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Visit our website at <u>rockychristian.wrsd.ca</u>. 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 order forms
- School Council information

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## 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.



## 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 God and contribute to society in a positive way.



ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

September 2022

#### WELCOME **Rosemary Brettelle** Greyson Lagrelle Levi Duiker Patricia Miller Žane Pasia Xaviour Neilson Clark May Samantha Patenaude **Emmett Rangen** Elenora May Aryana Morrish **River** Rees Gabrielle Rüssell We want to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families and we pray that they have a wonderful school year!

## NOTES FROM THE SOCIETY BOARD

Thank you to everyone who came to our registration evening on August 30. It was great to see so many families and to get necessary paperwork out of the way prior to school starting.

Our Fall Society Meeting will be held early in November, stay tuned for the date.

The RCSSociety would like to extend a big welcome to all the new and returning students to RCS this year! We hope and pray for a great school year.

As a new family, you may be wondering what the difference is between the school and the society?

Rocky Christian School is an alternative program of WRSD. The Society partners with the school division and staff of Rocky Christian School to ensure our vision for the school is upheld. Our main focus is providing our students with a strong Christian education. Currently the board is responsible for the maintenance and operations of our building, Christian education, strategically planning for the school's future and building a strong Christian community.

The board has a number of committees to help us achieve these goals; Capital Management, Finance, Fundraising and Promotions. Capital Management is responsible for the maintenance of the building. Our Finance committee helps plan and budget for the school's needs and goals. The Fundraising committee helps raise funds for the current needs of the school. Our Promotions committee plans family events and promotes the school to our larger community. The RCSSociety board represents you, the society. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, we would love to hear from you!

# School Council/Board Highlights

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Our next school council meeting for this year will be held on Monday, October 17 at 3:30pm at the school. If you would like to have a more in depth knowledge of our school and have a voice in decisions, then be sure to join us for these meetings.



## **NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

You should have seen an email come through from WRSD notifying you that a school form requires your attention. This is our online Demographic Confirmation Report. Please be sure to log in and complete the form for each of your students. Once the first student is done, you can simply " Copy From Previous Form" to save time. Make sure to click on the Save button before proceeding to the next page so that any changes that you make are saved.

If you are having difficulty logging in, please give me a call and I will happily walk through it with you.

This form is essentially your student's registration form for this school year. If you could complete it as soon as possible, that would be greatly appreciated.

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## Volunteer Requirements

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

- > Criminal Record Check
  - 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.

## > Child Intervention Record Check

 To request a Child Intervention Record Check please email <u>cs-ircrequest@gov.ab.ca</u> or contact the school office and instructions will be forwarded to you.

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
  Please contact the school office for the form to apply for this
- drivers with more than 6 demerits are not permitted to drive on school sponsored activities
- Drivers with a GDL license are not permitted to drive students
- Proof of a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage on file at the school



## RCS is Excited to Announce Our 2023 Mission Trip to Belize!



Grade 9/10 students will be participating in a Co-Impact team through EduDeo Ministries to assist in building a playground fence for a Presbyterian Church School in Belize over the spring break. We are looking forward to building lasting relationships with Belizean staff and students at the Presbyterian Church School, and look forward to learning from and being immersed

in their unique culture. This is an excellent way for our students to be the hands and feet of God, while we share the good news of Jesus Christl Students will begin fundraising through the EduDeo website, which will be shared through Facebook, as well as through Bottle Drives, Treat and Baking Booths, Clothing Drives, and a Silent Auction the week prior to our Christmas Musical. Should you feel led to donate, or sponsor a student attending this mission trip please feel free to contact Mrs. Samantha Smith (Co-Impact Lead) or Marie Aasman (Parent Chaperone, and Admin. Services). We also covet your prayers for every aspect of this trip. Thank you for your support for this year's mission trip!

God Bless,

Mrs. Smith

## MEET MICHAEL



Michael is a thirteen year old boy who lives in Koari, Bolivia. His favourite subject in school is Social Studies, and he likes to swim. 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 \$49.00 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. On occasion we also hold special student fundraisers to help raise extra funds for special projects in Michael's community.

## BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

Dress up as your favourite book character on Tuesday, October 25th. Your costume must be from a book - not a comic book, movie, etc.

Be sure your costume is appropriate - no weapons please.





October is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. Many families in and around Rocky are feeling the stress of the past couple of years, and are needing to rely on the Lord's Food Bank more than ever as their source for groceries.

Throughout the month of October we will be collecting food for the Lord's Food Bank to help stock their shelves. If you feel blessed and are able to share, please send in what you are able in order to bless those that the food bank serves.



Just a reminder that if you have chocolate bar money sitting on your counter, to please get it in to the office as soon as possible. If you have bars left that you just are not able to sell, you can return them to the school and someone else may be able to sell them yet.

Thank you for your support for this fundraiser!



# RCS SPORTS SHORTS

Our volleyball teams have been assembled and got in a few practices prior to games starting. We have some very talented coaches joining our teams: Lydia VanGinkel coaching our Girls B team, Dean Levers and Jenn Waronek coaching our Girls A team, Kelsey op den Dries coaching our Boys B team and Rebecca Cyr coaching our Boys A team. Thank you to all of you for stepping up to coach our students and to help enhance our sports program!!



We had our first games of the season on September 29 with our "A Teams" facing off against St. Matt's. The teams were closely matched, but in the end our girls team came out ahead 2 sets to 1, and our boys team was defeated in the final set.

## **GO ROYALS!!**

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our first day of school pancake breakfast was very well attended again this year. Thank you so very much to all of the volunteers who organized and prepared this meal for all the families in our school! A big thank you to the A&W as well for their very generous donation of breakfast sausages - they were the perfect addition to this delicious breakfast.







# Grade 6/7 Visit the National Historic Site





















CTF FUN

Grade 6-9 have begun their CTF options classes. Mr. V's group is working on outdoor education pursuits. So far they have been fishing in the North Saskatchewan River and the Fish Pond across the river. Lots of fish have been caught, and it looks like lots of fun has been had.







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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <b>Terry Fox Run</b> (rescheduled)		8
9	10 Thanksgiving Monday No School	11	12	13	14	15 Bottle Drive for Belize
16	17 School Council Meeting @ 3:30pm	18	19 Kindergarten Day	Teachers'	21 n School Convention for Students	22
23	24	25 Book Character Dress-Up Day	26	27	28	29
30	31	CHARACTERS				