



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 Youth Soccer Clinics @ 9:00 - 10:30AM; GIBC
- Oct. 7 Picture Day grades K-3; GIBC campus
Europe Presentation to grades 4-6 @1:55PM; main campus
- Oct. 8 Picture Day grades 4-11; main campus
- Oct. 11 Daytime Open House @ 8:30AM - 2:00PM; main campus
- Oct. 13 ... PSAT Testing for Sophomores & Juniors; 8:00AM; main campus
- Oct. 15 2nd grade Bear Hunt field trip @ Belvoir
Senior Portraits 8:00AM-1:00PM; main campus
- Oct. 20 Messiah College lunchtime visit for grades 10-12
Uniform Exchange @ 3:00-4:00PM; main campus
- Oct. 21 1st grade field trip to Annapolis State House & USNA
Virginia Tech lunchtime visit for grades 10-12
- Oct. 22 6th grade Gettysburg field trip
- Oct. 29 Pastors' Lunch at Baldwin Hall @ 11:30AM
History Parade for Grades 1-6 @ 1:15PM
Soccer Finale @ 3:00PM - 7:00PM; GIBC campus
- Nov. 1 SCHOOL CLOSED, Teacher In-Service Day
- Nov. 3-5, 8-9..... CTP-4 Testing; grades 6-8
- Nov. 4 "Choosing Rockbridge Academy for High School"
for 6th-8th grade parents @ 7:30PM; GIBC
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Program @ 9AM; main campus
- Nov. 15 Daytime Open House @ 8:30AM - 2:00PM; main campus

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

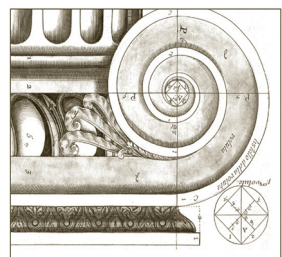
*"The Bible tells us
to love our neighbors,
and also to love
our enemies;
probably because
they are generally
the same people."*

- G. K. CHESTERTON

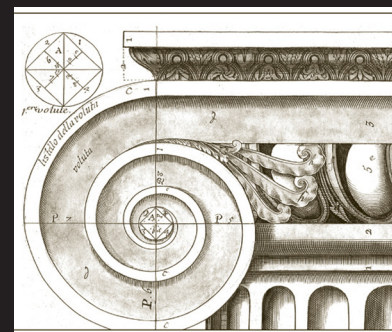
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A Newsletter for Rockbridge Academy

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WHY DO WE GIVE?

by Nate Bailey

There are many reasons why people give. Maybe it's a sense of obligation, guilt, conceit, fear, or just simply to remove a feeling of pressure. Maybe it's a sense of joy, of feeling good about ourselves when we help fund a cause we find worthwhile. I have read about many other reasons for our nation's unique culture of philanthropy. These range from Americans' respect for freedom and the ability of individuals to make a difference, to our entrepreneurial business culture that desires to apply the same "can-do spirit" and innovation to the area of philanthropy. All these are reasons people give. But why do you give?



As the Development Director of Rockbridge Academy, it is my hope and prayer that giving at this school isn't about any of those reasons. Ultimately, we should give because in doing so we become more like Jesus Christ. We give because everything we have is His anyway, and there is nothing we have that He didn't give us. We give because He first gave Himself to us. We give because we show Christ to others when we do so. Look at the exhortation in Philippians 2:1-8:

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with

the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of

others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death- even death on a cross!

So we give because Christ gave. But give what and to whom?

The "what" is easy. God gives us all time, talents, and treasure. How are you using those three gifts from God to His glory and the furtherance of His kingdom? Obviously, our ability to give in all three areas is unique to each person, so there can be no standard cookie-cutter answer. But the Biblical imperative remains: God has given us these three kinds of gifts. How are you using them in the areas God has placed you?

WHY DO WE GIVE? ... continued

The "to whom" is also pretty easy. I suppose you are waiting for me to say, "Rockbridge Academy," right? Actually, that's not my answer. If it were, it may very well be the most presumptuous answer I could give. The answer is simple: You give where the Holy Spirit is leading you to give because giving time, talents, and treasure to God's work here on earth with a joyful heart always reaps eternal benefits and fulfills the exhortation in Philippians 2:1-8. Whether that is to Rockbridge Academy or elsewhere, God will bless generosity done out of a heart that is moved by the Gospel.

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Of course, the leadership of Rockbridge Academy and I will unapologetically describe the impact of supporting the mission of this unique school with your time, talents, and treasure and urge you to prayerfully consider giving those gifts to this mission. Whether it's helping with race reading in Kindergarten, using your varied talents to support the school's athletic programs or building plans, or including Rockbridge Academy in your estate planning, we hope you believe your support to the mission of Rockbridge Academy furthers God's kingdom, glorifies Christ, and impacts the world around us for the better. After all, if our mission doesn't do these things, we all might as well pack our bags and head home.

So I exhort you to give to be more like Christ. If not to Rockbridge Academy, then give to other organizations living out the Gospel of Christ. If to Rockbridge Academy, and you want to know how best to give of your time, talents, and treasure, please don't hesitate to contact me at nbailey@rockbridge.org or at 410-562-1778. Thank you for your generosity.

ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY ANNUAL PASTORS' LUNCH IS FRIDAY, OCT. 29TH!

Please encourage your pastors to attend this opportunity to fellowship with other pastors in the area and learn more about Rockbridge Academy. They are also invited to stay afterwards for the History Parade.

