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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](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

## 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](mailto:marie.aasman@wrsd.ca)

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

**THANK YOU.**



## The Best Ever Trip to Bethlehem

Every year around this time we all go to Bethlehem. Maybe with all of the travel restrictions and rules about gathering, you are thinking of putting the trip off this year. After all, you have heard the cry on social media and from among your friends that Christmas has been stolen from us this year. Can it be true? Is it possible?

Every year when we sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" we take a virtual tour of this most precious city, lying still. Each year we are reassured anew by the everlasting light that shines in its streets. We sing "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight!" If we really mean it, maybe this year we need Bethlehem more than ever. Furthermore, in this year of virtual everything, what better time to go to Bethlehem?

We probably all lament that family Christmas celebrations will be diminished this year. But as I sing, "How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given, so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven." I am reminded that Christmas does not consist in, or depend on the joyful noise of a family gathering. As long as God imparts blessings, Christmas cannot be stolen from us. So we sing, "Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in."

There is a verse of this carol that I have never before sung. It concludes with the words, "Where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door, the dark night wakes, the glory breaks and Christmas comes once more." I was struck by the beauty of the image of Christmas rushing in through a door held open wide by faith while charity keeps watch. Sumptuous dinners, happy conversations, and generous lavishing of gifts are all wonderful, but not necessary for our virtual tour of Bethlehem this year.

While pondering this year's tour of Bethlehem I was reminded of the chorus of Carolyn Arends song, "Is Bethlehem Too Far Away?" where she sings:

*Can we find our way to the baby king?  
Can we worship Him now in the hay?  
And can we believe He can change everything,  
or is Bethlehem too far away?*

The questions in the song are all rhetorical. Yes, we can find the baby King! Yes, we can worship Him now! Yes, I believe He can change everything during this year when we are so aware that change is needed! And No! Bethlehem is never too far away!

Christmas cannot be stolen! No amount of masking or distancing or restriction on gathering diminishes the significance of the birth of Jesus. Perhaps the silver lining in the Covid-19 cloud is that we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. The Lord is Come! Joy to the World!

*O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels; the great glad tidings tell  
O come to us abide with us our Lord Emmanuel*

Let's make this year's trip to Bethlehem the best ever!

## **Is Bethlehem Too Far Away?**

If we close our eyes, can we see the star? Can we find our path in its light?

And if we are still, tell me, can we hear the song of the angels tonight?

Can we find our way to the baby king? Can we worship Him now in the hay?

And can we believe He can change everything or is Bethlehem too far away

If we dream our dreams with our wisest hearts will we dream of peace on earth?

Will our lips proclaim glad tidings of the Wonderful Counselor's birth?

Can we find our way to the baby king? Can we worship Him now in the hay?

And can we believe He can change everything or is Bethlehem too far away

O, little town of Bethlehem how far it must have been From heaven's throne of glory to your humble manger scene

If God saw fit to travel there should not also we?

If we seek Him we will find Him in the least expected place For His kingdom comes in the power and might of His sacrifice and grace

Can we find our way to the baby king? Can we worship Him now in the hay?

And can we believe He can change everything or is Bethlehem too far away

Is Bethlehem too far away

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## **O Little Town Of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven

No ear may hear His coming but in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child  
Where misery cries out to Thee Son of the mother mild  
Where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door

The dark night wakes, the glory breaks and Christmas comes once more

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today  
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## **SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Have a Blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year!
- Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for **January 11, 2021** @ 7:30.
- See you in the New Year!!



## **AT HOME LEARNING**

The provincial government has announced that **January 4-8, 2021** will be a week of remote learning for all students. This will be a Teacher-Directed program which will, in most cases, require an adult to monitor student progress.

Parents can expect communication from teachers about what digital, paper, and/or projects they will expect from students during this week. **It is essential that students actively engage in the at-home learning program** in order to not fall behind.

Our hope is that students will meet provincial curricular outcomes and Rocky Christian School outcomes as selected by the classroom teacher. **In most cases we believe this can be accomplished in two to four hours per day at home.** If your child appears to be doing less than that, please contact the teacher early in the week. Assigned work can be accomplished with the class during Google Meet times set by the teacher, or on your own at a time that best fits your family.

Many teachers will offer a daily video conference Google Meet to check in with students and to share instruction or offer extra help. School staff will be available 8:30 am - 3:30 pm daily during the week. The school also remains open with a few staff in the building if you need to pick up anything or need to phone.

