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ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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.

Visit our website at 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

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.

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

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

THANK YOU.



Blessed are the Peacemakers

Rob Duiker

There's not too much peace in the world these days. Maybe we are not at war, but that probably depends on what you mean by war. It seems like the whole world is in a war of words.

The Bible has a lot to say about peace. The word 'peace' appears 249 times in the New International Version. It appears 420 times in the King James Version. I'm not sure what to make of that.

Between the political left and the political right I hear a lot of name-calling these days. People get insulted for wearing masks and for not wearing them. It's not very peaceful out there.

I've been thinking about that one Beatitude in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." How shall I do that? Some people will argue that the more appropriate passage for today is in verse 11, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." How shall I go about being a peacemaker in this day and age? I suppose at least part of the answer is found in the fact that you cannot just pick one Beatitude and run with it. It's not a shopping list. The Beatitudes, in its entirety, is a picture of the predisposition that a Christian ought to carry with him or her as we walk, particularly in troubled times.

As I was contemplating this business of how to be a peacemaker, one of our teachers mentioned Romans 12:18; "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

As far as it depends on me, I have a responsibility to live at peace with everyone.

But there is a problem. I have opinions ... about masks ... and politics ... and just about everything else. I know that some of my opinions, if expressed, will provoke a reaction. Today's world is not a safe place for expressing opinions. People will call me names. Should I express my opinions anyway? Maybe not. What would my purpose be?

What if we built safe places for people who disagree with us? What if we showed interest in what they had to say? What if we could disagree respectfully and contend for our own positions while speaking the truth in love? What if we as Christians could distinguish ourselves from all of the people hurling insults at one another?

Our children are watching us. We are their models for living a Christian life. As the world increasingly becomes a place where people freely hate those we disagree with, how will we distinguish ourselves as people who love our enemies? How will we distinguish ourselves as people who live at peace with everyone, at least as far as it depends on us?

SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Please refer to the [package](#) that was emailed last Thursday for the most thorough update from our Society Board and School Council.
- Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for **January 11, 2021** @ 7:30.
- See you in the New Year!!



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NOTES



Thank you to everyone who placed orders for our Purdy's Chocolate and VIP Foods fundraisers!! These were both very successful fundraisers!!



Our orders will be available for pick-up in the gym later this week, **Thursday, December 3**. Please be sure to remind anyone who may have placed an order through you to stop by between 2 - 4:00pm to pick up their order. Please wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing practices.

All money raised from fundraisers this year will go toward new basketball and hockey nets for outside.



to our Hot Lunch crew for being so thoughtful and preparing our December Hot Lunch early so that all of our students - Grade 8/9 especially - could enjoy the last Hot Lunch of this year!

Thank you also to Jan and Grada Drost for the donation of the wonderful potatoes for our Hot Lunch program - your generosity is greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

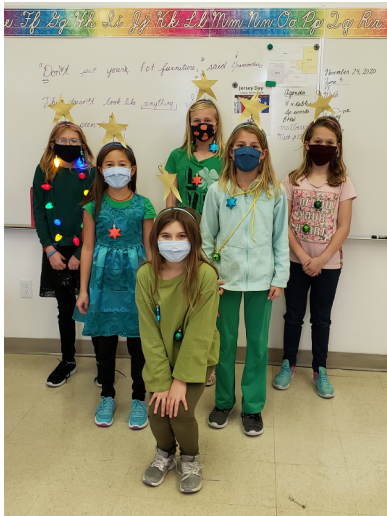
DRESS IN YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS SWEATER - BEAUTIFUL OR UGLY - ON DECEMBER 15.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

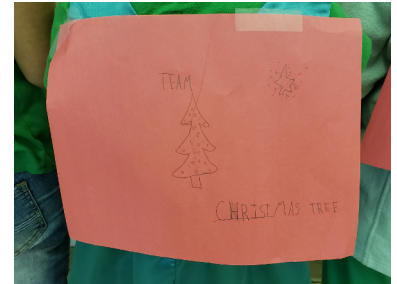
We collected 36 boxes this year! Thank you to the students, families and staff for participating in our campaign! What a wonderful way to share the gift of God's love and the story of Jesus!





JERSEY DAY

We had a creative "team" show up for Jersey Day this year - our Grade 5 girls created Team CHRISTmas Tree!



