

WELCOME BACK

2026
2027





MARIA STRATTON
(PRINCIPAL)

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I'm so excited to step into my new role as your principal, and I can't wait to meet the incredible students and families of RAA who make this school what it is. My name is Maria Stratton, and I feel incredibly blessed to join a community that truly puts Christ at the center of everything. I'm excited to see the blessings God has for our school family this year.

As Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Growing up in the Adventist education system myself, our school's mission is deeply personal to me. I'm completely aligned with our goal "To foster academic excellence, love of learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem-solving in a diverse, Christ-centered environment, empowering students to serve and impact their communities with kindness and integrity." There's nothing quite like the energy of a new school year. I love this time of year because we get to team up with you to help your kids grow—not just academically, but spiritually and socially, too. My biggest prayer as your principal is that RAA will be a safe, uplifting space where your child excels in class, but more importantly, anchors their true identity in Christ.

Our theme this year is "Love in Action." We want to look closely at what real love looks like at home, at school, and out in our community. We're committed to helping our students see that they are deeply loved by God, and that His love shows up in the way we treat the people around us. By focusing on things like kindness, humility, forgiveness, and service, we want to help our kids reflect Jesus in both their hearts and their everyday actions. When we work to treat others the way Jesus did, it naturally builds up our community and His church.

As we get ready to open our doors, we're standing firmly on God's promises in Isaiah 66:8-11. We know He holds our campus, our families, and our students right in His hands, and His blessings will absolutely fulfill the beautiful purpose He has for us. Enjoy these last few weeks of summer, and God bless! I can't wait to see you all on August 17, 2026. Keep an eye on ParentSquare for updates along the way.

Sincerely
Maria Stratton
RAA Principal



DANIEL NAVA
MS PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BRANDON MCLAURIN
(MAINTENANCE)



UPDATES Faculty & Staff

We are pleased to announce that Heather Page will be teaching a combined 4th- and 5th-grade class. This will be a smaller class, creating an excellent opportunity for more individualized instruction, personalized support, and meaningful student engagement.

Mrs. Page will work closely with our established 4th- and 5th-grade teaching team to ensure students receive the same high-quality educational experience and opportunities as their peers and to continue the many traditions that make our upper elementary program so special, including field trips, school activities, special programs, and other enriching experiences.

We are also excited to announce Daniel Nava as our new Middle School Physical Education teacher. We look forward to the enthusiasm, leadership, and positive experiences he will bring to our middle school students through our PE program.

In addition, we are happy to welcome Brandon McLaurin to our campus as the newest member of our maintenance team. His efforts will help ensure that our school continues to provide a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for all of our students, staff, and families.

2026-2027 Theme

At Redlands Adventist Academy, we believe that love is more than a feeling or a slogan—it's something we live every day. True Christian education calls students to grow not only academically, but also spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.

Our 2026-2027 theme, Love in Action, reminds us that Jesus is the source of love, that love begins with a relationship with Him, and that His love should be reflected in the way we treat others. Our goal is to help students move beyond simply learning about love and begin living it out! In the classroom, on the playground, at home, in their friendships, and through service to others.

So, how does our theme come to life? At RAA, it becomes part of everything we do. Love in Action is intentionally woven into our curriculum, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons, and campus culture. Each month, students will explore a new character trait that provides practical opportunities to grow in Christ-like character and put their faith into action. Through every lesson, conversation, and interaction, we hope to inspire students to not only understand God's love but to share it with those around them.

*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth."
1 John 3:18*



AUGUST: Begin with Jesus / **SEPTEMBER:** Walk with Jesus / **OCTOBER:** Belonging in Action / **NOVEMBER:** Gratitude in Action / **DECEMBER:** Generosity in Action / **JANUARY:** Self Control in Action / **FEBRUARY:** Friendship in Action / **MARCH:** Courage in Action / **APRIL:** Forgiveness in Action / **MAY:** Service in Action

NEED ASSISTANCE? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, FACULTY & STAFF SUPPORT, SCHOOL VISION & IMPROVEMENT, & PARENT CONCERNS

Maria Stratton, Principal at mstratton@redlandsacademy.org

STUDENT BEHAVIOR, ATTENDANCE, DISCIPLINE, SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL), PEER CIRCLES, & COUNSELING

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ADMISSIONS, ENROLLMENT, INTENT WINDOW, EVENTS & MARKETING

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TUITION & BILLING

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SCHEDULING, ACADEMIC COUNSELING & EXCELLENCE, COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & COLLEGE READINESS

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VOLUNTEERING, VISITOR SUPPORT, PARENT COMMUNICATION, SCHOOL QUESTIONS & CALENDAR COORDINATION

Claudette Sanders at csanders@redlandsacademy.org

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, NEWSLETTERS, CONTENT COLLECTION & PEER CIRCLES

Mimi Tavoc at mtavoc@redlandsacademy.org

Please note: If you have specific questions about your child's classroom, classwork, assignments, field trips, or general day-to-day academic concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly. They are the best point of contact for classroom-related questions.

