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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.



LEARNING CURVE

Robert Duiker

Redemption: A Monument on a Timeline

The dictionary defines the noun monument as, "Something erected in memory of a person, event, etc., as a building, pillar, or statue," like the Washington Monument, or as, "Any building, or structure, surviving from a past age, and regarded as of historical importance," like the Rocky Mountain House Historic Site.

Landowners know that a monument might also be, "A location marker in accordance with an official survey".

While each of these definitions suggests a monument as a physical thing to mark a location, the meaning of the adjective form is not quite as precise. The word "monumental" is defined as, "Of historical or enduring significance," like a monumental victory.

You may have heard that Alberta is getting a new curriculum for students from grades Kindergarten to Six. Part of this new program of studies will be a new history curriculum (part of Social Studies). At Rocky Christian School, our curriculum includes honouring some monumental points in history. Our timeline includes four 'Monuments' around which all of history turns. We honour one of those this weekend.

We often point to Creation, the Fall, Redemption, and Restoration as the most significant events in history. We cannot imagine teaching history without these monuments which anchor the rest of the story. Of course these monuments do not tell the whole story. The story of God's people, Israel, before Christ, and the story of God's people, the Church, after his ascension contain many twists and turns and other monumental episodes. We ourselves live amongst the monuments between Redemption and Restoration.

The last monument, by the way, is a little bit preposterous. We include in our history an event that has not yet occurred. Jesus will come to restore all things. And yet it is no less real and no less historical to us than the other three monuments. We Christians are sure about what we hope for. However, this weekend we attune our hearts and minds to the third monument, Redemption.

Redemption is defined as, "The action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt," ...like redeeming tickets for a ride on a roller coaster ...or the way that we regain eternal life that we were created for, but gave away at the fall. Redemption is also defined as, "The action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil." While we speak of the entirety of Jesus' life as the story of redemption, the climax of that story is His death and resurrection.

How can these monumental events not be part of the history curriculum. They are the focus of history; they are the driving force behind all of history. If education has anything to do with truth, and if history is to be taught with it's centre in the right place, for Bible-believing Christians that centre must be Christ. The fact is that Education is about Everything ... and Everything is about Jesus. At Rocky Christian School, we seek to honour that truth every day!

On this weekend let us ponder a Christian history curriculum. Be amazed at how perfectly God created. Consider how devastating and thorough the fall into sin and death was. Meditate on how incredible the redemptive work of Christ was and is as it cancels all of sin and death that was brought on by our rebellion. And Hope ... have a faith that is sure of what we hope for ... that is certain of Christ's glorious return and the restoration of everything back to the goodness of creation before our insurrection, even when we do not see it. May you all experience our Lord's richest blessings this Good Friday and Easter weekend.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



- Our committees have been hard at work in their many different areas. As we are making it through another year I am always encouraged by the faithful commitment of our volunteers and staff. Hope everyone has seen the new sign on Hwy 11A, It looks great! There are too many things to list in this newsletter, but if you want to know more about what we do, please contact one of our board members: Peggy Hondebrink, Anneleen DeBruyn, Amber Boodt, Kelly Brouwer, Marisa Prins, Hendri Hondebrink, Aaron Terpsma and Bryan DeBruyn. Mrs. Aasman has our contact info.
- Our letters for board nominations are going to be sent out soon so please prayerfully consider it, if you receive one.
- Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for **April 19, 2021 @ 7:30**.

WHY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

Some people ask, “Why send your children to a Christian school, why can’t they just be a light in the public system?”

Our Society Board has actually been studying about the purpose and reason for Christian education, and one thing that has really stood out for me is this: “Biblical wisdom is the heart of all learning”.

So, I asked our grade 5 teacher to give the board members an example of everyday Christian education. She told us about how she introduced a math unit on patterns. They started first by looking for patterns in the world around them - things that we see outside of numbers. The students suggested things like the sun rising and setting each day, seasons changing - and always coming in the same order, they saw patterns in petals of a flower. They talked about order - about how our God has put order into the world around us, and how we are order discoverers. Then they looked a little closer and saw patterns in our bulletin boards and on the clock, and finally got down to talking about the actual numbers on the page in front of them. However, it started within the context of recognizing who God is - and then bringing it down to see how we can see His hand in everything around us - even the patterns in our Math work.

Christian Education isn’t just doing devotions and memorizing scripture. It’s seeing everyday that our world belongs to God. That each child is created in God’s image and has unique and distinct gifts. The teachers are there to assist the students in developing their relationship with God.

ANNUAL FLOWER FUNDRAISER

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who ordered flowers as part of our Spring Fundraiser this year. Flowers will be ready to pick up on **Friday, May 7** (just in time for Mother's Day). Details on how pick up will be arranged will be forwarded closer to the date.



