

# LIFELINE

## ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

September 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.**



## LEARNING CURVE by Rob Duiker

### What Does Our Board Do?

The Rocky Christian School Society has been around since the 1950s. A group of faithful Christian people met regularly back then planning for the day that Rocky might be home to a school where the teaching was consistent with that of a Christian home. By 1970, the Society successfully established Rocky Christian School. Now, 48 years after opening our doors, our school is still alive and well. How did that happen? Obviously, our work has been blessed by God and the glory belongs to Him. But it would be wrong of us to fail to recognize the visionary people who believed with all the conviction they could muster that Rocky needed a Christian School.

When we think of the visionaries in our history, it might be tempting to first think of principals and teachers who have ministered powerfully within these walls. But the truth of the matter is that the primary guardians of the mission and vision of our beautiful little school is the Board of Rocky Christian School Society. It is the Board which, on your behalf, makes every effort to ensure that the education that children receive at Rocky Christian School is Biblical and is directed towards the Christian life that we desire for our children. It is the Board which is entrusted with the task to build the collection of families who enroll children in this school into a community, united by a singular purpose.

In 2012, after over 40 years of operating as an independent school, Rocky Christian School became an alternative program in the Wild Rose School Division. Many of the responsibilities of the society Board, including provision of transportation and the employment of teachers, were assumed by the school division. However the most important job, protecting our mission and vision, remains the core work of our Board.

The agreement between the Rocky Christian School Society and the Wild Rose School Division includes these paragraphs:

*Wild Rose recognizes and supports the commitment of the Society in ensuring the availability of a program of studies for students whose parents desire an educational setting which operates in accordance with the beliefs, mission, core values, vision, theological commitments, ethical standards and educational philosophy of the Society.*

*The important and legitimate role of the society in helping ensure that the integrity and intent of the RCS Program, as described in the Program Vision and Mission, is recognized and supported by Wild Rose.*

It is the Rocky Christian School Society Board which protects those things on your behalf. It is no less important today that they understand what a Christian education is than it was in 1970. In fact it may be more important today. As Christian Schools of all types encounter political pressure to diminish our biblical foundation in favour of more secular orthodoxies, the Board must know what we believe and be prepared to devoutly stand up for our right to adhere to Biblical Christianity in all areas of life including the education of our children.

Please get to know the Board. Encourage them in their work. Consider answering the call if you are ever asked to stand for nomination. Discuss Christian education often. It is a precious gift that we must be prepared to defend when the storms come. I wish to thank Peggy Hondebrink (chair), Amber Boodt, Jessica Hoeksema, Victoria Brettelle, Johann Jeppe, Alida VanGinkel, and James Smid for their willingness to take on this important leadership role, and for their commitment to advance the purpose of Christian Education in the Rocky/Clearwater area. Be sure to encourage them, and pray for them.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AT RCS

<i>Levi Bajema</i>	<i>Brianne Barrett</i>	<i>Cadence Boodt</i>
<i>Ryan Brouwer</i>	<i>Russell deBruyn</i>	<i>Lily Doroshuk</i>
<i>Jace Hoeksema</i>	<i>Cyrena Korth</i>	<i>Aila McEachern</i>
<i>David Miller</i>	<i>Caleb op den Dries</i>	<i>Gavin Patenaude</i>
<i>Liam Patenaude</i>	<i>William Patenaude</i>	<i>Colt Piers</i>
<i>Cyprian Siwak</i>	<i>Charley Terpsma</i>	<i>Daniel Brem Hamad</i>
<i>Clareta Brem Hamad</i>	<i>Aryana Morrish</i>	

*We want to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families at RCS and pray that they will have a wonderful school year.*

## 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. Please come and hear about how we are aiming to serve our students and staff and grow as a Christian community.

### VOLUNTEER BOND NOTES

You need 20 volunteer hours to get your \$200 bond cheque back in June. You are responsible for writing down your own hours in the Volunteer Binder in the school office. Anyone in your family can fulfill your volunteer hours, from grandparents to children grade 8 and up. The following are examples of activities that qualify as volunteer hours:

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| *Yard maintenance  | *Building maintenance                  | *Bottle recycling      |
| *Serving on the School Board   | *Serving on a Committee                | *Coaching sports       |
| *Score keeping for sports  | *Skating (tying skates)                | *Swimming (Grades K/1) |
| *Catering Club events  | *Hot lunch                             | *Pancake breakfast     |
| *Year end BBQ  | *Preparing the Walk for the Cure lunch |                        |
| *Driving for field trips or sports events (only if you are driving more than your own children and there is no bus going.) |  |                        |

### SCHOOL WORK BEE

Please join us on **Friday, October 19th** from 7—9:00pm and **Saturday, October 20** from 9:00am—5:00pm for a school work bee.

