

## **MORE FAQ's:**

### **What shall I bring with me? Clothing? School supplies? Can I ship things in advance?**

Once you obtain your visa and your travel plans are set, we will be happy to store any items that you want to ship ahead of time. Send them to Rock County Christian School, 916 Bushnell St, Beloit, WI 53511.

Clothing: It will be warm when you arrive and stay that way through September. Light summer clothing, that meets the requirements of the Rock County Christian School Dress Code will be sufficient for the first two months. As the weather turns, a warm jacket, a waterproof jacket/windbreaker, sweaters, and other warmer clothing for fall and then sweaters heavy jackets are good for the winter. Winter items such as jackets, gloves, mittens, and heavy snow boots can also be purchased at nearby stores.

Most homes will have wireless Internet for students, so do bring your laptop if you have one. As far as notebooks, protractors, pens and pencils, a backpack -- it is your choice. You may purchase those items in China and bring them with you or ship them ahead of time, or your host family will take you shopping for those items here at an inexpensive store such as WalMart.

## **Financial Questions:**

### **Credit Cards-**

It is strongly advised that each international student travel with a Visa credit card to be used for incidentals throughout the year.

### **Who is the person to contact with financial questions?**

Mrs. Amerson, our book keeper, can answer all of your financial questions. You can email her at [Amerson@rccs.us](mailto:Amerson@rccs.us).

### **What about medical insurance?**

Each student is required to purchase his/her own medical insurance. Proof of this insurance must be sent to the school.

### **How do we pay tuition charges?**

A wire transfer of funds is required. This is the safest and most secure method. Payments must be made in full by August 1. Be certain to indicate the name of the student when sending payment by wire. Wire Transfer Instructions will be securely sent to perspective students.

### **Are there any additional fees?**

Yes, occasional field trips, and optional participation on athletic teams have associated costs not covered by tuition.

Athletic Fees: These are charged on a per sport basis and cost \$100 per season. Additionally, for some sports, such as golf, students must provide or rent their own equipment.

### **How do I access my billing statement?**

Rock County Christian School has a secure on-line system called Sycamore that allows you to see your financial summary, billing statements, and account balances at anytime. This same system allows you access to your student's grades, assignments, and email to his or her teachers. We will send each family instructions, with login and password information, for accessing this system.

## **Academic Questions:**

### **When do I get my schedule of classes?**

Mr. Bob Cerniglia, High School Principal, will be setting each student's initial schedule, with classes, meeting times, teachers, and rooms, by late June/early July. He will be in touch by email with each student and work with them to get the schedules perfect.

### **What about English Language Services (ELS)?**

Our mission is to give each student all the support and coaching in English we can to ensure success at Rock County Christian and in college.

### **What about academic advising and college counseling?**

Mr. Cerniglia has over 20 years experience in the area of academic counseling, and is always available for academic consultation.

### **Student Life Questions:**

#### **What extracurricular activities are available?**

Rock County Christian offers a wide range of optional extracurricular activities such as musical groups (both vocal and instrumental), a major all-school theatrical performance in the spring, community service opportunities, and a number of special interest clubs, including the following: chess, cooking, genealogy, card making, photography.

#### **What will the orientation of August 17-20 cover?**

A full orientation agenda will be given to each student upon arrival as some final details are being worked out, but here is a list of items that will be covered, both fun and business!

Campus orientation

Getting to know Beloit and the Stateline community

Obtaining cell phones and bank accounts

Meeting the Rock County Christian staff & students

F-1 visas: explaining responsibilities

Survey of students' interests

American classroom expectations and culture

School supplies needed for each student based on schedules

Shopping

Field trips to Chicago and other outdoor recreational areas

Movie night

ESL classes

Details of the Rock County Christian calendar and schedule

#### **Can I participate in interscholastic athletics?**

All incoming 9th graders are eligible to compete for Rock County Christian School in interscholastic athletics for all four years of high school or until they turn 19 years old. In other words, no students older than 18 years of age may compete.

#### **How do I fulfill the community service requirement?**

Rock County Christian dedicates a faculty member to help students find community service projects. Mr. Kevin Thompson is the Rock County Christian Community Service Director. He, along with other faculty, staff, and host families, will help you find a community service project that you enjoy doing and helps you fulfill the community service requirement.