

LIFELINE

Learning, Loving, Living for our Lord

ROCKY CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

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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.



Competence, Character, and Branding

At a teachers convention a few years ago one keynote address dealt with the notion of competence. The speaker gave the example where a person is sitting in an airplane and he hears an announcement. "This is your captain speaking. I have never taken a flying lesson and I don't know how to fly a plane. But don't worry; I am a born-again Christian and I believe Jesus will take care of us!" The point, as it relates to Christian school teachers, is that being a wonderful Christian person is important, but it is not enough. A teacher must be well trained and competent for the task of teaching. We are very blessed to have a staff of very competent and devoutly Christian teachers here at Rocky Christian School to fly our plane, land it safely, and give God the glory.

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being **transformed** into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Another presentation dealt with the matter of Character. He stressed the point that character is not the same thing as personality. Personalities are unique. Some people are playful, some are deep thinkers, some are fastidious organizers, and some know exactly when you need a hug. Christian character traits are essential qualities that we all must have. A 'short' list might include compassion, courtesy, dependability, diligence, discernment, discretion, enthusiasm, faithfulness, flexibility, forgiving, friendliness, generosity,

gentleness, gratefulness, hospitality, humility, joyfulness, justice, kindness, loyalty, meekness, patience, peacefulness, perseverance, responsibility, reverence, self-control, sensitivity, sincerity, thoroughness, truthfulness, virtue, and wisdom. We are very blessed here at Rocky Christian School to have a staff of teachers who demonstrate authentic Christian character.

Another keynote was, in my view, the most challenging. In it Dave Koetje, the CEO of Christian Schools International at the time, contended that a school ought to demonstrate a 'brand' in each of its classrooms. In the same way that a Whopper is the same delicious flame broiled burger at every Burger King location, the brand of education that we provide should be evident in every class of our school. While the personality of each classroom may be different, the character of each room must be the same. This is something that Christian schools in the prairie provinces have been working on. Our brand is called *Teaching for Transformation*. It is characterized by teaching which intentionally seeks to prepare students for a Christian life which includes each of the following:

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

- ✓ **God – Worshipping:** Students will be involved in regular and meaningful worship experiences.
- ✓ **Earth – Keeping:** Students will respond to God's call to be stewards of all of creation.
- ✓ **Justice – Seeking:** Students will act as agents of change by identifying and responding to injustices.
- ✓ **Servant – Working:** Students will work actively to heal brokenness and bring joy.
- ✓ **Image – Reflecting:** Students bear the image of God in their daily lives.
- ✓ **Idolatry – Discerning:** Students will be challenged to identify and understand the idols of our time.
- ✓ **Beauty – Creating:** Students will praise God by creating beautiful things.
- ✓ **Creation – Enjoying:** Students will celebrate God's beautiful creation.
- ✓ **Community – Building:** Students will be active pursuers and builders of communal shalom.
- ✓ **Order – Discovering:** Students will find harmony and order in God's creation.

Additionally, our teachers lead students to express the deep hopes that they have as followers of Jesus, they guide students to place themselves within God's story as we await His return, and they build learning experiences that shape students in preparation for a Christian life.

Competent teachers of outstanding character who are gifted by the Holy Spirit to teach your children ... these are some of the keys to *Teaching for Transformation* at Rocky Christian School!!

School Council/Board Highlights

- Our **Fall General Meeting** for the **Rocky Christian School Society** is on **November 10, 2022** at 7:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. To vote you will need a membership, which can be purchased at the office or at the door of the meeting for \$20.00. At this meeting we will discuss what is happening on all our different committees and have a look at our revised budget. Hope to see you there!
- For our next **School Council** meeting, we will meet on **November 21, 2022 at 7pm**. This meeting will be a workshop/presentation on how to use Google Drive and all its many applications; this will include an introduction to Google, Google classroom, Google docs and Google spreadsheets. Our children are all learning this system. This is an excellent way to understand and perhaps learn beside our children.
- If you would like a copy of the previous School Council meeting minutes, click this [link](#) or call the school office.



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

If you've been avoiding the email from WRSD notifying you that a school form requires your attention, please take a look at it as soon as possible. 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.



With your help, we were able to send in a few boxes of groceries with the hopes of blessing those who may be struggling right now.

Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations for The Lord's Food Bank!



2023 Mission Trip to Belize Update



We'd like to introduce you to our team:

Mrs. Samantha Smith ~ Co-Impact team leader

Mr. Robert Duiker ~ Co-Impact team leader

Derek Aasman, Ethan Hart, Sophia Irodenko, Jotham Lublinkhof, Kolin Mayer, Drew Smid, Whitney VanderMeer, Daniel Van Ginkel, Mya Waronek ~ Grade 9 and 10 student participants

Mr. Christopher Smith ~ Chaperone

Mrs. Marie Aasman ~ Parent Chaperone

Mr. James Smid ~ Parent Chaperone

Thank you to everyone who donated their bottles to our Belize Mission trip!! With your support we nearly filled the sea can! We are still waiting to hear how much was raised. We have some special treat days coming up as well as our exciting Silent Auction (with some fantastic items!) happening December 12 - 15. Be on the lookout for exciting ways that you can help support our trip.



Operation Christmas Child



We will be participating in this wonderful opportunity again this year. Shoeboxes are available at the office. We will be collecting the boxes until November 18 when they will be packed up and delivered to the collection point in town. If you wish to participate but don't want to pack an entire shoebox, we will also be collecting funds to pack shoeboxes online. This feature now allows

us to track where our shoebox goes! Destination countries are announced in December and our school will receive an email when they know where the box is going! Let's see how many children we can bless with this special gift and share the message of Jesus. Please bring completed boxes to Mrs. Aasman in the office. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Smith at samantha.smith@wrsd.ca.



RCS SPORTS SHORTS

Our volleyball season is about to wrap up with tournaments being held Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8. Come on out and cheer on our teams!



GO ROYALS!!



BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

We had many different costumes on book character dress up day, from Little Red Riding Hood and Zorro to Robin Hood and the Very Hungry Caterpillar. We had so many great books represented!



Fall Harvest

The grade 2 & 3 classes harvested the vegetables from our school garden boxes. Mrs. Wolmarans cooked up a fantastic pot of soup using all of the produce and shared it with the class and other staff in the school. It was delicious!



**JERSEY
DAY**

Show your support for your favourite team and wear a jersey on Tuesday, **November 22.**



Some creative artwork from the Terry Fox run on October 6.

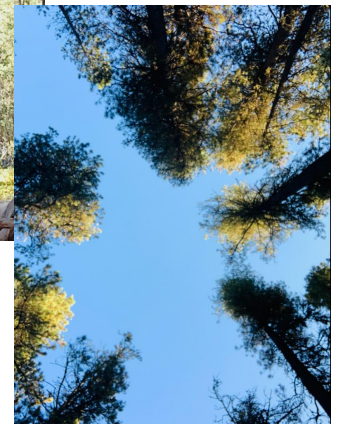
TAKE ME OUTSIDE

The "Take Me Outside" initiative for October has certainly not been lost on the Grade 6 & 7 class this fall. Meeting learning outcomes, enjoying God's creation, developing teamwork, and getting fresh air have been accomplished through some wonderful and inexpensive "classroom beyond the walls" outings thus far by the RCS Room 207 Eager Beaver learners.

Recently, thanks to our parent-helpers, Inside Education (a nonprofit environmental organization), and West Frazer LVL the class ventured south and west to the Des Crossley Demonstration Forest to study forest ecosystems and the interactions between the creatures (flora and fauna) found there.

From technical studies of trees and shrubs to engaging roleplay as predators or prey, the students enjoyed a wonderful day in both a mature and a logged woodplot. The presenters were up to the challenge of keeping our energetic bunch on-task and they were excellent at posing questions, listening to our own stories, and guiding us through the task of "keying out" species in the forest. Our class is grateful for this experiential learning, and since then, we have delved further into this study of Ecosystems and Interactions-striving to learn more about the Creation and our impact on it as well as steps to become better "stewards of the Garden".

Without the support of parents, the Society, Administration, and various educational groups these types of lessons would not have been possible. ~ Mr. VanderLaan





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Hot Lunch 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Kindergarten Day	10 PD Day No School for Students Society Fall GM	11 Remembrance Day No School	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	22 Jersey Day 	23	24	25 PD Day No School for Students	26
27	28	29	30 Kindergarten Day			