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ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

March 2022

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.

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. 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

Please be sure that you obey the **No Parking** signs on the front of the building.

THANK YOU.



LEARNING CURVE By Rob Duiker

Seekers and Warriors

About 25 years ago I was the principal of a mission school on a Native American reservation in New Mexico. I recently visited that school again. Zuni Christian Mission School has changed a lot. They have completely rebuilt the school and most of the teacher residences. It's beautiful. But there was another change that caught my eye.

Back in 1997 the Teaching for Transformation Program (TfT) that we use at Rocky Christian School did not yet exist. It was initially developed in the early 2000s by the Prairie Association of Christian Schools (now called the Prairie Centre for Christian Education). Our School is one of the schools responsible for the creation of TfT. TfT has now grown to be used in Christian Schools all across North America, including Zuni Christian Mission School.

I was struck by how they had changed the throughlines. Earth Keepers became Creation Keepers, Beauty Creators became Beauty Weavers, Image Reflectors became Living Images. They added some new ones as well; Truth Seekers, Gospel Walkers, and Diversity Advocates. It made me wonder if what I was looking at was Christianity through a native American lens. Was this an example of Native Americans (we call them First nations in Canada) taking Christianity and making it their own. Can we learn something from this fresh and unique set of eyes having investigated the throughlines?

In particular, I was struck by how in the native American Christian Schools our 'Justice Seekers' throughline had become 'Justice Warriors'. As I read it I thought about the folks in Ukraine who have been pressed into the posture of Justice Warriors. They do not have the luxury of seeking justice; they must fight.

In Isaiah 1:17 God says, "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." The idea of seeking justice might sound a little bit passive; like it is something we do with our eyes. However, the rest of the passage points to an understanding of justice that is more active than that. Doing right, helping orphans and widows, and defending the oppressed all require us to be active about doing justice.

But should we be justice warriors? But Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword away!" (John 18:11). In the sermon on the mount Jesus taught us to turn the other cheek and love our enemies. But the Bible also calls us to defend the defenseless (Psalm 82:3-4) and to, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." (Proverbs 31:8-9)

So, what shall we teach our children? Are we justice seekers, justice warriors, or both? How do we respond, as God's people, to all of the injustice we see unfolding daily in Ukraine? How should Canada respond?

Maybe this is too much to comprehend. Maybe we ought to start with identifying injustice that we can personally battle with, and take up the fight with all the energy God gives us. As for the injustice that is far beyond our reach, we must pray earnestly to our God who hears our prayers and never lose our confidence that He is in control.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



Our next **School Council** meeting will be held on **April 11** at 7:00pm in Room 215. We will be discussing the new Alberta curriculum as well as controversial rules at RCS including cell phone use and rules about piercings.

Fairshare Changes ~ Starting January 2022 all fairshare contributions will be changed to family donation contributions. These contributions will continue to go towards Christian curriculum, Christian teacher development, maintenance and to the future planning of our building. This change allows us to issue families donation receipts for these amounts. The amount per family will remain \$2,850 if able. If you have any questions please contact the office or a board member.

E-Transfers ~ We are pleased to offer e-transfers as a way to make payments to the society starting April 1st. These can be used for membership fees, family donations, fundraisers etc. Please send e-transfers to thercssociety@gmail.com Please remember to state in the memo line what the money is allocated towards.

Catering Club ~ We are looking for an individual(s) who would be willing to organize and manage our catering club. The money the catering club has raised has helped provide our school with equipment, supplies, and field trips. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Marisa Prins at 403-845-0529.

RCS STEPS UP TO THE PLATE!



The cast has been gathering and songs are being learned all in anticipation of our Spring musical which will be held on Thursday, **April 28** at 7:00pm at the Lou Soppit Community Centre.

Be sure to invite your family and friends!



SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER

We are trying out a new flower fundraiser this year. We are still supporting local by ordering through The Plant Ranch. You will have the option of purchasing \$39 or \$49 hanging baskets or a \$50 gift certificate which can be used on any plant material.



Order forms came home with this newsletter and are due back in the office by Friday, April 22.

As of April 1, we will be able to accept e-transfers for your order—please only one e-transfer per order form (from school family member). Contact the office if you have questions or need more order forms.

SPORT FEE REMINDER ~ If your child is/was involved in any of our sports—Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton—please make every effort to pay the fee that is associated with that sport. These fees help to pay our tournament registrations, pay for refs and scorekeepers, and to put some money away for the day that new uniforms are required.