TWIN DAY



APRIL 27

ART CARDS BY KIDS

Our students have been busy creating some beautiful art for our latest school project. Their artwork will be scanned and turned into greeting cards (and other special items) that anyone will be able to order online, with much of the proceeds coming back to the school.

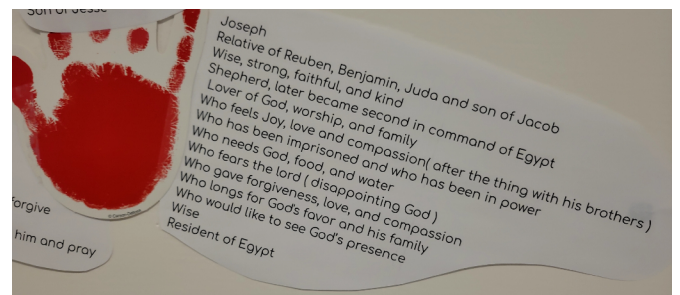
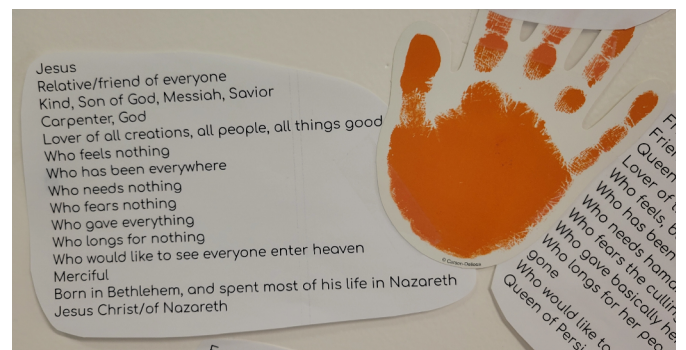
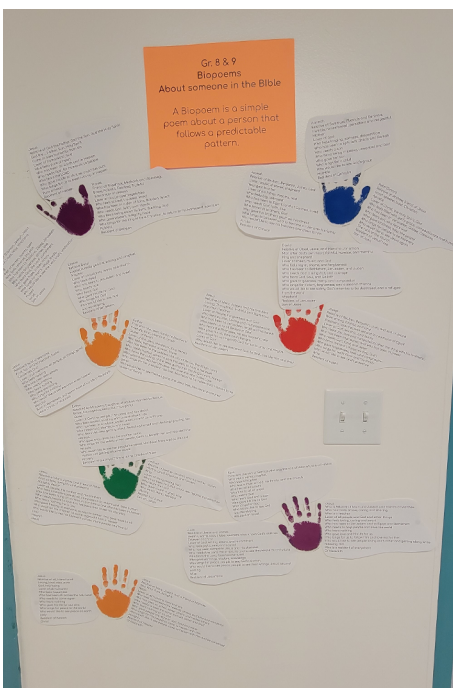
Sample cards and ordering instructions will come home once everything has been submitted. Stay tuned....



Grade 8/9

Biopoems About Someone in the Bible

A biopoem is a simple poem about a person that follows a predictable pattern.



Badminton for grade 6 - 9 has started for this year. It will be every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:45 until the end of April. Mrs. Wolmarans and Mrs. Parr will be working on lots of skill building.



With restrictions being what they are, we will not be going to any tournaments, but these practices will help to build confidence and skill for the time when we are able to compete with other schools.

March Snapshots



Kindergarten waving palm branches and singing to the song "Cloaks and Branches".



Grade 9 girls enjoying the Spike Ball set.

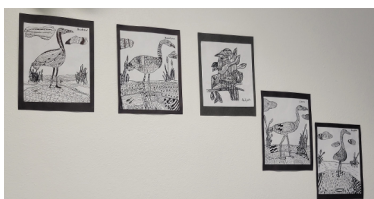
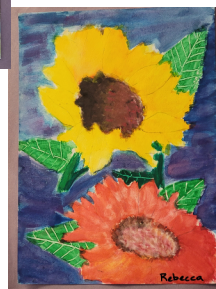


Kindergarten class visit with our School Resource Officer.



The grade 2/3 class got to learn how to make ice cream from scratch.

If you were to take an "art walk" through our school, these are some of the things you would see...







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| | | | | 1 | 2 Good Friday No school for students | 3 | |
| 4 | 5 Easter Monday |  Spring Break | | | | | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Kindergarten Day | 15 | 16 | 17 | |
| 18 | 19 School Council | 20 Hot Lunch | 21 | 22 | 23 PD Day No school for students | 24 | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Twin Day  | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |