

# LIFELINE

Learning, Loving, Living for our Lord

ROCKY CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL

September 2023



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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](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

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# Love and Excellence

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1 Corinthians 12 is a well-known passage which deals with Spiritual gifts and how we are to be one body in Christ. The chapter concludes with an interesting introduction to the next chapter. **"And now I will show you the most excellent way."** There is often talk around schools these days about excellence in education. We are all interested in what the Rocky Christian School Mission Statement calls, "Excellence in Christ centred education." To help us come to an understanding of what it means to be excellent in Biblical terms, one thing that might inform our thoughts on the subject is the passage that follows 1 Corinthians 12.

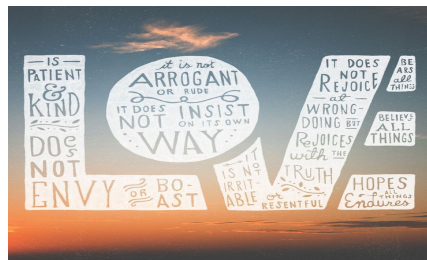
1 Corinthians 13 is the passage commonly known as the love passage. It begins with the words, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." Love is the most excellent way! If we desire education that is more than loud noise it must be love education. To paraphrase the passage, if my son or daughter becomes a world famous doctor or lawyer, but does not have love, they have become nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

<sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

We desire many excellent things for our children. We may yearn for them to become intellectual or athletic or skilful in music or art. We may seek an education for them that focuses on these pursuits. And while the elite performers in every field of endeavour are seen as successful in the eyes of the world, a more heavenly view of success comes with character traits akin to Love. Traits such as kindness, compassion, loyalty, friendship, diligence, courage, patience, gentleness, joyfulness, self-control, and generosity are signs of a successful Christian life. Learning these things might not get you a high paying job, but they will help you with your vocation if that vocation is serving Christ.

We may desire many excellent things for our children but the most excellent of these is love. Before anything else, we want to be a school that produces excellent, loving graduates who are passionate disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# WELCOME

Russell Anderson  
Zoey Lemley  
Ryker Radford  
Julia West  
Sara Brouwer  
Gerrit deBruyn  
Karly Hoehne  
Everly Lecerf  
Eva McEachern  
Isabel Reglin  
Lauren Terpsma  
Paige Van Steenis  
Katie Coetsee  
Daniel Krahn

Rhett Duiker  
River Leschert  
Hanna van der Merwe  
Ryken Askes  
Lauchlan Carter  
Amora Duncan  
James Hondebrink  
Drew MacKenzie  
Byron op den Dries  
Philippe Ritchey  
Cory Van Steenis  
Emma Waite  
Jamie Kingma  
Sophie Krahn

Alisa Kuzmina  
Colson Prins  
Wrenn Van'tBosch  
Emma Boodt  
Dawsyn DeBruyn  
Nico Hayter  
Dawson Land  
Jack May  
Sean Opden Dries  
Elizabeth Siwak  
Eve Van Steenis  
Emily Coetsee  
Zakk Kingma

*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

The Rocky Christian School Society is excited to begin another year! The society works with Mr. Duiker and WRSD to support a Christian education for our children and the planning of the future of our school. The society has many different committees that support our school which include; Finance, Fundraising, Promotions and Capital Management. If you are interested in serving please contact the office or reach out to a board member. The current board members are Marisa Prins, Hendri Hondebrink, Maeghan McEachern, Siemen Vandermeer, Zach Boodt, Randy Askes and Alyssa Duiker.

Mark your calendars for November 2nd 2023 at 7:30pm for the society's fall **general meeting**. All parents are welcome but only members can vote. Memberships can be purchased in the office for \$20. We hope to discuss what the different committees have planned for the year.

## School Council/Board Highlights

- School Council is a place all parents are welcome to attend and voice their and hear from our principal and Wild Rose trustee. School council meetings are a place to communicate and make recommendations to RCS staff on policies, codes of conduct, extracurriculars, field trips etc.
- We usually meet every third Monday of the month with our next scheduled meeting on October 16, 2023 at 7pm. Please join us!



### 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.

### 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.

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

## MEET MICHAEL



Michael is a fourteen 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

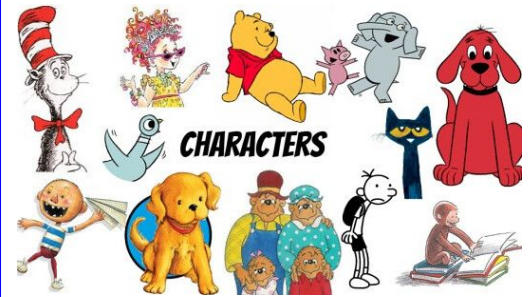
improve living conditions, help provide education, and to let Michael know that he is loved. We take a collection every Thursday in Chapel, so if your child is asking for money for Michael, please consider donating. On occasion we also hold special student fundraisers to help raise extra funds for special projects in Michael's community.

## BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

Dress up as your favourite book character on Tuesday, October 24th.

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.

**Did You Know...**  
We hold Chapel from  
10:30 - 11:15 every  
Thursday and that  
parents are welcome to  
join us.  
Come check it out...



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.

There are still a few cases of almonds left to sell; if you'd like to sell those for us, please stop by the office to pick one up.

Thank you for your support for this fundraiser!

## 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.



## FALL HARVEST

Grade 3 students helped harvest their vegetable garden and then washed them clean ready for the soup pot. They shared their soup with the whole school to remind them how Christ wants us to share. The grade 4 students also helped seed and plant the vegetables in the spring.



## 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 Fish Pond across the river; fish have been caught, and it looks like lots of fun has been had.



# 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: Sheldon Boody coaching our Girls B team, Natalie Larson coaching our Girls A team, Mr. Duiker coaching our Boys B team and Kelly Carnahan 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!!

**GO ROYALS!!**

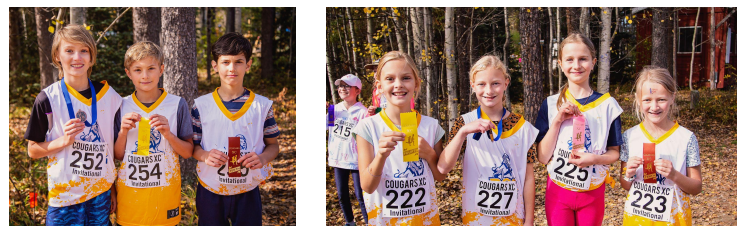


RCS Boys B team at DTHS



## Cross Country

On Tuesday, October 3, Mrs. Coetsee and Mrs. Smith took 22 of our cross country runners and attended an Invitational Meet hosted by Caroline school out at the Prentice Creek Equestrian Centre, just west of town. Out of our 22 runners, 11 placed!! Great job ROYALS!!





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