Projects include:

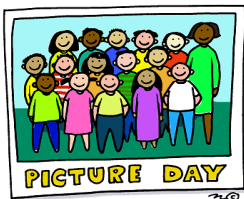
1. Putting insulation and vapor barrier in part of the ceiling
2. Removing and replacing two existing backboards in the gym
3. Applying nose molding to the wooden risers

Lunch and coffee will be provided for volunteers on Saturday. Please call the school office so that we know how many to expect.

Thanks in advance ~ Capital Management Committee

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

**School Council and the Board:** Our School Council has changed the way it is organized. After a few years of fairly poorly attended School Council meetings, we have decided to combine School Council meetings with meetings of our Board. This will eliminate duplication of discussion and move important discussions into a forum where more parents are in attendance. 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. Our next meeting will be held on **October 15** at 7:30pm in Room 215.



**Upcoming event ~  
Picture Day.**  
Pictures will be taken  
on Tuesday,  
**October 2.**  
Please remember **to**  
**NOT wear green.**

**SWIMMING** ~ Our grade four/five class will begin swimming on Friday, October 12 from 2:00—3:00pm. Please be sure to send in appropriate swim wear and a towel on these days.

The rest of our classes will be swimming after Christmas.



**SKATING BEGINS** ~ Our Phys Ed skating classes begin on October 9. 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.

**Tuesday, October 9** ~ Gr. 4/5—2:00—3:00

**Wednesday, October 10** ~ Gr. 3—2:00—3:00

**Tuesday, October 16** ~ Kindergarten—Grade 2—10:30—11:30



### RCS ROYALS HOCKEY



Coaches are in place, ice times are booked and we are looking forward to another great year for our hockey team!! We were very blessed to have had the sponsorship of DQ (Terri Anne Laut) for the past few years!! As they have moved on to other pursuits, we are currently looking for a new sponsor(s). If you are interested in helping to make our hockey program more affordable by sponsoring our team, please contact the school office.

### Exciting Stuff happening at Rocky Christian School

Rocky Christian School CTF Programs are set and ready to go! This year, the courses will be broken up into three (3) different terms. The first term will take place from Oct. 12 -

Dec. 14, on all Fridays when school is in session. This first term will have four different options for the Grade 6-9 students to choose from. There will be a Computer Coding for Beginners course, a Woodshop course, an Outdoor/Recreational Education course and a Scrapbooking / Card-making course.



If you have a passion or talent that you could pass on to our students by volunteering to lead a course, please contact Mrs. Aasman in the office. The dates for Term 2 and 3 will be Jan. 14 - March 22 and April 5 - June 21. Some fees may be associated with the courses; this information will come home as soon as we are able to get everything finalized.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We had a really good turn out for our registration evening at the end of August; thank you to all who came to get their registration paperwork taken care of prior to the start of school! If you were away or otherwise unable to attend that evening, please be sure to stop by the office to fill out any necessary registration papers and update your contact information.

### School Fees Update

As you may be aware, our regular school fees (\$40 ~ K-6; \$70 ~ 7-9) have been eliminated in accordance with new provincial guidelines.

**Sport fees** for this year are:

- ◆ Volleyball ~ \$20.00
- ◆ Cross Country ~ \$6.00
- ◆ Hockey ~ \$100.00—subject to change according to sponsorship
- ◆ Basketball ~ \$20.00
- ◆ Badminton ~ \$15.00

Additionally, RCS students who take care of scorekeeping, timing, and officiating at our games will no longer be paid for those activities. However, their hours will count against the volunteer hour requirement for your family. We do want our students to learn the joy of volunteering for a good cause!

**Field Trip fees** are difficult to pre-determine as admission fees, activity fees, bussing, etc. are subject to change each year. You will receive notes well in advance from your child's teacher regarding any field trip plans and fees that are associated. If at any time these fees are difficult to pay, please speak to the office to make arrangements.

