December 2018

A Year of Blessings

As we reflect on the prior year, we are grateful for the blessings you have bestowed on us in 2018. Your continued support of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School through your resources and your prayers have allowed us to achieve many successes. You have helped us to educate 600 students from 50 countries and 18 states and to provide financial aid to over 75% of these students.
Beyond that, you have allowed us to improve our 1,400 acre campus. If you have visited recently, you saw that construction of the Richard and John Woodruff Dining Hall is well underway. The bricks are being laid and roof is in place. Click here to see construction photos.

Additionally, the inaugural True & Loyal Campaign was an outstanding success with over 100 alumni showcasing their loyalty to Rabun Gap through gifts to the annual fund, the Fund for Excellence. Each year, a True & Loyal Plaque will be displayed on the Alumni Patio at the Richard and John Woodruff Dining Hall highlighting those alumni who support Rabun Gap’s mission and operational needs. Through the Plaque, these gifts will inspire future generations of students at Rabun Gap to philanthropically support their alma mater.

Your support of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School has ensured that Rabun Gap and its students will continue to be unrivaled among competitors. Our current leadership, faculty, and students appreciate your commitment to our pursuit of excellence. None of the above would be possible without your support and involvement. We are humbled by the blessings we have received this year and excited about our future.

If you have not done so already, please consider supporting the Fund for Excellence. You may contact Meghan Wells for more information about the Fund for Excellence (mwells@rabungap.org).

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season!

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Rabun Gap leads the way in bee research

Rabun Gap science students and faculty are working hard to preserve pollinators, starting with the on-campus beehives in the heart of Wolfork Valley.

Research shows that honeybee populations are in danger, partly due to chemicals used on crops. Rabun Gap students, led by Upper School science teacher and Director of Sustainability, Mr. Woody Malot, have been a part of studying the effects of pesticides on bees and proposing solutions.

Recently, students studied the use of buckwheat as a “trap (decoy) crop” to encourage the honeybees to stay away from nearby sweet corn fields, which are sprayed with pesticides. That research was presented on Saturday, November 10 to a group of local beekeepers, farmers, and others interested in helping honeybees thrive.

Click here to read more about the project.
Alumni, we want to see you this winter!

Saturday, February 2, 2019, is senior night for our basketball teams, and we’re inviting basketball alumni Home to Rabun Gap, where they will be recognized on the court during one of the basketball games.

All alumni are invited to stop by the athletic offices for refreshments and to see classmates and faculty during all the games that day. For more information contact Dale Earnhardt at 706.746.7770.

- JV Boys vs. Veritas Christian Academy - 2 PM
- Varsity Girls vs. Veritas Christian Academy - 3:15 PM
- Varsity Boys vs. Veritas Christian Academy - 4:45 PM

Friday, February 15 is the premiere of Cirque Qaos. All alumni are invited to see this spectacular show and see your old friends and teachers! More details to come in January’s newsletter and on the website, so stay tuned!

Faiths and cultures celebrated at holiday dinners

Humanities teacher Mr. Derek Demmler, Middle School Chaplain Rev. Mary Demmler, and religious studies teacher Mr. Derek Sanders have coordinated several special dinners on campus for the
Rabun Gap community this year, with the purpose to celebrate holidays from different faith backgrounds and cultures. The tradition started last spring, and two dinners have already taken place at the Demmler home.

In November, the Demmlers invited the community to celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. Kainaat Trehan '20 and Vishal Sharma '19, both of Dehli, India, helped prepare some of their favorite dishes.

"Having the students sharing their traditions and foods and learning from one another is a beautiful act of worship and we have been honored and privileged to host these gatherings. My favorite part of the night was watching Kainaat and Vishal in the kitchen, cooking for their friends and FaceTiming their moms," shared Rev. Demmler.

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Last days to sign up for GOAL

Are you going to be paying Georgia income taxes in 2019? Why not take advantage of the GOAL education tax credit to provide a donation to Rabun Gap and then get your money back as a 100% tax credit? You have until December 31 to complete the short application form at www.goalscholarship.org.

Please don't miss out on this easy and powerful way to help our students! For additional information, please contact Eric Vogelbacher, evogelbacher@rabungap.org or (706) 746-7721.

Here is a quick overview: GOAL Video
All Saint's Day Chapel remembers alumni and friends

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School honored alumni and friends of the school who entered life eternal this year during a special All Saints' Day Chapel on Thursday, November 1. The names of those who died were read, each followed by the ringing of a bell. After the bells had been rung, Head of School Dr. Anthony Sgro gave a short sermon.

Click here to read more about All Saint's Day Chapel

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Upcoming Events

Click here to view the full calendar

Lower School Christmas Show - 12/17/2018

Upper and Middle School Christmas Show - 12/19/2018

Lower School Admission Open House & Middle School Discovery Day - 1/21/19

Alumni Basketball Event - 2/2/2019

Cirque Qaos - 2/15-16/2019

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From the Archives...
Merry Christmas! Christmas is a joyous time of year at Rabun Gap and marked with many celebrations across campus. Check out this archives photo of a Christmas performance in the chapel.

For any questions regarding our archives, please contact David Grist '67 at dgrist@rabungap.org

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Leave a Legacy

Did you know the easiest way to leave a legacy for future students at Rabun Gap is to list the School as a partial beneficiary of your IRA? This simple and thoughtful provision does not require an attorney or CPA and it enables you to transform the lives of countless students.

For more information visit rabungap.planningyourlegacy.org or contact Claire Foggin at cfoggin@rabungap.org

If you have questions about supporting Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, please visit: 
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