COMMUNICATION

To stay up-to-date about everything happening on and off campus, you can utilize several different communication platforms, each offering specific types of information, as outlined below:

- **ParentSquare:** This is the main communication hub for schoolwide and classroom news. You will find the weekly newsletter, important updates, urgent messages, and event reminders here.
- **Family Portal/RAA App:** Expect to find important announcements, grade reports, payment plans & the lunch ordering system here.
- **School Website:** Occasional updates, calendar & blog.
- **Social Media:** Glimpses into school events, fun stories, and photos/videos.
- **Email:** Individual departments (like the registrar) occasionally might send emails for specific, personalized matters.



Kindergarten Welcome

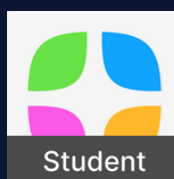
To help our youngest learners ease into the school year we are allowing a Kinder Welcome!

Kindergarten parents are welcome to walk their children to their classrooms during the first two weeks of school, August 17-28. This special opportunity allows students to become comfortable with their new routines, meet their teachers, and start the year feeling supported and confident.

CELL PHONE & PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY

As part of continued commitment to a focused study environment, students' electronic devices must remain in backpacks (or be turned in for middle schoolers) during the school day. The full policy is detailed in the school handbook, and will be included in your Registration Agreements packet as part of your 2026-2027 Checklist.

If you need to contact your student during the school day, you can do so through the school office.



Additionally, we are excited to announce that we will be adopting StudentSquare, an extension of ParentSquare, as our new communication platform for students in grades 6-12.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Bleachers

GYM

Passing Lane

DROP-OFF

M-F: 6:30am - 8:10am

Middle Entrance

REGULAR DAY// SCHEDULE

ELEMENTARY

M-TH

8:15am - Pick-up*

FRIDAY

8:15am - Pick-up*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

M-TH

8:15am - 3:15pm

FRIDAY

8:15am - 12:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL

M-TH

8:15am - 3:15pm

FRIDAY

8:15am - 12:35pm

*K-2ND GRADE

M-TH: 2:30pm
F: 11:45am

*3RD-4TH GRADE

M-TH: 2:45pm
F: 12:00pm

*5TH GRADE

M-TH: 3:00pm
F: 12:15pm



FOOD ON CAMPUS

LUNCH

Good news! The lunch program is back for the 2025-2026 school year and will again feature the online ordering system through FACTS Family Portal. Keep in mind that emergency lunches will be offered for an extra fee, and are subject to availability.

1. Log on to your Family Portal
2. Click Student > Lunch > Create Web Order
3. Follow the prompts & fill out the form
4. Click Submit Order
5. Type in payment information & submit

CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Please pre-order your student's lunch whenever possible. You can do this online as late as 9am on the day your student requires a lunch.**
- **Due to safety concerns, no food delivery services (DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc.) will be allowed before, during or after school.**



Parent Talks

As we begin planning this year's series, we'd love to hear from you. What topics would you like to learn more about? Your feedback will help us select meaningful topics and guest speakers that best meet the interests and needs of our school community.

Survey 





Student Senate

The Student Senate is a student-led group of 5th-12th grade students who meet regularly to discuss student life, campus safety, and school policy. This past year marked the very first year of Student Senate at RAA, and the impact has already been significant.

Not only did students build meaningful connections and collaborate across grade levels, but they also engaged in real decision-making that led to approved changes set to be implemented this school year. What began as a new initiative is already shaping campus life and this is only the beginning.

At its core, Student Senate exists to ensure that the student voice is heard, valued, and reflected in the daily experience of our school community. As we look ahead, we are excited to continue growing this program and the opportunities it creates for leadership and positive change.

Direct Quote from Student Senate President, Noah Lauer (2026 Senior Graduate):

"I am proud to say that the Senate and I worked hard this year to begin this process that will be looked upon for many years. It makes me excited and very proud that I was able to run and be a part of a group that actually caused a positive change in how students experience high school. I would say that in the future the Senate will have the ability to make even bigger changes and impacts on the school campus, possibly even the power to help an auditorium be built or start the discussion of possibly adding an area for a chapel to be made. Even if it isn't big changes, I fully believe that if students voice their own opinions and future Senators go to work, there is so much more that can be accomplished."



