



2026 Society News



RIPON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

SOCIETY MEETING 2026

The Annual Society Meeting will be held on April 21st at 6:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. All Society Members are encouraged to attend.

What is the Ripon Christian Society?

Parents and legal guardians of all enrolled students are automatically members of the Ripon Christian Society. We invite all interested parties that have a heart for Ripon Christian and agree with the purpose and objectives of Ripon Christian Schools to sign up and vote to approve the budget and approve board member nominees once per year.

ADMINISTRATION & CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Administration

Eric Segaar	Superintendent
Carole Bulwalda	High School Principal
Kendra Helsley	Director of Learning & Interim Middle School Principal
Kevin Schenk	Lower School Principal
Elly Rampoldi	Preschool Director
Lori McGovern	Director of Enrollment
Kevin Tameling	Athletic Director
Bob DeRuiter	Director of Technology
Natasha Vandenberg	Director of Finance
Lynae Lucchesi	Director of Marketing & Promotions

School Board

Danny Koolhaas
Eddie Machado*
Mike Sonke
Eric Vander Plaats
Joey Vander Schaaf*
Teresa Vander Veen
Karen Van Elderen
Chris Van Groningen
Ryan Van Groningen
Ryan Winters

**indicates retiring Board Members*

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Business Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Summer

Business Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

YEARS OF *Faithful Service*

Ripon Christian Schools is a place that has become a second home to many instructors, administrators, and staff that faithfully serve RCS students year in and year out. Each year we take this opportunity to recognize the milestones of these incredible members of our school. Please join us in congratulating them and thanking them for their dedication and commitment to the mission of RCS.

5 YEARS

BETHANY BLACKMON JACOBA CHO
MELISSA BLANCO JANELLE HENDRICKS

10 YEARS

SHELLY COPLAND CARY POSZ
ERICKA HOEKSTRA STEPHANIE RODRIQUEZ

HONORING THE
MILESTONES OF RCS
FACULTY & STAFF

15 YEARS

SARA CHAPMAN

25 YEARS

CARIE MOLLOY

35 YEARS

MARK HOEKSEMA

JOIN US FOR THESE
UPCOMING EVENTS
TAKING PLACE NOW
THROUGH THE END OF
THE SCHOOL YEAR.

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 5
ALL BAND NIGHT

MAY 14
POPS CONCERT

MAY 21
8TH GRADE
CELEBRATION

MAY 21
KINDERGARTEN
CELEBRATION

MAY 22
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION



RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you for four years of service on the School Board at RCS!

Eddie Machado & Joey Vander Schaaf

THE NOMINEES

2 NOMINEES FOR THE RCS
SCHOOL BOARD



Tom Terpstra

Church: Calvary Reformed Church

Spouse: Shelby Terpstra

Children: David (3), Ruth (2)

Education: Ripon Christian High School (2007)

Westmont College - B.A. Religious Studies

MDiv - Western Theological Seminary

J.D. - McGeorge School of Law

Experience: I am an attorney with an office based in Ripon. In addition to serving as the City Attorney for Ripon, my practice also includes serving clients in the private sector as well. I advised dozens of boards, commissions, and public entities of all shapes and sizes.

Goals: My hope and prayer is that the School Board can learn from the successes of RC's rich history, praise God for his great faithfulness, and prayerfully pursue God's great plans for RC's future as we lay the groundwork for His work to be done through RC for generations to come.



Chad Van Houten

Church: Escalon Christian Reformed Church

Spouse: Joy Van Houten

Children: Lena (10), Beckett (8)

Education: Ripon Christian, Calvin University (B.S. Accounting & B.A. Economics), Golden Gate University (Master's in Taxation)

Experience: I am a partner at Grimbleby Coleman, a CPA firm, and have also served as a church deacon and elder, a board member for Priceless Treasures, and a past board chair for Community Hospice.

Goals: I look forward to serving on the board and continuing the mission of strengthening our faith-based education and guiding our children in Christ's love.

2026-2027 Proposed Budget

	<u>2024-2025</u> Approved Budget	<u>2025-2026</u> Approved Budget	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2026-2027</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Tuition/Church Support	8,868,303	9,457,395	9,961,414
Enrollment fees	72,000	96,000	96,000
Tuition Assistance	525,000	542,000	583,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	28,000	28,000	28,000
Total Revenue	9,493,303	10,123,395	10,668,414
DISBURSEMENTS			
Personnel			
Salaries and Wages	5,838,272	6,085,978	6,310,839
Health Benefits	631,048	725,706	820,047
Payroll Taxes	446,628	465,577	482,779
Pension Benefits	586,650	665,916	693,353
Workman's Compensation	72,000	75,000	80,000
Total Personnel	7,574,598	8,018,177	8,387,018
Other Expenses			
Instructional Supplies	159,590	172,500	177,500
Textbooks & Library	100,000	105,000	110,000
Business Expenses	57,000	62,000	62,000
Convention/Conferences	10,000	10,000	10,000
Copier Costs	55,000	55,000	55,000
Dues & Accreditation	17,000	15,000	15,000
Legal, Accounting & Payroll Services	39,000	42,000	42,000
Professional Development	40,000	40,000	40,000
Staff Recruitment/Relations	28,000	30,000	30,000
Promotions and Advertising	32,000	32,000	32,000
D&O / Liability Insurance	103,000	107,000	111,000
Supplies/Repair	453,000	485,000	495,000
Garbage	25,000	26,000	28,000
Gas & Oil	65,000	70,000	75,000
Transportation - Repairs/Parts/Training	78,000	83,000	83,000
Telecommunications/ Internet	4,000	5,000	5,000
Utilities	210,000	235,000	255,000
Furniture and equipment	15,000	25,000	25,000
Technology/Equipment	160,000	170,000	170,000
Debt Reduction	165,000	200,000	260,000
A/C replacement	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Other Expenses	1,915,590	2,069,500	2,180,500
Total Expenses	9,490,188	10,087,677	10,567,518
Revenue over/under Expenditures	3,115	35,718	100,896

New Tuition Rates for the 2026-2027 School Year

	1 st Student	2 nd Student	3 rd Student	4 th Student
Kindergarten	\$10,171	\$10,171	\$8,645	\$5,086
1 st -5 th Grade	\$10,732	\$10,732	\$9,122	\$5,366
6 th -8 th Grade	\$11,195	\$11,195	\$9,516	\$5,598
9 th -12 th Grade	\$12,829	\$12,829	\$10,905	\$6,415

As in previous years, the 5th student is free!

Vote today!

Vote absentee today to approve the new board members and 2026-2027 budget

Thank you for taking the time to review the proposed 2026-2027 school budget and the candidates for the RCS School Board. Board members serve on the Ripon Christian School Board for a term of 4 years.

Voting will take place at the Society Meeting on April 21. If you are unable to attend the meeting, consider voting absentee by clicking the link below or mailing in an absentee ballot.

*Absentee voting begins 4/1/2026 and ends 4/21/2026 at 5pm PST

APPROVE THE SCHOOL'S BUDGET AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS



**CLICK HERE TO
VOTE** *absentee*

2026 Absentee Ballot

If you wish to vote by mail rather than online, please print out this page, cut along the dotted lines above, and return this form to:
RCS Business Office - 435 N. Maple Avenue, Ripon CA 95366

Your Name : (First, Last) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Tom Terpstra

YES NO

Chad Van Houten

YES NO

Approve the 2026 - 2027 Budget: YES NO

Sign the outside of the envelope and mail or deliver to the Business Office by Tuesday, April 21st.

*One vote per member of the Ripon Christian Society, this form must be filled out individually, spouses please vote separately