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# ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

May 2019

Learning, Loving, Living for our Lord



## Mission Statement

Rocky Christian School is an interdenominational community of Christian believers dedicated to developing and pursuing excellence in Christ-Centred education.

## Vision Statement

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the home, church and school will work together to equip students to live lives that honour and serve God and contribute to society in a positive way.

Visit our website at [rockychristian.wrsd.ca](http://rockychristian.wrsd.ca). There you will be able to find:

- Latest news from the school and calendars of coming events
- Newsletters (past and present)
- All of the current forms needed for school use
- Hot lunch and Moo Club forms
- School Council information

Like!! us on Facebook for all current information

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please be sure that you stop by the office to sign in and pick up a "Visitor" tag before you go to any other part of the school. We are responsible to show proof that we can account for everyone in the building.

Please try to remember to phone the office when you know your child is going to be absent or late. This saves me from having to phone you to check up on them.

You can also email me at [marie.aasman@wrsd.ca](mailto:marie.aasman@wrsd.ca)

Please be sure that you obey the **No Parking** signs on the front of the building.

**THANK YOU.**



## **A Parent's Reflection**

Our family's first year at RCS is almost complete and what an experience it's been. We love having retellings of classroom and recess antics around our dinner table from our kindergartener's perspective: so entertaining! We have been really blessed to hear about chapel time, family groups, and how the through-lines have enriched our little guy's already wonderful education. Shout out to the hard-working staff of RCS!

Reflecting on the past school year I am really struck by the beautiful mosaic the people of our school community creates. There's such an array of cultures, backgrounds, churches, careers, personalities, skills and talents represented in our school community. It's been great to meet some of the faces of RCS.

I'm always curious about what life experiences and environments have shaped people: your family, your church, your school, sports, art, a career, a mentor? One of my favourite questions to ask myself after meeting someone new is, "I wonder what God loves most about them?" It helps me to seek to know them as God's child, not just how I perceive them from first impressions or how they seem to appear from the outside.

I recently read these lyrics titled 'Dust' and just fell in love with the idea of cultural dust. Here's a few of my favourite lines:

When we get together  
We change each other  
We can't help it  
It just happens  
A sprinkle of cultural dust

A tiny increment of what I am  
And something of what you are  
Is exchanged when hearts are put together  
In ways that makes the both of us better  
So that something of you is never far  
From me  
Your cultural dust becomes me

We all as families of RCS have been brought together because we care deeply about Christian Education! How awesome to think that God has designed us to rub off on each other, through our ideas, opinions and interactions when we come together to work on our school. I love that we're all here to teach and learn from each other, to grow and enhance each other's lives, to encourage and sharpen each other so we can do God's Kingdom work to the best of our abilities.

I'm so proud to be a part of the mosaic of our RCS community and I so look forward to meeting more of you, discovering what God loves most about you, and how we can put our talents and skills and ideas together to continue to build up this school that we all care so deeply for. May God bless our interactions and in turn our lives, families, and school community.

Shantelle Brouwer

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

**Society AGM** ~ It was a nice, but very warm meeting last night full of good conversation about what is going on with our school and society, and improvements that are coming in the future!

We would like to thank our out going board members **James Smid** and **Alida Van Ginkel** for serving their 3 year terms, and we want to thank **Jessica Hoeksema** for her willingness to stay on an extra year! Our three incoming board members are **Kelly Brouwer**, **Aaron Terpsma** and **Annaleen De Bruyn**. We are excited for what the future holds for the Society in the next few years.

**Next year marks the 50th anniversary of our school!** Praise the Lord!! We have the Community Centre booked for **May 23rd, 2020** to host a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness to our school, and many great activities are being planned leading up to that date - stay tuned... **If you would like to be a part of the planning committee to help make this event a huge success, please join us on June 12 at 3:00 pm in room 215 at the school.**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th at 7:30 pm in Room 215. Please join us for great discussions.



**SCHOOL PROMOTION** ~ To help promote our school and let all of Rocky know that we are here, we are looking to put an entry in the Rocky Parade again this year on June 8. We are looking for students grade 3 and up who would like to ride their bike along the route as well as some older students who would be willing to carry our school banner. We would require some adults to be present as well for supervision. If this is something that interests you, please call the office to sign up.

### GRADE 9 GRAD 2019

Please join our Grade 9 Graduating class of 2019 on June 20 at the Lou Soppit Community Centre.

Tickets are \$15.00/each

(\$7.50 for children 10 and under)

and can be purchased at the school office by June 15.

### END OF THE YEAR HOT DOG LUNCH

Our Promotions Committee will be providing a hot dog lunch on the last day of school again this year. The whole family is invited to join us on June 26 for lunch and our last Chapel of 2018/19.

Order forms came home with this newsletter; please indicate how many of your family will be attending so that we know how much food to order.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Summer Work Bee** ~ Join the fun! July 5 & 6 we will be hanging white boards, interior and exterior painting, repairing, re-shingling the shop, Bring your tools and your friends. This is a great opportunity to knock off some volunteer hours while enjoying great fellowship!



# Grandparent's Day

May 14, 2019

We had a fantastic turn out once again for Grandparents' Day. The students love being able to spend time in the classroom with their grandparents', showing off what they have learned and doing some fun and memorable activities with them. Thank you to all of the grandparents and grand friends who came to help make the day a special one!