POLICY UPDATES

As we continually strive to enhance our learning environment, we have implemented several policy updates for the upcoming academic year. These adjustments are designed to foster a more effective and supportive school experience for everyone. You will find a breakdown of these changes outlined below. For further details and a complete understanding of all new policies, please refer to the Agreements and the School Handbook.

JEWELRY: 6TH-12TH

The updated guidelines allow 6th-12th grade students to wear modest jewelry while maintaining expectations related to safety, appropriateness, and the school environment. We would also like to emphasize that, as parents and guardians, you continue to have the primary authority and responsibility in deciding what your children wear and how they present themselves. We recognize that these decisions are personal and are best made within each family. Our goal is simply to provide clear school guidelines that support a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

DRESS CODE

The updated guidelines allow the addition of gray as an approved base color for school clothing. All other dress code requirements and guidelines remain the same, with the only change being the inclusion of gray as an option.

NEW START TIME

Starting this 2026-2027 school year every single day Monday- Friday school will start at 8:15 AM!

8:15

AGREEMENTS

Review the School Handbook and complete all applicable items in your 2026-2027 checklist by August 3rd, 2026.

If you have questions about your checklist please reach out to marketing@redlandsacademy.org



GETTING INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved both on and off campus! Whether you'd like to volunteer at school events, support your child's classroom, coach a team, serve as a field trip driver, or contribute as a sponsor, we would love to have you join us. At RAA, we are a community that builds together and supports one another, and that tradition continues to be at the heart of who we are.

HOW DO I GET READY TO VOLUNTEER

Going into this new year we have had a few updates to our volunteer clearance process. Please be on the lookout for a detailed email from our Volunteer Coordinator, Claudette Sanders for instructions, updates, and information on how to become cleared to be a volunteer.

Whether you've volunteered with us before or you're brand new, you'll want to reach out to her at office@redlandsacademy.org if you have any questions. Mrs. Sanders can help you check on your current paperwork status or guide you through getting everything prepared.



Welcome to The Village at RAA, where faith, family, and community come together to support our school in meaningful ways. Whether you are able to lend a hand occasionally or are looking for a deeper way to get involved, there is a place for you here!

The Village brings parents and guardians together to help create memorable experiences for our students and families, from planning events like the Fall Fair, Grandparents' Day, and Teacher Appreciation Week to supporting our staff and building a stronger school community. Through their involvement, The Village helps remind our students that they are surrounded by a community that cares for and supports them.

This past year, we were especially grateful for The Village's support in making our very first RunFest a success! We are excited to bring RunFest back next year with even more color, energy, and community spirit.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Earlier this year in May, we had the privilege of hosting our very first full Alumni Weekend, and we are excited to share that our alumni community continues to grow! This special weekend was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, celebrate our history, and strengthen the bond between RAA and our graduates.

Plans for next year's Alumni Weekend are already underway, and we can't wait to continue building on this new tradition. We are also excited to announce the launch of our new Alumni Newsletter! A dedicated communication channel to keep our alumni connected through campus updates, upcoming events, and opportunities to stay involved.

If you are a recent RAA graduate, or know a graduate who would like to be included in our alumni newsletter, please reach out to Mimi Tavoc at mtavoc@redlandsacademy.org to get connected.

STORIES FROM THE SUMMER

While campus may have been a little quieter over the summer, there was still plenty happening at RAA! From unforgettable student experiences to exciting campus improvements, here are a few highlights from the months away.

SENIORS TAKE OVER DISNEYLAND

Our seniors kicked off summer with a memorable trip to Disneyland! With sponsors H, Pono, and Hill along for the adventure, students spent the day making memories, enjoying the park, and celebrating their final summer before graduation. In true RAA fashion, they even set a new record! Pono, H and Hill completed an incredible 27 rides in one day!

RAA STUDENTS EXPLORE THE WORLD OF MEDICINE

This summer, many of our RAA high school students had the opportunity to attend the Future Doctors Program at Loma Linda University. Through hands-on activities like suturing and medical simulations, students learned directly from healthcare professionals while exploring careers in medicine.

In addition to gaining valuable medical experience, students developed leadership, compassion, and learning skills, all while building connections with peers who share a passion for making a difference. We are proud of our students for embracing this incredible opportunity and look forward to seeing how it shapes their future.

STEAM SUMMER CAMP: BUILDING, CREATING & IMAGINING

For the first time ever, RAA hosted a week-long STEAM Summer Camp right here on campus! Students had the opportunity to learn from our very own Coach Wilber as they explored engineering, problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity.

