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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.**



## JESUS IS ENOUGH

~Rob Duiker

They say Jesus is the reason for the Season. In a year when it seems like everything is about Covid, let's make sure that Christmas is still about Jesus.

In order to do that let us recommit to the idea affirmed in Colossians 1 that everything is about Jesus. Our work is not about Covid. Work is about Jesus. School is not about Covid. School is about Jesus. Church is not about Covid. Church is about Jesus. Let's stop making everything about Covid. Everything is about Jesus.

As we reflect upon what Jesus means to us, particularly in troubled times, let us be comforted that Jesus is enough to overcome all of our troubles.

Jesus is the source of enough wellness to heal all brokenness.

He offers enough harmony to tear down the walls that separate us.

He is enough truth to cancel all falseness.

He brings enough intelligence to outsmart all ignorance.

Jesus provides enough friendship to replace all loneliness.

He is the source of enough joy to overcome the emptiness.

He ushers in enough Peace to send away the turmoil.

He shows enough wisdom to solve every problem.

Jesus demonstrates enough power to overwhelm our weakness.

He exemplifies enough love to overthrow all selfishness.

He shines enough light to eradicate the darkness.

He is victorious enough to conquer every defeat.

Jesus offers enough of a lift to reverse the fall.

Jesus came at Christmas to be human enough to cancel inhumanity.

And yet His divinity is enough to make all things new.

Regardless of how enormous the catastrophes, devastating the wars, debilitating the diseases, or how crushing the economic realities, Jesus is bigger. He is enough. He is always enough.

As we worship the one true God this Christmas season, as we reflect on the fact that he became human and dwelt among us, as we ponder with wonderment the reality that He came as a helpless and vulnerable baby, as we realize that Almighty God chose to begin his life as a human in a lowly manger let us be comforted that this Jesus is bigger and more powerful than all of the world's trouble

He is the reason for the season. He is the only reason!

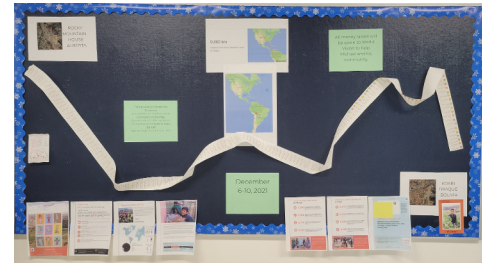
## SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



- Our School Council meetings will continue the third Monday of the month. If you would like to know more of what is going on in our school and be part of any discussion, please plan to attend our next meeting on **Monday, January 17 @ 7:30 in the gym**. We would love to see some new faces!
- Our **School Council received \$500** through the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant! This money will be put towards supporting our school council and parents within our school. This could be applied to parent workshops/information sessions on mental health, bullying, technology (Google drive,) etc. If you would be interested in any of these topics or have an idea for a workshop please call Marisa Prins 403-845-0529.



...so much to all of our generous students and families for your support of Michael during our "trek to Bolivia" at the beginning of December! With your help we collected \$266.60 and traveled 13,330 km. We far surpassed our goal of 9000 km!!



A huge thank you to Mrs. Siemens and Mrs. Brouwer for once again producing and recording such a wonderful Christmas program for all of our families to enjoy!

Also to Mrs. Magnus for directing and recording the Jr. High Band concert.

The link to both the Christmas program and the Virtual Band concert were emailed to every family in the school. Please don't share either of these links on any social media site.

### CHRISTMAS

Carols and candles glow in the night  
Hot fires blazing cozy and bright  
Red-leaved poinsettia white Christmas rose  
Ice skaters spinning on ice as it snows  
Sleigh bells and santas  
Tinsel-trimmed trees  
Mistletoe magic and warm memories  
Angels all bringing glad tidings anew  
Seasons best wishes especially for you!

~Brighton, Gr. 7

## PJ Day

Tuesday, January 25, 2022



You may bring a stuffed animal along, but it must be able to fit in your backpack.

# Memo

December 21, 2021

**Re: ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VOLUNTEER COVID PROCESSES**

**To: PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

When we return to school on January 5 new rules regarding Covid-19 screening for volunteers will come into force. While the school division has eased some of the procedures that we are required to follow, the new rules are going to involve a degree of inconvenience.

We understand completely that some will find the imposition of such rules to be unjust. **My request is that, in spite of whatever you may be feeling about these procedures, please do not stop volunteering your time at the school. To do so only hurts the kids, and they are not the ones who anyone is upset with.**

I've tried to summarize [the rules](#) here:

If you are Vaccinated

Show your QR Code to the principal for verification.

It can be kept on file at the school.

If you are Unvaccinated

Volunteers must be tested no more than 72 hours prior to any school activity that involves contact with students.

a. Watch this [Rapid Response COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test training video](#)

b. Self-administer the Covid-19 test. This can be done at the school or at home.

c. Show the results or a photo of the results to the principal.

A negative test is required in order to volunteer.

Test Availability

1. Supplied by the School

A. The principal will have a supply of tests in his office which can be administered at the school.

B. If you are a frequent volunteer the principal can give you a box of 5 tests

C. We have a limited supply but will try to get more as we need them

2. [Free, Publicly Available Kit](#)

A. Similar to those supplied to schools.

B. Please make full use of free kits in order to reduce strain on school-based test kits.

C. Availability appears to be limited as many people have rushed out to snatch up all of the available tests.

3. You can also purchase a test at a local pharmacy

Additional Notes:

- **The Pool:** We always need a number of volunteers when students from the lower grade (K-3) go to the pool. Volunteers are asked to stop by the school 30 minutes prior to going to the pool to either show evidence of vaccinations, show the principal a rapid test result, or take a rapid test. Test results are available 15 to 20 minutes after a nasal swab.
- **Athletics:** In most cases coaches will be eligible to receive test kits containing five tests, and therefore can conduct tests at home. Game officials who require a rapid test ought to arrive at the school 30 minutes prior to game time.



