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# ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

January 2021

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.**



## LEARNING CURVE BY ROB DUIKER

In Grade 6 & 7 we recently read the book *Prince Caspian* by C.S Lewis. One theme in this book is the stark difference between believers and unbelievers. Believers are symbolized by the Old Narnians—those who remained true to Aslan (who represents Jesus). The Old Narnians are characterized as those who “believe in fairy tales.” In the book King Miraz berates Caspian, the rightful king: “That’s all nonsense, for babies...Only fit for babies, do you hear? You’re getting too old for that sort of stuff.”

The comparison to Christians whose faith is challenged in high schools and universities is unmistakable. Lewis is drawing a parallel to the Christian life in that our faith will always be ridiculed and sneered at by those who will see it as foolishness. Paul reminds us that, **“The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”** (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Lewis also consistently directs a harsh indictment towards schools. In *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Professor Kirke, when approached by Lucy’s concerned older siblings about her tendency to believe the unbelievable, wondered aloud, “I wonder what they do teach them at these schools.” In ‘*Prince Caspian*’ Lewis suggests that there is an underlying political agenda to present Biblical truth as foolishness, and one cannot escape the role that schools play in carrying out this agenda.

In the book, *Prince Caspian*’s teacher must take him to a secret and secure location in order to teach him truths about Narnia, because the teaching of these truths has become illegal.

*“The virtue of this tower,” said Doctor Cornelius, “is that we have six empty rooms beneath us, and a long stair, and the door at the bottom of the stair is locked. We cannot be overheard.”*

*“Are you going to tell me what you wouldn’t tell me the other day?” said Caspian.*

*“I am,” said the Doctor. “But remember. You and I must never talk about these things except here—on the very top of the Great Tower.”*

*“No. That’s a promise,” said Caspian. “But do go on, please.”*

*“Listen,” said the Doctor. “All you have heard about Old Narnia is true. It is not the land of Men. It is the country of Aslan, the country of the Walking Trees ... (and many more unbelievable things). The King does not allow them to be spoken of.”*

Lewis consistently strongly advocated for an understanding of the universe that was far richer, and more confounding, and awesome, and amazing, than one which could be understood by scientific reasoning alone. Christian schools teach for that kind of understanding of the universe. Science and reason are important, but they cannot tell the whole story. At Rocky Christian School we stand in awe of a God whose works are too wonderful to understand. We believe the unbelievable truth that Jesus died and rose from the dead! That’s what we teach at Rocky Christian School. I think CS Lewis would approve!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome back to school! It is a blessing to have everyone back in the classrooms after an extended time apart. We as a board have not had the benefit of meeting in person yet, but thankfully, current technology still keeps us active and serving our amazing school. If you know one of our Capital Management committee members, please give them a big thank you! They have replaced the furnace in the shop, painted Mrs. Wolmarans' classroom over the Christmas Break, and done numerous other important things that keep our school going! We are so proud of all our volunteers! Also the VIP foods fundraiser raised over \$2300!
- We hope and pray God's blessings upon you all, and our school in this next year.
- Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for **February 22, 2021 @ 7:30.**



## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION



If you have a child turning five on or before December 31, 2021, it is time to start thinking about kindergarten.

Unfortunately we are unable to host a live Information/Registration evening at this time, but are waiting for direction from Alberta Health Services. We hope to be able to schedule one for April or May. If you would like information prior to a live event, we will schedule virtual appointments with Mr. Duiker and Mrs. Sulek at your request.

If you know of others who may not have heard about our school, please be sure to share this information with them as well.

Registration packages are available in the school office.



If you happen to be in the school, be sure to stop and take a look at our updated picture wall. Mr. Duiker has spent a considerable amount of time tracking down names of graduates, re-framing photos, etc. There's 42 years of grade nine grads on the wall!!

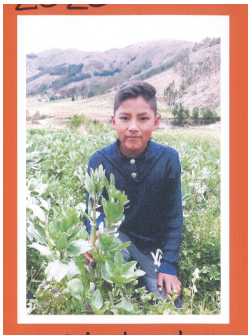




## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mrs. Siemens and Mrs. Magnus put a lot of coordination and effort into putting together a COVID friendly Christmas program for us this year. Although we weren't able to gather in person, we were still blessed to be able to see and hear the students perform.

### MEET MICHAEL GARCIA



Michael is an eleven year old boy who lives in Koari, Bolivia. He is in grade six and he likes to play ball. Our school has supported Michael through World Vision since he was quite

small. We receive yearly updates and letters from him. Each month we send \$39.00 to help improve living conditions, help provide education, and to let Michael know that he is loved.

**Thanks to everyone's support this Christmas, we were able to send several backpacks of school supplies, bundles of sports equipment and baby chicks to Michael's community!! THANK YOU!!**

We take a collection every Thursday in Chapel, so if your child is asking for money for Michael, please consider donating.

## RIMBEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



### ONLINE FUNDRAISING AUCTION 2021



Generously hosted by  
MONTGOMERY AUCTION SERVICES LTD  
[www.montgomeryauctions.com](http://www.montgomeryauctions.com)

*This auction is to help Rimbeley Christian School meet its budget needs for 2020/2021 school year*

### BIDDING

**Start Date: Friday February 19th @ 9 am**  
**Closing Date: Thursday February 25th @ 7 pm\***  
\*Beginning at 7 pm, every minute one item will close until all items are sold.

Items will be posted as they come in and can be viewed at  
**[www.montgomeryauctions.com](http://www.montgomeryauctions.com)**

*Due to COVID-19 We are postponing our Annual Banquet and holding our Annual Fundraising Auction in February this year. Hopefully we will be able to meet together later in the school year for another event!  
For more information Contact Laura 403-704-5662*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Kindergarten Day	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Family Day	16 No School for Staff or Students	17 No School for Staff or Students	18 ATA Teachers' Convention No School for Students	19 ATA Teachers' Convention No School for Students	20
21	22 School Council	23  Hat Day	24 Kindergarten Day	25	26	27
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