

# LIFELINE

Learning, Loving, Living for our Lord

ROCKY CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL

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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 order 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.**



## 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.



# Learning Curve

By Rob Duiker

## Non-Denominational

The Rocky Christian School Mission Statement affirms that we are a non-denominational community of Christian believers. **We deliberately seek to be the school of choice for every Bible-believing, church-attending family in the Rocky Mountain House, Clearwater County area.** I think this is a well kept secret. It's an accidental secret. Christians in Rocky Mountain House don't know this about our school. It is assumed that since many of the people who founded this school were from one particular denomination, the school supports that perspective.

When Rocky Christian School opened its doors in 1970, it is probably true that we had a lot to learn about being non-denominational. Today I think we can say that we are pretty good at it.

While church denominations have doctrines regarding such things as baptism, end-times, tongues-speaking, alcohol use, heaven and hell, the nature and essence of God, the authority of scripture, sanctification, prophecy, etc. Rocky Christian School seeks to be respectful of all of the positions that Bible-Believing Christians might hold.

One of the things we have tried to do, and will continue to do more frequently is to invite pastors, two or three at a time, to visit our grade 8 & 9 class, and make a Biblical argument for a position that Christians disagree about. At the end of the presentation the presenters will turn to one another and affirm their unity in Christ. Students will come to understand and respect the positions of Christians that are different from their own. In doing so, students will make their Christianity their own, and at the same time come to understand that the unity of the Body of Christ is not found in our uniformity.

For years our board and promotion committee members have been asking themselves the question, "Why do we attract families from some denominations, but not from others?" I don't know the answer to that question. We have, at one time or another, had students registered in our school who come from practically every church in town. But we always seem to fall short of our goal of being the school of choice for every Christian family in town. I think it is at least partly because of our accidental secret.

So how about we begin a campaign where we whisper into the ears of every Christian we know, "You wanna know a secret? Rocky Christian School is a non-denominational school that respects and celebrates the theological positions of every Bible-Believing Church-Attending Christian in town!" If enough people share the secret, maybe it won't be a secret any longer.

## School Council/Board Highlights



- Please join us for our next School Council meeting to be held on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm in Room 215 (across from the office)
- If you would like a copy of the previous School Council meeting minutes, please call the school office.



Join us **tonight**, Friday, February 3 between 5 - 7:00 pm for our *Family Chili Supper* in the school gym. The meal will be by donation with all proceeds going to our Belize Mission trip.

At 6:00 pm our **Worker Bees**  for **Belize** auction will begin.

We have 8 student mission trip participants who will be supplying 10 hours of labour to the winning bidder. Come out, enjoy some fellowship over chili, and bid on some students to help you get some extra work done - all while supporting our mission trip!



**Chess Club** - Anyone interested in joining our chess club is encouraged to attend our first official meeting **February 7** at 11:50 in the grade 4/5 class room. Everyone will need to sign up to be given a scheduled time and partner to play.



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2023/2024

If you have a child turning 5 on or before December 31, 2023, it is time to start thinking about registering for kindergarten. Online registration is now open on our website; be sure to select the NEW 2023 -2024 PreK/ ECS Student Registration. If you are already one of our school families, you can register a new student through your PowerSchool Parent Portal -> SchoolEngage.

Our kindergarten information evening is set for **Wednesday, February 8 from 7 - 9:00**. Please share this information with anyone you know who might be looking to find the perfect school for their family.

## 2023 Mission Trip to Belize Update



Excitement is building as the days fly by and our trip draws nearer - only 8 weeks to go!

We want to thank everyone who has supported us thus far through our recent fundraising efforts!

➤ Some upcoming events to mark on your calendar are:

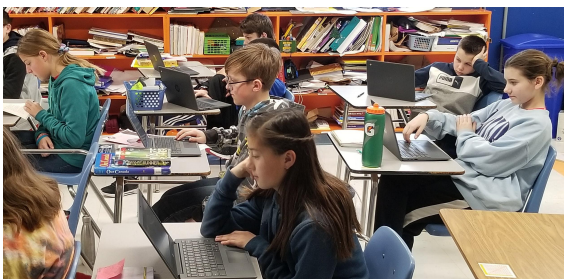
- Chili supper on February 3 from 5 - 7:00 pm
- Worker Bees for Belize auction at the chili supper, starting at 6:00 pm
- Bottles for Belize drive on Saturday, March 4

➤ If you would like to give an online donation to a member of the team, or the team as a whole, you can do so on the [EduDeo Ministries website](#) under "Get Involved" -> Co-Impact Teams -> See Teams -> Rocky Christian School 2023. Online donations will receive charitable donation receipts.

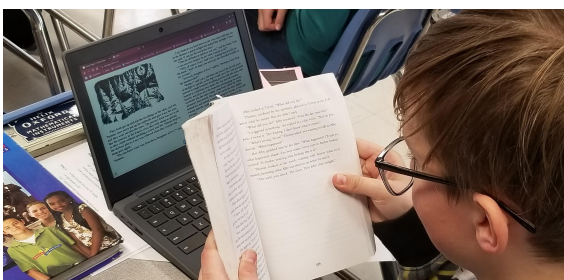
Concepcion Presbyterian School



School Playground



Grade 6 and 7 reading for Literacy Day using a digital version on Sora as well as the physical copy.



# HAT DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28  
You get to wear your favourite hat INSIDE all day today!





# RCS SPORTS SHORTS

The Basketball season is halfway through and the level of play has become increasingly intense and exciting. Our fans have been treated to some amazing play and our coaches continue to instruct and motivate our players to make improvements in both their personal play and most importantly, Teamwork.

The following is a list of the teams entered into our local WildRose Middle School league and the coaches who donate their time and talents to these young players:

A Boys=Bruce and Angelica Learmonth; A Girls=Cheryl de Bruyn; B Girls=Lydia Blaak and Whitney van der Meer; C Boys=Jessica Hoeksema and Alayna Dekker.

I am grateful for these mentors and also a small group of reliable individuals made of staff and student volunteers who give of their time and talents and who make the games each week possible.

Please refer to the schedule on the monthly calendar or contact our school office for dates and times of upcoming games.

Other recreational activities that our students have been involved in this winter term are Curling for grade 8/9 with Mrs. Marie Aasman, as well as skating-all grades- at the rink and 6-9 kayaking at the swimming pool.

Go ROYALS! ~ Mr. V





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3  <b>Chili Supper Worker Bees for Belize Auction 5:00-7:00 pm</b> 	4
5	6	7  <b>Hot Lunch</b>  A Girls St. Matt's @ RCS	8  A Boys RCS @ WCHS	9  B Girls RCS @ Pioneer 2	10	11
12	13  C Boys Charlotte Small @ RCS	14  A Girls St. Dom's @ RCS A Boys DT 1 @ RCS	15  Kindergarten Day	16  B Girls Pioneer 1 @ RCS	17	18
19	20  <b>Holiday - No School for Students</b>	21  <b>Holiday - No School for Students</b>	22  PD Day No School for Students	23  Alberta Teachers' Convention No School for Students	24  Alberta Teachers' Convention No School for Students	25
26	27	28  Hat Day 				