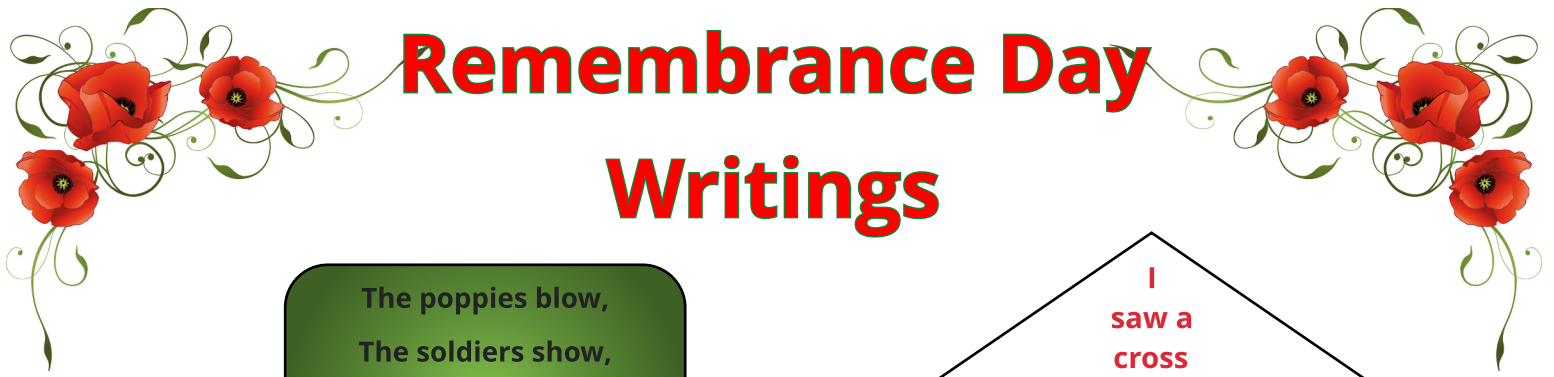
SKATING CLASS

We have been fortunate to be able to continue our phys ed skating classes this year. Thank you to all of the parents who have come to help tie skates and participate on the ice with us!

Unfortunately the arena staff have asked that we not have any spectators for the next few weeks - you may help tie skates, but then you must leave the building. Thank you for abiding by their policy.

Grades 4/5 and 6/7 have a couple of skating times left for this year and our grade 2/3 class gets to pick up some of our regularly scheduled grade 8/9 ice time on Thursday.





Remembrance Day Writings

The poppies blow,
The soldiers show,
That they can save,
And be brave.
Hannah - Gr.3

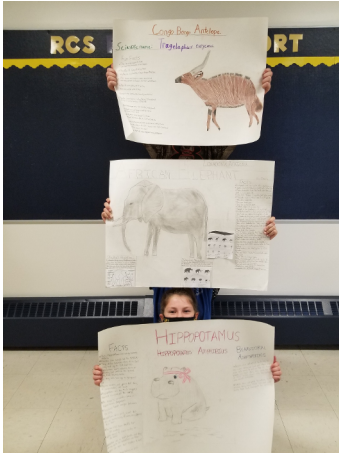
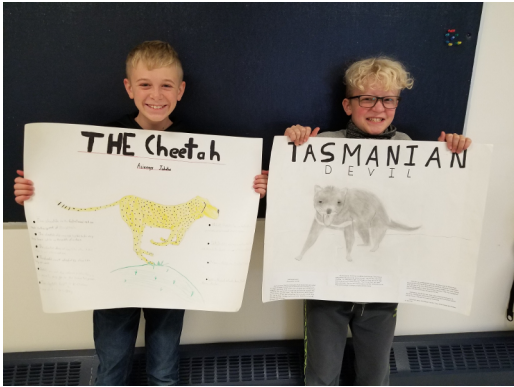
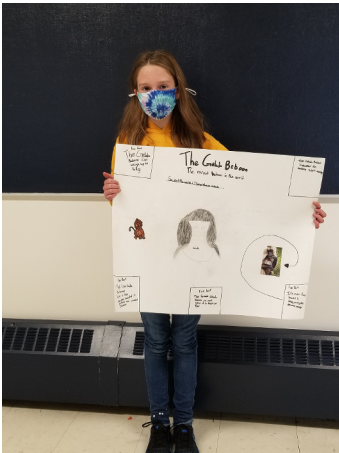
I
saw a
cross
that was covered with
moss
a dead slave
was by a grave.
I will remember
in November
because the brave
now lie down in the grave.

I saw a cross
and it was covered in moss
but we can see
let everyone know
that we are free.
Listen to the gun
under the sun
remember the soldiers
who died in November.
Charley - Gr. 2

We remember
In November.
We see the cross
And know the loss.
Allison - Gr. 3

In November
We will remember
the soldiers that lay dead
when I see a poppy in red
also the cross
covered in moss.
Colt - Gr. 2

ANIMAL REPORTS ~ The grade 6/7 class learned how to do research on animals of their choosing. They compiled all of the information onto posters and then presented them to their class.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Kindergarten Day	10	11	12
13	14	15 Christmas Sweater Day	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Have a Blessed Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		