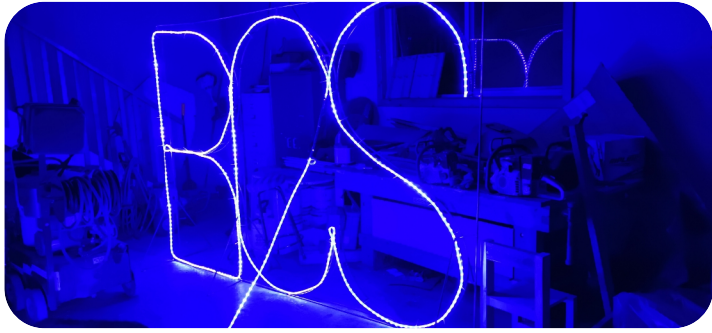
If your child's teacher offers to send Chromebooks home, please note:

- Most of these are brand new Chromebooks (unlike the end-of-life Chromebooks that were sent home in March).
- These Chromebooks have a replacement value of \$350.
- In a school setting, we would never allow students on a Chromebook unsupervised. In a school setting, we treat the Chromebook as a tool for learning, creating, and publishing. It is never a toy. We ask parents to expect the same.
- If you do not have a computer at home available for student use, please check with each teacher regarding their specific plans for ChromeBook distribution.

If your child has difficulties connecting via the Google Classroom, please speak with their teachers. There are a number of ways they can help. Just speak with them. If you are struggling to maintain a reliable internet connection while your child is studying from home, the "Telus for Good" program may be for you. It provides internet service for \$9.95 per month for low income families for up to two years. Interested families can learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/yes7z9mb>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office.





**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to Randy DeRaadt and Hitch 'n' Go for building us this reusable frame to help promote our school!! We had hoped to have an entry in the Parade of Lights this year, but unfortunately that was canceled. Be on the lookout for it to appear at various times and places throughout the year.

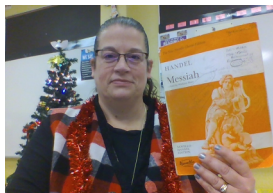
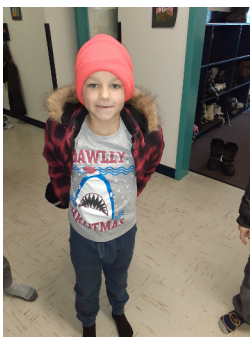
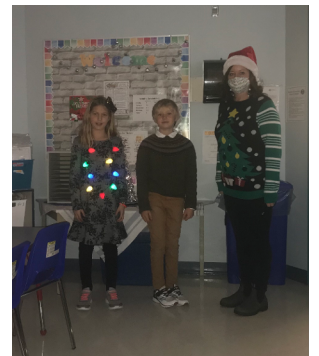


**HOT LUNCH & MILK ORDERS**

Due to the later start back to school in January, we have decided to skip our January hot lunch and milk program.

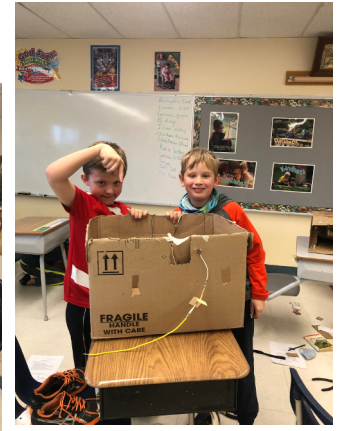


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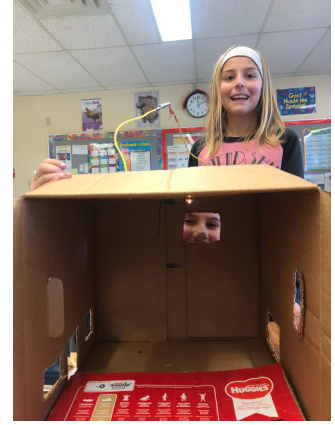
# Grade 4/5



# Electricity Unit



Building houses and learning how to wire them to bring power to lights, heating, and to run our "favourite" devices.



# MEMORIES OF THE FUR TRADE

The grade 6/7 class got to learn all about the Fur Trade era by becoming people from that time - French settlers, trading post employees, trappers, hunters and traders of beaver pelts.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Welcome Back!!	12	13 Kindergarten Day	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Pajama Day	27	28	29 PD Days No School for Students	30



*Blessed Christmas Greetings  
From the Staff of Rocky Christian School*



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