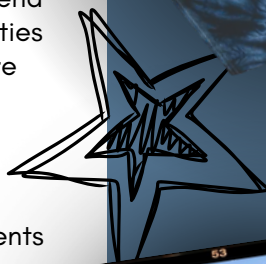
Throughout the week, students built projects, worked together, imagined new possibilities, and even launched their very own water bottle rockets! We are excited to continue growing this experience and bring STEAM Summer Camp back next year!

A NEW LOOK FOR THE QUAD

The heart of RAA is getting refreshed! This summer, work began on redesigning and improving our campus quad, a space that has served as a central gathering place and a connection point for students across all grade levels for many years.

The quad has been completely leveled and updated to create a safer, smoother, and more welcoming space for our school community. During this process, we were also able to address long-standing maintenance needs, including repairing and updating underground pipes.

While some of our larger trees had to be removed due to health and safety concerns, this creates an exciting opportunity for new landscaping and future growth. We can't wait to see how this space continues to transform!



SUPPORT RAA

If you would like to support this project and/or other campus improvements, you can make a donation online by following the QR code below. Select "Campus Improvements" under the question, "Where would you like this donation to go?"

You can also make a donation online by going to "Support RAA" → "Support RAA" button → selecting the "Campus Improvements" option.

Make A
Donation



WELCOME TO CAMPUS, PIP!

RAA has always been a place where learning happens both inside and outside the classroom—and sometimes our lessons come with feathers!

This summer, we had a very special visitor join us: Molly the duck.

Molly chose our campus as the perfect place to nest her eggs, and throughout June we had the privilege of watching her journey unfold. We set up a camera to monitor her, provided a pool and food, and protected her nesting area to give her the safest and most comfortable environment possible.

Unfortunately, a visit from a skunk disrupted the nest, leaving only one egg behind. Determined to give it a chance, we carefully moved the remaining egg into an incubator and we're happy to share that it hatched! Meet Pip, our newest (and tiniest!) member of the RAA family. Pip is healthy, incredibly vocal, unbelievably sweet, and has already stolen the hearts of everyone on campus. We are so grateful for the unexpected joy Molly and Pip brought to RAA this summer!

OUR LIBRARY JUST GOT A LITTLE BIGGER!

This summer, Mrs. Bennie has been hard at work creating an exciting new addition to our library which includes a Parent Library! Beginning this school year, parents will be able to check out books focused on parenting, child development, education, and other family-centered topics. Whether you're looking for practical parenting strategies, faith-based encouragement, or resources to support your child's growth, our new Parent Library is here to help. We can't wait for you to explore it!

EMPOWERING STUDENTS: GROWTH, LEADERSHIP & IMPACT

PEER CIRCLES: BUILDING SKILLS FOR LIFE

As Peer Circles enters its third year, we are excited to continue offering this meaningful Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program to our students. In partnership with resident psychology students from Loma Linda University, this six-week small group experience uses guided discussions, hands-on activities, and play-based therapy strategies to help students build confidence, strengthen relationships, and develop lifelong social-emotional skills.

This past year, Peer Circles was offered every quarter and served seven different grade levels, making a positive impact across our campus. One teacher shared:

"The student was really sad/having a bad day when they left my classroom, and I was worried about them. I didn't even think they would go to Peer Circles that day—but after coming back from Peer Circles, they were happy, smiling, and seemed to have a better outlook for the rest of the day!"

To learn more about Peer Circles, please contact Vice Principal Nathalie Mazo at nmazo@redlandsacademy.org.

CONTINUING THE IMPACT: STUDENT SENATE & PROJECT IMPACT

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Students interested in learning more can contact:

Student Senate: Vice Principal, Nathalie Mazo

Project IMPACT: Academic Advisor, Kathy Iwasa

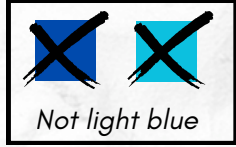
DRESS CODE



TOPS

Polos, button ups/downs, polo dresses, button up dresses in:

- Navy blue
- Light blue
- White
- Gray



OUTERWEAR

Hoodies, jackets, sweaters, cardigans, vests, blazers, trench coats, winter coats, etc.

