)
2. Offer sign up to all scholars
3. Count the number of participants to see if we can offer the sport/activity
4. Send correspondence to parents to collect fees if we have enough participants to move forward
5. Secure facilities and equipment needed for participation
6. Set practice and game schedules
7. Compete.

Fall Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-Ed Elementary Soccer (middle school soccer team is possible if there is interest) ➤ Girls' Volleyball (grades 5-8) ➤ Dance (Grades Pre-K4 – 8)
Winter Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Intramurals Co-Ed Basketball (grades Pre-K3 to 2nd grade) ➤ Basketball - Junior Varsity (4th to 6th grade) and Varsity (6th to 8th grade) ➤ Dance -Pre-K4 to 8th grade
Spring Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dance - Pre-K4 to 8th grade ➤ Co-Ed Flag Football (5th -8th grade) ➤ Intramurals Basketball - Pre-K4 to 2nd grade ➤ Intramurals Soccer - Pre-K4 – 2nd grade ➤ Track and field – 3rd – 8th grade ➤ Cheerleading (competitions) – 4th – 8th grade

Fundraising: This year, we will partner with our wonderful PTSA and other parents to help offset the prices associated with athletic participation, banquets, award ceremonies, cheerleading competitions, and uniforms.

Many ideas have been offered. Please see the list below and respond with your tangible solutions.

1. Car wash
2. Bake sale
3. Spirit pack sale
4. Good old fashion donation drives
5. Parent/staff vs student games

I would like to thank you for all your support and encouragement. I look forward to working with you and your scholars this year.

Sincerely,

Greg Hill
Athletic Director