

# LIFELINE

## ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

October 2018

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-centered 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

### 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.**

### 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.



## LEARNING CURVE by Rob Duiker

### “What is Real?” “What is True?”

Christians disagree a lot! I don't think that will come as a surprise to anyone reading this. We agree that God created everything, but we don't always agree on how. We agree that baptism is important, but we don't agree on whether it should be administered to infants. We agree that Jesus will return one day, but we disagree on the events that will happen in the end times. We disagree on how literal or figurative many stories in the Bible are. We argue about liturgy, and music, and worship style. And yet, we agree so powerfully about the really important things, that we can come together as people who call each other brothers and sisters in Christ and work together to ensure that our children will have a Christian school to shape them into people who live Christian lives. Christian schools exist because the things we do agree on cause us to view the world in an entirely different way than those who do not know Christ.

The Christian school will generally be misunderstood by people who are unfamiliar with the Christian life. Christian thinking will be misunderstood by people who do not understand the degree to which we Christians think differently than the masses. Because of that we teach our students a little bit about philosophy. If you are a Christian, you will have a Christian philosophy of life.

One of the fundamental things that philosophy deals with is the question, “What is real?” While the world believes that everything consists of matter and energy, we believe in such things as miracles and a spiritual God. We believe that God created everything in the entire universe. We believe that man was made perfectly in His image, fell into sin, and that we, along with the rest of creation, have been broken ever since. The world doesn't believe any of that. And all of that is important as a foundation for the education of our children.

Another question that philosophy deals with is, “What is true?” Recently, the notion that a Christian school will assert that the Bible is the truth has been in the news. There are many ways that people come to believe something to be true. We believe some things because of a gut feeling, or because they make sense, or because we trust the source, or because of our experiences, or because everybody around us seems to believe it. We believe that the Bible is the most important source of truth. This is the school that acknowledges that! This is the school that makes that a way of life!

We Christians disagree a lot, but we agree that the Bible is the reliable source of truth that others are subject to. We need the Bible to be our glasses as we observe the world and seek to understand it. That is what a school is. A place to gain an understanding of the world where we can learn to navigate within it in a way that is true to what I believe. Christian parents are entitled to an education that recognizes that they and their families embrace a Christian philosophy and they need a school that understands that. An inclusive education system must include Christian schools! Let us never fail to work together as brothers and sisters for an education that is founded upon Biblical teaching.

# FROM THE BOARD

1. Remember to purchase your Society membership to support the Society and get involved in meetings and voting!
2. RCS Fall General Meeting **Wednesday, November 28** at 7:30. Items up for discussion include planning for the future of RCS building and grounds.
3. Thank you to all who came out to lend a helping hand at the recent work-bee. The new basketball nets look great!

**Want to get involved, but don't know where to start?  
Become a member and join a committee!**

**Capital Management** - Take part in improvement projects related to school and grounds and help plan for the future of the school.

**Finance** - Want to learn what your Fair Share Contribution does? Are you good with numbers? Why not help out with managing our Society budget?

**Fundraising/ Promotions** - Are you gifted in planning and hospitality? Join us to help improve RCS and greater community!

**Fidgets Committee** - The Fidgets are coming! We are looking for volunteers to help plan for a successful evening of food and entertainment.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

All members of the Rocky Christian School community are encouraged to attend School Council Discussions at Board meetings and to bring compelling topics of conversation forward. We continue to desire to hear and understand parents' voices as we make decisions about the life of our school and the distinctly Christian program that we offer.

A Wild Rose School Division trustee will be in attendance as well.

Our next meeting will be held on **November 19** at 7:30pm in Room 215.



## V.I.P FOODS SERVICES FUNDRAISER

Once again this year, we are doing the V.I.P Food Services Fundraising program. It was a successful fundraiser for us last year and people were very happy with the products. You can order sausage rings, perogies and bacon. Order forms are coming home with this newsletter and are due back on November 23rd with pick up scheduled for December 5.



## REPORT CARDS & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Report cards are scheduled to go home on Friday, November 16 with Parent/Teacher interviews being planned for Wednesday, November 21 and Thursday, November 22. A schedule will come home with report cards; if you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please call the office to make other arrangements. You are encouraged to attend parent/teacher interviews as it helps to have both the teacher and the parents on the same page when it comes to your child's academic progress.



**Picture Retake Day.**  
Retakes will be taken on  
Thursday,  
**November 1.**

If you would like to have retakes done, please be sure to send your original package back with your student on Thursday.

Please remember—**don't wear green.**



**SKATING CONTINUES** ~ Our Phys Ed skating classes continue. Be sure to have proper fitting skates and a CSA approved helmet with a working chin strap. Parent volunteers are also required to have skates or cleats on—no shoes on the ice please.