ROYALS SPORTS SHORTS



The 2022 Basketball season is over and our players have once again enjoyed the full experience of interscholastic competition with fans in the stands to cheer them on.

With the smallest junior high numbers (6-9) in all of the division and sports league, it is encouraging to see 29 players fill three squads, all led by capable coaches who dedicated their time and talents to ensuring our basketball teams had a competitive and worthwhile season.

Along with the majority of students participating in basketball this year, RCS was blessed with three parent-volunteer coaches, two community-coaches and a former student now in her senior year. The program also required three reliable staff members who ran the games, and another player who assisted in officiating. Many thanks to these folks who made the season run smoothly and guided our teams to numerous victories. You will see these volunteers in the photos taken, except for two of the Junior Boys team coaches—Bruce Learmonth and Teanna Maier and our newest referee, Hailey Hondebrink.



Both of our Girls teams did exceptionally well—winning every contest in league play and then going on to go undefeated in the league divisional tournaments. Once again Rocky Christian played host to the “C” league tourney. The quality of skill and competitive spirit which these girls exhibit bodes well for the future of our and the high school basketball programs. However, this outcome doesn’t happen without

the patience and persistence of the coaches and our PE teachers here at school. This year the gym was very full of hoopsters at lunchtime.



Finally, the Boys “B” team thrilled the fans in the St. Matt’s School gym on March 9 (one day after a weather-related cancellation of games) with an OT win against their rivals from David Thompson. The squad was made up of students ranging greatly in age, experience, and in height—but they all contributed marvelously to a positive season finale. I am very proud of their efforts and the way they competed against bigger schools all season, their

parents and older siblings in the season wrap-up, and their female competition from their own classrooms during pick-up games at recess. These kids have played even outdoors on snow and ice with a rock-hard basketball in February this winter! Way to go ROYALS! Thank-you to our parents and family members for cheering us on regardless of the final score. Keep practicing those lay-ups and free throws!

-Mr. V.



Grade 4/5 Science

Grade 4/5 science studies simple machines and how they can be combined to make complex machines. They have made mechanical, extending arms; wishing wells and **these balloon-powered cars**.

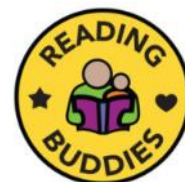
Our next challenge is a car powered by a mouse trap. (neither cat nor mouse included) God has designed his world with many ways for us to use our brains to help us accomplish more work with less effort. Joel Soodsma



St. Patrick's Day Fun
The Grade 1s and their 8/9 buddies built leprechaun traps for their science Building Things unit. Students use various materials to entice these make-believe creatures into their trap!



Kindergarten & their Grade 8/9 Reading Buddies



Grade 7 Girls STEM project with Legobots.



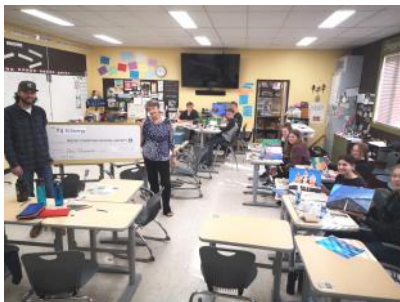
GRADE 2/3 SUPER HERO DAY



Fortis

More LED Lighting Sponsors

A big thank you to the following businesses/groups for giving so generously to our LED Lighting Up-grade project last year. Unfortunately they were unavailable for pictures at the time—we've caught up with them all now! This project resulted in a significant reduction in our overall power usage, generating some added savings for our Society.



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A&W-Shell

Rocky Christian School had three Grade 9 students participating in the Alberta Junior Honour Band on the weekend of March 4-6, 2022.



Derek Aasman, Shanelle Tensen and Rose Feddema worked alongside approximately 60 other Junior High students from across Alberta. Their work of more than 20 hours of practice over two and a half days produced a wonderful concert for a sold out crowd of more than 500 people! Congratulations on your accomplishments and thank you for using your God-given talents to share the joy of music. ~ Jacquelyn Magnus



RCS SPING INTO SPRING
GRADE 6-9 BAND CONCERT
March 21, 2022





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School for Students	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 School Council Meeting	12	13 Hot Lunch Pastor's Day Kindergarten Day	14 PD Day No School for Students	15 Good Friday	16
17	18 Easter Monday	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Tacky Tourist Day	27	28 Spring Musical	29	30