To RSVP they can return the card, which they will receive with their invitation in the mail, or they can call the school office (410-923-1171).

DID YOU KNOW?

Four out of five applicants surveyed came to Rockbridge Academy on the recommendation of family and friends? Families, you are our best resource when it comes to getting the word out about our school! Please let folks know that the following opportunities are available:

Open Houses

Monday, October 11, 2010, 8:30am-2:00pm
Monday, November 15, 2010, 8:30am-2:00pm
Friday, January 7, 2011, 7:30pm
Friday, January 21, 2011 8:30am-2:00pm
and 7:00pm-9:00pm

Walk-In Wednesdays

Informational tours are offered at 10:00am every Wednesday that school is in session, beginning October 6, 2010.

You may obtain flyers with Open House and Tour information from Amy Boswell. Please consider handing these out to friends and family, or posting them at church or in your local community.

HAVE YOU FOUND US ON FACEBOOK?

We've decided to post occasionally on Facebook as a means of sharing the flavor of our school community with those who use this application. If you use Facebook, please be sure to "Like" our page and also suggest it to your friends. You may share pictures with us via the page, and tag pictures if you would like to share them with your friends and relatives. We value your interaction and input, so feel free to chime in on our page posts. You can also send your own post suggestions to socialmedia@rockbridge.org. We'd love to hear from you and love to have your friends and relatives from around the country as our fans!



Soccer Season Finale!

Everyone is welcome to join Rockbridge Academy's soccer players and their families on Friday, October 29 from 3-7pm at the Rock (GIBC) to celebrate a successful 2010 soccer season. There will be food and drink for sale at a nominal cost, men's and ladies' exhibition soccer games, prayer, fellowship, and soccer awards presentations. If you have any questions or would like to participate in the exhibition games please contact Leo Brenninkmeyer at Leo@compasslanguages.com.

A GLIMPSE OF THE IMPACT OF THE ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY ANNUAL FUND

Tuition Assistance is helping provide the opportunity of a Rockbridge Academy education to nearly 50 students. In doing so, it has preserved over \$450,000 in tuition income that would otherwise negatively affect educational programs or tuition rates. While the mathematical "return on investment" of giving to the Annual Fund is obvious, the intangible benefit is much more significant as demonstrated by the testimonial of this parent:

"God has blessed our family through Rockbridge Academy. Not only have our children learned their reading and writing, but they also have grown in character.

None of this would have been possible without tuition assistance. From year to year the Lord has used tuition assistance to provide the last portion of what we need to afford tuition. Each year is a test of our faith and the Lord has always provided enough via tuition assistance.

There have been many years when we did our budget and could not afford Rockbridge. We'd spend time praying and sometimes fasting, seeking the Lord in His provision. When the tuition assistance letter arrived, many times it would be the exact amount that we needed to balance our budget! We pray that those who can afford to donate towards this fund will see the present and eternal value of their giving and donate generously."

Please consider how you can generously contribute to this eternal benefit today. For more information on various giving opportunities, please contact Nate Bailey at nbailey@rockbridge.org or 410-562-1778.

Dear Friends and Families,

Below, we have compiled a list for parents, grandparents, and friends to easily give back to their kid's school by utilizing these Bonus Incentive Programs. Many of these programs have paid schools tens of thousands of dollars for participating, so look at the list and please designate Rockbridge where needed.

For instance, if you ever shop at Safeway or Giant, every purchase can help support the mission of Rockbridge Academy.

We ask that you take the couple minutes to register or renew your registration with these sites. (Yes, even if you registered last year, everyone needs to take the couple minutes to re-register.) So please support your kid's school every time you buy groceries by taking the time to re-enroll or register.

Cordially,
Mike McKenna
Headmaster

Safeway/EScrip and other affiliates:

Rockbridge Academy eScrip Group ID – 149190450

- Have your Safeway Club Card number available or other affiliates listed
- Note: many credit card companies give back to Rockbridge on this site as well
- Go to <https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>
- Click on "1-Sign Up." designate Rockbridge Academy
- Present your Club Card every time you shop

Giant Food:

- Have your Giant club card number available
- Go to www.giantfood.com/aplus
- Go to "designate lookup" find Rockbridge Academy on the list
- Present your Club Card every time you shop

BONUS INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Other great ways to support Rockbridge through your shopping:

Amazon:

When you use the Amazon link from the Rockbridge website, 10% of qualifying purchases go back to Rockbridge. Link: Our Amazon.com Link

Christian Books:

When you use the Christian Books link from the Rockbridge website, 12% of qualifying purchases go back to Rockbridge. Link: Our Christianbook.com Link

Whether you own a business or simply need paper for your printer....

Office Depot:

Whenever you purchase items from here, give this Rockbridge School ID # 70113157.

Target:

By using Target Visa or Target Check Card only.
· Go to www.target.com/tcoe or call 800-316-6142 & use Rockbridge Academy school ID # 114617.

UPromise:

This program can help begin saving money for your child's college education and earning money for our school. Through Upromise, parents can earn cash rewards on their everyday spending on groceries, gas, online shopping and more.
· Learn more at www.upromise.com/schools
· Fill out and return application enclosed
· Rockbridge school ID # 2354198950

Vision Forum:

Christ-centered, family-owned store filled with wonderful gifts for the whole family. When you use the Vision Forum link from the Rockbridge website, 8% of qualifying purchases go back to Rockbridge.