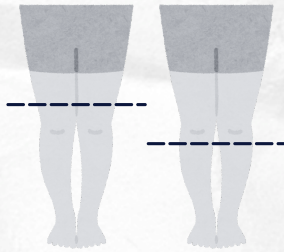
- Navy blue
- White/Cream/Khaki
- Gray
- Black



BOTTOMS

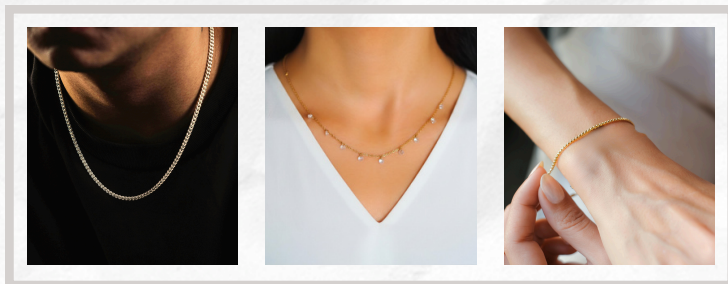
Pants, shorts, skorts & skirts.

- Navy blue
- Khaki
- Gray
- Black
- Navy blue plaid



All skirts MUST be KNEE LENGTH or longer | Shoes must be closed toed | Hats can be worn outside of the classrooms only

EVERYONE 6-12



ELEMENTARY
NO jewelry

JEWELRY

Students are allowed:

- 1 necklace
- 1 bracelet

MS Girls & High School:

- 1 pair of earrings

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Timeline

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is a prestigious organization that recognizes high school students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

AUGUST	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	END OF FEBRUARY	SPRING	LAST TWO WEEKS
Back-to-School Party	NHS Leadership Retreat	NHS Project	Christmas Party	NHS Application Period	NHS Induction Ceremony	Teachers' Appreciation Dinner	NHS Project Presentations

Back to School Night

The start of a new school year is an exciting time, and we want to help make the transition as smooth and welcoming as possible for our entire RAA community. We know families have busy schedules, so this year we are combining important back-to-school moments into one special evening!

Our Back to School Night is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with fellow families, meet teachers, explore campus, and learn important information about the year ahead. Families will have the chance to discover what to expect in their child's grade level, ask questions, and begin the year feeling informed and connected.

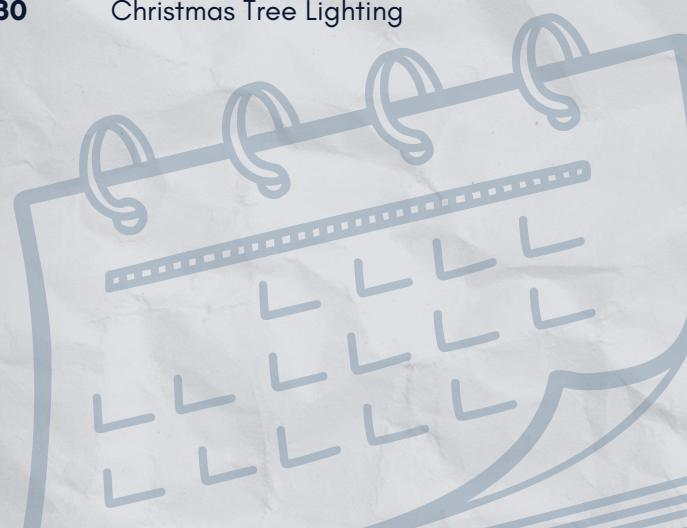
Wednesday, August 19th
6:00pm : 6-8
6:30pm : K-5 & 9-12

AGREEMENTS

Must be turned in by
August 3rd, 2026

EVENTS/TRIPS

8/17	First Day of School - Minimum Day
8/19	Back to School Night- 6:00PM
8/21	All School First Chapel
8/24	Fall Photos
8/27	Student Senate Elections
9/7	NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
9/8-11	MAP Testing
9/11	8th Grade Car Wash
9/11	7th Grade Vespers
9/13	NHS Kick-Off
9/14-18	MAP Testing
9/14	College Fair
9/18	MS/HS Beach Day
9/28	Fall Retake Photos
9/30	Minimum Day
10/2	All Class Vespers
10/5-6	SAT (Seniors)
10/5-9	Dozer's Room Open for Crafts
10/7-8	PSAT (Juniors)
10/12	NO SCHOOL- Columbus Day
10/14	1st Quarter Ends
10/17	Movie Night (The Village)
10/19	Spirit Week
10/21	Unity Day
10/22	Minimum Day
10/25-30	Washington D.C. Trip (Juniors)
10/28-30	16th Grade Outdoor Class
11/2-6	K-12 Week of Prayer
11/6	16th Grade Wax Museum
11/15	"Joust For Fun" Fall Fair
11/19	Minimum Day & ASB Fall Party
11/20	School-Wide Community Service Day
11/23-27	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break
11/29	NHS Christmas Party
11/30	Christmas Tree Lighting



Redlands Adventist Academy's ONLINE MERCH STORE

Start the year off in style by visiting RAA's Online Merch store!



PE Uniforms available for purchase on the online merch store.