**2021/2022**

## **RCS Parade of Lights Float**



Reese's mom brought in a 1 day old calf for Reese's show-and-tell. Many classes got to go see the calf and marvel at God's creation. Thank you to Mary (the calf) for being on her best behaviour, and to the Hondebrink family for bringing her in so that our students could get a small taste of the farm in school.



Basketball games will begin in the new year. The schedule of games is included on the calendar at the back of this newsletter for your reference.

Grade 6 ~ Phases of the Moon - Oreo style.



### Swimming

Swimming begins very soon in the New Year so be sure to watch your child's classroom newsletter for dates and times. Please be sure to have a one piece or modest two piece swimsuit and towel for those days.



## Jesus Christ's Story

Mary was drinking a freezing cup of fresh water in the afternoon. Then she heard something behind the bushes. She tiptoed as quietly as possible and saw that it was just a gust of warm wind in a small town of Nazareth. Suddenly an angel appeared and told her "Do not be afraid". Mary was terrified! Her eyebrows shot up and she was glued still like a paper stuck to a wall. The Angel Gabriel shouted, "You will have a son and you will name him Jesus! Your cousin will also have a baby named John. Your Son will be the most powerful of the world and He is the Son of God".

As Mary covered her amazed eyes, she asked him, "How can this be?" The Angel told her, "God has chosen you Mary." Then she told him, "Let it be what the Lord says." Mary stood there as the angel disappeared. She stood there amazed at what the Angel had told her.

Mary ran to Joseph and whispered, "I am going to have a baby so be my husband." Joseph was very frustrated so he yelled at her and his teeth clenched together, his fists tightened. Then he said, "Go. I will think about what you have told me." Then Mary explained, "Settle down. I am getting very heavy and I need you."

Time passed and Mary's tummy grew and grew. While Mary left Joseph he thought that he would quietly divorce her. When He fell asleep, an angel told him to marry Mary. As he woke up, he ran and told Mary that he would marry her, but he said to her that Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken. Mary was shocked and didn't know what to say so Joseph said, "We need to pack up. I will get the stubborn donkey ready." Mary was so upset. She packed her stuff and strolled to the donkey and Joseph. Finally they were going to Bethlehem. Mary was so exhausted she almost fell over as she trudged along with the donkey. The gray donkey's feet were sore and tired from walking on the hard rocky path. Part way Mary asked Joseph if she could ride on the fuzzy donkey. He said, "Sure." They had to walk 70 miles to Bethlehem and had to sleep on the side of the road. After days of traveling they finally made it to Bethlehem to register.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, they walked along the rocky, dusty, crowded streets hearing people shouting, "Go away! We don't have any room!" There were people all registering. Joseph knocked on a dirty door. The inn keeper opened the door and shouted, "Go away! Find somewhere else." It was getting very dark and it was freezing so Joseph gently slid his cloak over her. As Mary slid off the silky coat, Joseph had knocked on a door and a lady peeked through a crack in the brown door. She told Joseph that there was no room. Mary's shoulders slouched as they knocked on many more doors. Finally they knocked on the very last inn. All the windows were full of beautiful lamplight. The inn keeper said, "No room! Go find somewhere else." Joseph told him, "There is no other room." So the innkeeper looked at Mary with frustration. He slammed the door in Joseph's face! Mary fought back some tears as they trudged away. Then some light fell on Mary and the innkeeper told them, "You can sleep in my stable if you want." They strolled on the hard path to the brown stable.

When they were in the stable, the straw was as sweet smelling as flowers. It was as gold as an ornament. It felt so soft. Then Mary made herself a bed. While Joseph watched, Mary gave birth to a baby and named him Jesus. She wrapped him in cloth and placed him in a manger. The donkey sweetly sang his song. The sheep baa-ed quietly as the horse neighed loudly. Jesus means God saves. A tear of joy slid out of Joseph's eye. Mary was overjoyed with glory.

There were shepherds nearby watching over their flocks at night. All of the fields were very rocky and poor. The shepherds were warming their hands on a toasty warm fire. All of a sudden, an angel appeared in thin air and the angel said, "Do not be afraid! In Bethlehem a Savior has been born to you. You will find him wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger. This will be a sign to you." The angel was sweet and gentle and was beautiful with light. The shepherds were terrified! The shepherds were so astonished that they froze and almost fell over with their mouths open wide. Then a whole choir of angels started singing, "Glory to the king of the highest! Peace on Earth!" Their voices swept over the hills and valleys like a fire! As they faded away, the shepherds told each other, "Let's go see this amazing thing!" So the shepherds ran to the stable. It smelled like fresh golden hay. It looked pretty. The shepherds looked at cute, baby Jesus when he was asleep. They worshipped him and were overjoyed with happiness. Then they ran to the houses and inns so they could spread the great news. They said, "Come and see the amazing baby that has come to save the world!" After that the shepherds went to their flocks.

Jesus came to earth as a human baby so you should spread the good news to everyone you know because Jesus died on the cross for us.



*Merry Christmas*

*We pray that you have a blessed Christmas  
and wish you all the best in 2022!*

*From the staff of  
Rocky Christian School*



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## January 2022



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 No School for Students or Staff	4	5 <b>WELCOME BACK!</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Kindergarten Day	13 B - RCS @ St. Matt's C - St. Matt's @ RCS	14	15
16	17	18 C - Pioneer 1 @ RCS	19	20	21	22
23	24 B - Pioneer @ RCS	25 <b>PJ Day</b>	26	27 C - RCS @ Pioneer 2	28	29
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