**Tuesdays** ~ Gr. 4/5—10:30—11:30

**Tuesdays**~ K—Gr. 2—2:00—3:00

**Wednesdays**~ Gr. 3—2:00—3:00



### CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER

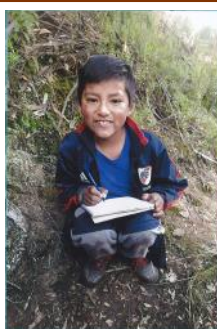
Thank you to everyone who sold chocolate bars/almonds again this year! If you still happen to have an envelope of \$\$ sitting on your counter, please be sure to send it in to the office ASAP. If you still have a partial box of chocolate bars left, you may return them with the money for the bars sold and we can see if someone else can sell the remaining bars. There are still a few cases of almonds left if anyone thinks they can sell a few more.

**LEST WE FORGET**  
Please join us for our Remembrance Day chapel on Thursday, November 8 at 10:30am.



### HOT LUNCH

Tuesday, November 6  
Ham Dinner...mmm!



### MEET MICHAEL GARCIA

Michael is a nine year old boy who lives in Koari, Bolivia. He is in grade four 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.

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



We will be collecting Shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** again this year. We would love to see our school fill 100 Shoeboxes!

The deadline to have all boxes in will be November 12th so that we can get the boxes delivered to the appropriate place to be shipped to bring joy to children around the

world this Christmas.







## ROYALS SPORTS SHORTS

### CROSS COUNTRY 2018/2019

Our Cross Country team this year consisted of Derek Aasman, Natalie Hondebrink, Whitney van der Meer, Vanessa Barrett, Lexis Miller-Gabler, Sarah Pedrazzini, Lydia VanGinkel, and Jonas Magnus. On Tuesday, October 9, a very cold, wet day, the team ventured to Ponoka to take part in the CWAJHAA Cross Country Run that was hosted by St. Augustine School. The course was a true cross country course as it led up and down hills and ravines, even crossing over a creek along the way. Our runners battled on and did very well in the standings!

### VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball teams are nearing the end of their season, with league tournaments coming up on Tuesday, November 6 at St. Matt's for our Girls C team and Wednesday, November 7 for our A/B Girls and Boys teams at St. Dom's, Come out and cheer on our RCS Royals Volleyball teams!!

### HOCKEY

Our hockey team this year consists of Owen Baker, Everist Brettelle, Danae Carnahan, Sean Curtis, Tate Godlonton, Lené Jeppe, Owen Langberg, Theodore Patenaude, Justin Sigouin, John Steinman, Lydia VanGinkel and Paul VanGinkel, They started practicing on Thursdays at noon at the beginning of October, and pulled off a win for their first game of the season on Friday, October 26 against Gateway Christian! Way to go Royals!!

*If you are interested in supporting our team and helping to make our hockey program more affordable by sponsoring them, please contact the school office.*



## The Alberta Child Health Benefit

Your kids deserve good health



Get **free** eyeglasses, prescriptions and dental visits for your child through the Alberta Child Health Benefit plan. It helps pay health care bills for families with limited incomes. Knowing your children's health is cared for will bring peace of mind. Signing up is easy. Visit

[www.humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/2076.html](http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/2076.html) or call

1-877-469-5437 (toll free) for more information on how to apply for this plan or visit your nearest Community Health Centre.

There are also health benefits available for adults with a limited income through the Alberta Adult Health Benefit. Visit [www.humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/2085.html](http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/2085.html) to find out if you would qualify for this benefit. Or call (toll free) 1-877-469-5437

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The grade three class got to enjoy a healthy treat of lettuce from the tower garden growing in their classroom.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Picture Retake Day</b>	2 Gr. 4/5 Swimming 2:00—3:00	3
4	5	6 <b>Hot Lunch</b> Gr. 4/5 Skating 10:30—11:30 K/1/2 Skating 2:00—3:00	7 Gr. 3 Skating 2:00—3:00	8	9 Gr. 4/5 Swimming 2:00—3:00	10
11 Remembrance Day	12 Day off in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews	13 Gr. 4/5 Skating 10:30—11:30 K/1/2 Skating 2:00—3:00	14 <b>Kindergarten Day</b> Gr. 3 Skating 2:00—3:00	15	16 <b>Report Cards coming home</b> Gr. 4/5 Swimming 2:00—3:00	17
18	19 School Council Meeting	20 Gr. 4/5 Skating 10:30—11:30 K/1/2 Skating 2:00—3:00	21 Parent/Teacher Interviews Gr. 3 Skating 2:00—3:00	22 Parent/Teacher Interviews	23 PD Day—No School for Students	24
25	26	27 Gr. 4/5 Skating 10:30—11:30 K/1/2 Skating 2:00—3:00	28 Gr. 3 Skating 2:00—3:00	29	30 Gr. 4/5 Swimming 2:00—3:00	

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