

LIFELINE

Learning, Loving, Living for our Lord

ROCKY CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

September 2024



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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.



TEACHING FOR WISDOM

~by Rob Duiker~

The Dictionary defines wisdom as, “The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment,” or, “The soundness of an action or decision with regard to the application of experience, knowledge, and good judgment,” or, “The body of knowledge and principles that develops within a specified society or period.” If I were to ask a person on the street what ‘wisdom’ is, the answers might include notions of being educated or scholarly. People who have all the answers might be thought of as wise. A judge in a court of law must know the law, but must also be wise.

The Bible includes a number of books that we call wisdom books. Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Proverbs are packed with wisdom. 1 Corinthians 1 questions the connections between wisdom and teaching and philosophy. In verse 20, Paul says this: “Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” Paul makes clear that Biblical wisdom and the wisdom of this world are two separate and distinct things.

The third definition of wisdom above makes a similar point; wisdom is “The body of knowledge and principles that develops within a specified society or period.” Biblical wisdom is a type of wisdom that developed or evolved among God’s people, the Jews, and continued to develop among God’s people in the Church during the time of Jesus. A Christian will assert that Biblical wisdom is the only true wisdom.

Proverbs 31 paints a picture of a wise person. The picture is of a woman with tremendous know-how, common sense, goodness, diligence, and generosity. The proverb concludes with these verses: “Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” Interestingly, charm and beauty are called out as traits that do not contribute to a life of wisdom. Instead she should be honoured for all her hands have done.

Many of the parents and grandparents in our school community are known for doing good things with their hands. We have an abundance of farmers, mechanics, carpenters, welders, and oil and gas workers who are models of know-how, common sense, goodness, diligence, and generosity. Many of these same people struggled in school when they were young. Back in the day, if you struggled academically, school wasn’t designed for you. We still have a long way to go, but we are making progress.

In this day and age when common sense and good old fashioned know-how seem to be in decline, schools like Rocky Christian School are reminded of the Proverbs 31 lady and of the injunction to embrace what 1 Corinthians 13 calls “The Wisdom of God.”

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1: 18.

WELCOME

Lukas Banko
Leah Buyangandu
Jace Hilton
Archer Patenaude
Jonah van der Merwe
Kate Hoehne
Katie Leenstra
Liza Bilets
Nash Valentine
Nate Moore
Kane Venance

Sofiia Bilets
Oakley Carter
Joveena Land
Isaiah Rowe
Everleigh Cardinal-Desjarlais
Addison Korth
Maelyn Terpsma
Olivia Nicholls
Myles Moore
Adelaide Russell

Sofiia Buchynska
Meradyth DeBruyn
Brie op den Dries
Chloe Tibando
Elijah Lagrelle-Andersen
Nate Wolmarans
Tatum Rowe
Abby Wolmarans
Elysia Harker

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 on one of these committees, please contact the office or reach out to a board member. The current board members are Zach Boodt, Hendri Hondebrink, Maeghan McEachern, Siemen Vandermeer, Jordan Piers, Randy Askes, Justin Duncan, Aaron Terpsma and Alyssa Duiker.

Our fall general meeting will be held in early November - stay tuned for the date TBA. 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 Highlights

- School Council is a place all parents are welcome to attend and voice their opinions 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 21, 2024** at 7pm. Please join us!



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- Students are not permitted in the staff parking lot at any time. If you are dropping off or picking up your child, please **do not park in the staff parking lot**. It is very dangerous to have students crossing the parking lot when others are pulling in or backing out. It is very difficult to see some of our smaller students especially when backing out of a parking spot. Also, our staff arrive at different times in the morning, and often have to park on the street for the day as our staff lot is full of parents dropping their children off.
- 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. 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. Thank you to everyone who has already completed this form.
- We will be putting together an order for our **school spirit wear** - hoodies and t-shirts - very soon. An order form should come home today; please return your order by October 23 so that we can place the order ASAP. The prices quoted are subject to a minimum school order of 12 pieces/article; we will let you know if there is a price change once we receive all orders in the office.



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

NEW WORLD VISION SPONSOR CHILD MEET SELEMANI



Selemani is an 8-year-old boy who lives in the United Republic of Tanzania in the community of Lagana. He lives with his parents and has 1 brother and 3 sisters.

Selemani is in Grade 3 and his favourite subject is writing. He likes to play football. Each month we send \$49.00 to help improve living

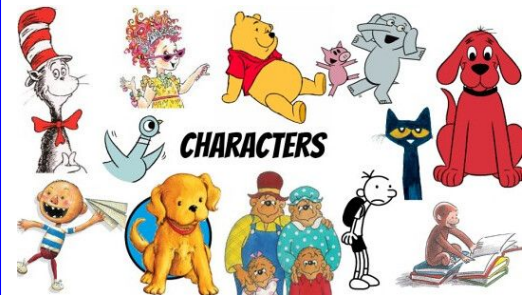
conditions, help provide education, and to let Selemani know that he is loved. We take a collection every Thursday in Chapel, so if your child is asking for money for Selemani, please consider donating. On occasion we also hold special student fundraisers to help raise extra funds for special projects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

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

Dress up as your favourite book character on Tuesday, October 29th.

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 on top of increasing food costs, 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 - 11:10 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 mixed bars 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 2 and 3 harvest the garden and are blessed with a pail of potatoes. They will share their bounty from God with other students.



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: Adrianna Faszler coaching our Girls C team, Natalie Larson coaching our Girls A team, Kelsey op den Dries coaching our Boys C team and Curtis Donald 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!!

Come show your support by watching some of our games and cheering on our athletes!

GO ROYALS!!

TERRY FOX RUN

September 26 saw another beautiful day for our staff and students to participate in the Terry Fox Run in honour of special people in their lives who have/had cancer. With the help of our families' generous donations, we were able to raise \$4315.43 to help support Cancer research.



All aboard and ready for kindergarten!



Grade 2 & 3 Orange Shirt Day



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Friday	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 PD Day No School for Students	12
13	14 Thanksgiving No School for Students or Staff	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	22	23 Clothing orders due	24 Christian Schools Teacher Convention No School for Students	25	26
27	28	29 Book Character Dress Up Day	30	31		