All school related fees can now be paid online using a program called School Cash Online. You can link to School Cash on our website. Using school cash you can pay for fees for all of your children registered in Wild Rose Schools in one easy transaction. *Please be advised that all fees contain a 1.5% district processing fee for payments relating to the processing of credit card charges. It should be noted that the DO Processing fee is only a partial cost recovery, and will not cover all of the online costs (which will be paid for by Division Office).*



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Register at [wildrose.schoolcashionline.com](http://wildrose.schoolcashionline.com)



Our first **Hot Lunch** of the year will be served on Tuesday, **October 2, 2018**, and will continue the first Tuesday of the month right up until May. You may pay per month (\$3/student/month) or you can pre-pay for the full year (\$24.00/student). The "Pay it Forward" option is to help make sure that every student in our school can take part in our Hot Lunch program; if you would like to help make hot lunch more affordable for students who may not be able to pay for it, feel free to mark that box and send in a little extra money to help cover the cost. Please be sure to send in your forms before the due date each month so that we have accurate numbers for the wonderful volunteers who prepare the meals for us and the appropriate amount of milk can be ordered.



### **Moo Club will soon begin!!**

As part of a healthy lunch, many students will receive milk on the days they've ordered for. If they are absent, parents may keep track of how many days and deduct the value of the milk for that many days from their next month's order. They may also consider it a donation to the school. Also, if you know your child(ren) will be absent in the coming month, you can calculate that in on your payment; please write on the form how many days you are paying for and the dates that they will be absent.

Hot lunch days are not included on the milk order forms; if you want your student to have milk on hot lunch days, you must order it on the hot lunch form even if your students doesn't want the meal.



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.



### **Volunteer Requirements**

Just a quick recap of what is required to volunteer in our school:

- ◆ Criminal Record Check & Intervention Record Check must be on file at the school
  - ◆ please note that a criminal record does not automatically disqualify someone from volunteering at the school. In the case of a volunteer showing a criminal record, in consultation with senior leadership and based on the individual case, permission may be granted to allow volunteerism, with specific duties. eg: a drunk driving conviction would not disqualify someone from volunteering as a chaperone on a field trip but would not be appropriate as a volunteer driver

The following is required to be a volunteer **driver** for any situation where parents might be driving students other than their own children. This is primarily for extra-curricular activities:

- ◆ A current (within 12 months) Driver's abstract must be on file at the school
  - ◆ drivers with more than 6 demerits are not permitted to drive on school sponsored activities
  - ◆ The school will cover the cost of obtaining Driver's Abstracts. Bring in your receipt and we will reimburse you.
- ◆ Proof of a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage on file at the school.

## Highlights from September in Grade 6/7

The 2nd week of school we were supposed to go to the forest, but sadly it was cancelled by the weather. So instead Mr. V surprised us with dissecting owl pellets for science class. If you didn't know, owl pellets are something owls puke out after they eat, so sometimes you can even find bones, so that's why we did it, to find bones. When we first got ours, EEWS went around the class. We went downstairs and got our equipment ready to dissect.



Everyone started splitting open their pellets. Once again I heard EEWS and started EEWing as well. I found my first bone, deep in the bottom of the pellet, it was a leg! Moments after, I found more and more bones and one moment I found a whole head. So I put all my bones on the chart Mr. V gave me and headed outside for recess.



~ Matthew Gonzales—Grade 6 ~

### MY TRIP TO THE FORT

It was Friday the 21st we went to the RMH Historic Site. There were only four boys in grade six! Once we got there it was kind of cold. At the front gate we got out of our vehicles and we could kind of see the buffalo, they barely moved. Once we were in the Fort, Corben and Sarah taught us chants, showed us how to pack horses, and move York Boats and canoes. They taught us funny deaths, like people dying from pregnancy pains. Once we were done we bought candies and played Minecraft with a VR headset and PC.



~ Derek Aasman—Grade 6 ~



### VEGETABLE HARVEST

Once again we had a harvest of plenty from our raised garden beds! The grade three class picked all of the produce and then cleaned up the beds to ready them for winter. Mrs. Wolmarans made a hearty pot of borscht from the crop for the students to enjoy.






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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <b>Hot Lunch</b>  <b>Picture Day</b>	3 Kindergarten Wednesday	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving No School	9 Gr. 4/5 Skating— 2:00—3:00	10 Gr. 3 Skating 2:00—3:00	11	12 Gr. 4/5 Swimming 2:00—3:00	13
14	15 <b>School Council</b>	16 K/1/2 Skating 10:30 Gr. 4/5—2:00	17 Gr. 3 Skating 2:00—3:00	18 PCCE Teacher's Conference No School	19 <b>Work Bee</b>	20 <b>Work Bee</b> 9:00am— 5:00pm
21	22	23 K/1/2 Skating 10:30	24 Kindergarten Wednesday Gr. 3/4/5 Skating 2:00—3:00	25	26 Gr. 4/5 Swimming 2:00—3:00	27
28	29	30 K/1/2 Skating 10:30 Gr. 4/5—2:00	31 Gr. 3 Skating 2:00—3:00			

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