# Learning, Loving for our Lord

# OCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

October 2024



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- 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

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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.



# All Hail the King

Some Biblical words are understood differently today than they were in the past because of the way the world is changing. For example, when so many people grow up without a father or with an abusive father, the intended meaning of the word 'father' as it applies to God might be lost for many people. Fathers are supposed to be loving and protective authorities in our lives, but for many, 'father' has become a bad word.

In the same way, the words 'King' and 'Kingdom' are words that are attributed to God and His people but are also susceptible to being misunderstood because of the nature of Kingship in this day and age.

The King of Canada in 2024 is Charles III. He lives in England in Buckingham Palace. For the most part, he is a figurehead who appears at public events, cuts ribbons, and supports important causes. He is little more than a figurehead for the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations. He has little real political power, but he is normally dressed in the finest clothing and lives a life of incredible luxury. Perhaps for many of us, he redefines what it means to be a king.

Maybe today's presidents and prime ministers are a better comparison to the rule and reign of kings in Bible times. However, throughout history, a person would have to be foolishly brave to fly a flag associating the name of the king with foul profanity as we often see with the name of Canada's Prime Minister. Surely, a king in previous centuries would be more revered than that.

In the Bible, Jesus is called the King of Kings. What does that mean? Matthew, in his gospel, refers to the Kingdom of Heaven 31 times. In the Lord's prayer, we pray for God's kingdom to come. What do we mean by all of that? What does it mean to be a citizen in Jesus' kingdom?

In 1 Samuel 8 the elders of Israel demanded to have a king like all the other nations around them had. Verse 7 indicates that this desire for a king stemmed from their rejection of God as king. What followed was a succession of many kings, both good and bad, in both Israel and Judah for the next 600 years. Kings were supposed to lead the people and protect the people. They often failed.

In 2 Samuel 7, God said to King David through Nathan the prophet, "Your throne will be established forever." King Jesus, who is the forever king anticipated by this passage, is a different kind of king than David or Solomon and He is certainly much different than Charles III or the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau.

We live in a world where we don't bow down to anyone, and yet we must bow down to Jesus and honour Him as our King. We live in a world where nations engage with each other in war every day, but we are the subjects of the King of Kings who is also the Prince of Peace. In 2024, are we able to even begin to understand what it means to be the subjects of a King? Are we still able to make citizenship in God's Kingdom an essential facet of our identity?

All of our lives we have been taught about our rights and freedoms and individuality. How does being a citizen in God's Kingdom change how we think about those things? What does it mean to be a loyal subject? What does it mean to serve at the pleasure of King Jesus? Can we even fathom the idea of a King like Jesus when we can barely comprehend the idea of a King at all?

When we pray, "Thy kingdom come," we must be prepared to be part of that Kingdom, and bow down to the King ... and give our lives to the King. All hail King Jesus!!

# School Council/Board Highlights

- Our **Society Fall AGM** will be held on **Thursday, November 14** at 7:30pm in the school gym. In order to have a voice and participate in the voting process, each member needs to have paid the \$20.00 membership fee for the current 2024-2025 school year. To renew your membership or to become a member for the first time, please stop by the school office and talk to Mrs. Aasman. You may also pay for your membership at the Society meeting on the 14th. If you know of other people in the community who feel a connection to RCS and would like to renew or become new members of the Rocky Christian School Society, please pass this information on to them.
- Please join us for our next School Council meeting on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 PM.

# Throughline Dress Up Day Tuesday, November 26

We want to encourage our students to dress up in a way so as to express one of our Throughlines. If you are not sure what Throughlines are, please be sure to ask one of our students to explain them to you.

~ God Worshipper ~ Beauty Creator ~ Creation Enjoyer ~ Community Builder

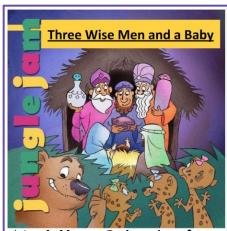
~ Earth Keeper ~ Order Discoverer ~ Idolatry Discerner ~ Servant Worker

~ Image Reflector ~ Justice Seeker

### **Report Cards & Parent Teacher Interviews**

Report Cards will be coming home on November 28 with Parent - Teacher Interviews being scheduled for Wednesday, December 11 & Thursday, December 12.

Report cards will also be uploaded to your PowerSchool Parent Portal. You can access report cards for the past few years in your ParentPortal.



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Mark Your Calendar for our Christmas Musical ~ December 17, 7:00 pm at the Lou Soppit Community Centre. Book Character Dress up Day

















Student Worship Team leading Chapel praise & worship



Thank you to everyone who sent in food items for The Lord's Food Bank our Food Bank collection. We had quite a nice collection and the Food Bank was very

appreciative of our thoughtfulness.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies and personal care items becomes a tangible expression

of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. We still have some boxes left here at the school if you would like to participate in this worthwhile ministry. We would like boxes returned to the school by Thursday, November 14 so that we can deliver them to the drop off location.

# RCS SPORTS SHORTS



Our Cross Country Team took part in the Caroline Cougars Cross Country Invitational run on October 3, 2024.

We had 19 participants and came home with 4 medals and 9 ribbons!! "ALL of our runners made great gains this year and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and valiant effort!" ~ Samantha Smith



































# Rocky Christian School November 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Hot Lunch	6	7	PD Day No School for Students	9
10	Remembrance Day Holiday No School for Staff or Students	12	13	14	15  Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Friday	16
17	School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	Throughline Dress-Up Day	27	28  Report Cards  Go Home	PD Day No School for Students	30