## JDRF WALK FOR THE CURE

The day started off windy and damp, but spirits were sunny and bright for our walk on May 16. Evergreen Co-Op helped to brighten the day by donating the hot dogs for our lunch (be sure to stop in and say "Thank You" to them)! We had wonderful volunteers on hand to prepare and serve the lunch and to lead our Chapel singing. All in all it was a great day spent in support of a cause near and dear to us all.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our JDRF Walk such a success!

Our total pledge amount came to \$3243.00!



JD was on hand to encourage the students.



## GREEN THUMBS

The grade three's have been doing such a great job of taking care of our garden beds! They are all cleaned out and seeded...now we wait...



## Twin lakes Fishing trip

By: Danae Carnahan and Joseph Miller

Friday, May 24th the grade 4-5's and the Actions and Outdoor Ed CTF classes went fishing at Twin Lakes. Nothing was caught, though some people might tell you otherwise. There was several different docks to fish from but each attempt was to no avail. We had about fifty kids and 7 adults. While we may not have caught any fish, Brighton's mom did catch a mussel (a small oyster-like being) with a butterfly net. This mussel then became Joseph's dinner on a dare from several kids and Mr. V. He fried it over a fire and ate it. On interviewing Joseph he said that the mussel tasted soft on the outside and crunchy on the inside. Then a few students went looking for more oysters along the creek and almost missed the bus. The weather was very 'mopey,' rainy, gloomy, and damp, though it did clear up later on in the day. Overall, (thanks to peanuts and marshmallows) it was an interesting and enjoyable field trip.



### SHADOW COUNCIL

The grade 8/9 class got to sit in on a Clearwater County Council meeting this month. Our students were even asked to participate and give their opinions on some of the items being discussed.





These models are made of Lego



## The Legislative Assembly of Alberta

### **Grade 6/7 field trip to the Legislature Building on May 8**

The Grade 6/7 class went to the Legislature Building ("The Leg") of Alberta on May, 8. They took several cars and trucks to get there, leaving Rocky Christian School at 9:00 a.m, taking 2 hours to get to their destination. Wow what fast drivers those Moms are!

When they arrived at The Leg, they ate a quick lunch then headed into a large building called the Agora, which is Greek for meeting place. There the class watched a short 20 minute video about Canada's history (in 4D), then a lady lead the class to a place were they would meet their tour guide. When they meet their tour guide they walk out of the building and to the mock leg.

The gr. 6/7 class then had a mock leg where they acted out, in a kid version, what the government does every day. They got to choose what they wanted to debate about, so they choose to debate the laws concerning abortion.

After the mock leg, Emily (their guide) took them on a tour of the Legislature Building. They mostly learned about the history of the Legislature Building, and of all the governments we have had since the beginning of the government.

After the the class gathered itself together, they stopped and took a class picture on the steps with Jason Nixon, then headed out the door towards where they had parked. They packed themselves up and drove back to Rocky Christian School. They arrived back at the school around 6:00 p.m. where they were picked up and driven home.

By: Shanelle Tensen and Natalie Honderbrink



## ROYALS SPORTS SHORTS



**BADMINTON** ~ The badminton season is over and we had 14 students consistently playing. Skills have been developed and hopefully the love of another sport that they can play anywhere and at any time. The students showed good Christian character during the season and the final tournament. Some games were lost and some were won and all with a good sportsman like attitude. Angelica Learmonth won a bronze medal for girl's grade 8 singles and Danae Carnahan and Derek Aasman also won a bronze medal for grade 7 mixed doubles. All the teams placed very well overall. We would like to thank Mrs. Parr for coming to help coach the students again during this season. It was, as always, wonderful to have her help out. Coach: Mrs. Wolmarans



**TRACK AND FIELD** ~ With the weather finally warming up a bit our students have been able to get outside and practice their track and field events. We have two track meets for our grade six - nine students coming up again this year - the Central Alberta Christian Schools Track Meet is scheduled for tomorrow, May 31, in Red Deer at Lindsey Thurber High School and the Wild Rose School Division Track Meet is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 4, over at West Central High School. Please come cheer on our athletes if you are able!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Laura Coderre, B.W. Bouwman, DeBruyn Cattle Company Ltd., Rocky Credit Union Limited and Modern Electric (Rocky) Inc. for their generous donations that enabled us to purchase new jerseys and shorts for our Jr. High sports teams!! Our players are looking sharp out on the courts!!

### ***The Michael Fundraiser Bake Sale***

*The Grade 8 girls and Kianna along with Mrs. Magnus thought of a bake sale to sponsor Michael our World Vision sponsor child during the summer, as we are not here to do that. On Wednesday, May 22, 2019 we had 2 tables-- one upstairs by the office and one downstairs by the library. For drinks we had water bottles and juice boxes; and for food we had rice krispies, haystacks, dessert pizza, cupcakes, cookies (all sorts) and alot more. All three recesses were very full and the waiting lines were quite long. Lots of money came in. The next day we didn't have as much food as Wednesday, but still a large amount. The amount raised is good for Micheal during summer when school is out. All together we raised \$278.15 so we are very happy and thankful to all who baked or purchased anything.*

*Submitted by Lexis Miller-Gabler*





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23	24	25	26 LAST DAY OF CLASSES Hot dog lunch Kindergarten Day	27 K-9 Non-Instructional Day	28 PD Day No School for Students	29
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