

LIFELINE

Learning, Loving, Living for our Lord



Mission Statement

Rocky Christian School is an interdenominational community of Christian believers dedicated to developing and pursuing excellence in Christ-centered education.

Visit our website at 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

Please be sure that you obey the **No Parking** signs on the front of the building.

THANK YOU.

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.



ROCKY CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

November 2024

The stories of Christmas and Easter, for many people, are the only stories about Jesus they will ever know.

In the past year I have heard a few times from a few different people the assertion that they are Christians ... but they do not believe in church participation, nor do they believe the entirety of the Bible as God's Word. They simply believe in Jesus. They believe in things like love, forgiveness and the golden rule. The notion of Jesus as the Prince of Peace resonates with them. They see Jesus as the exemplar of acceptance and inclusion. Jesus is the model that humanity must follow.

These conversations bring to mind the words of C.S. Lewis.

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. ... Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse."

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

You cannot separate Jesus from the rest of the story of God and God's people. In the gospel of Matthew, before the Christmas story is shared, the family tree of Joseph is traced back to Abraham. The carols that we sing at Christmas repeatedly acknowledge that Jesus is the long-expected Messiah, born to set His people free. The Bible is one cohesive story in which Jesus is the central character.

If you do not know the Jesus of the Bible, the one about whom the Gospel of John asserts is God, and was fully engaged in the creation of all things; the Jesus who was set to fix everything that was and is broken, including humanity ... If you do not know that Jesus, this can be the year. This can be your first Christmas.



School Council/Board Highlights

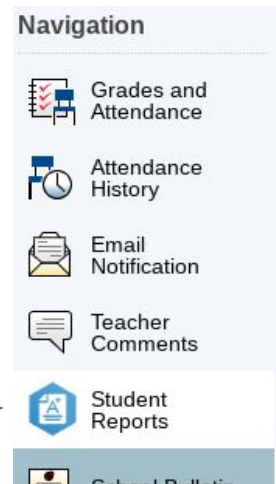
- A big thank you to all the RCS Volunteers who have helped with various activities through the year so far! An especially big thank you to the Van Steenis family for fixing and painting the gym. It looks great! And also to Ken B for using his backhoe to help install weeping tile outside of the gym. The Society is grateful to all of you who give of your time to help our students, staff and the school building.
- There will be **no School Council** meeting in December as it gets quite busy with all of the other Christmas activities. Our next meeting will be on **January 20, 2025** at 7:00 pm. Please join us in the New Year.



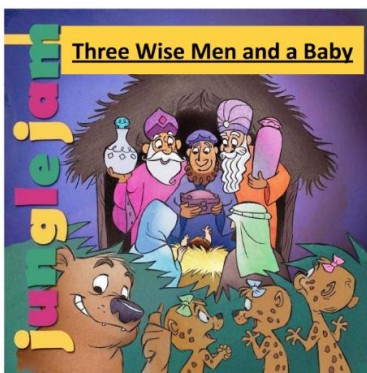
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Report cards were sent out last week and have been uploaded to the [PowerSchool Parent portal](#). You can access them online with the same login information that you use to complete the demographic confirmation forms. The easiest way to find PowerSchool is to go to wrsd.ca -> Quick Links -> PowerSchool Parents & Students. This will bring you to the login page.

Once in PowerSchool, scroll down to the **Student Reports** menu. In this menu you will see the reports that have been uploaded for the past couple of years. If you have difficulty logging in, please contact me, and I will walk you through the process.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ~ A schedule came home with report cards. You are encouraged to attend parent/teacher interviews as it helps to have both the parents and teachers on the same page when it comes to your child's academic progress. If you are unable to attend your scheduled time, please contact the office to schedule a time that does work for you.



Christmas Musical

Be sure to join us on December 17 at the Lou Soppit Community Centre for this year's Christmas presentation, *Three Wise Men and a Baby!*

If you have family or friends who may not want to drive for the evening performance, please invite them to our Matinee show at 1:30 that afternoon. Our evening performance will be at 7:00 pm.



to everyone who helped fundraise by selling chocolates again this year. Our top sellers were the **Siwak** family, **Piers** family and **Duiker** family - they each received an extra special chocolate bar in recognition of their efforts. We do still have a few cases left, so if you think you are able to help us sell those, please stop by the office to sign one out.



Thank you to everyone who collected orders

for our VIP Foods fundraiser - it was very successful again this year! Orders will be available for **pick up** in the school gym on Monday, **December 9** from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Be sure to let the people who ordered from you know so that everything can be picked up in a timely manner.

Please join us for our grade 6-9 **Band Concert** on **Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm.**

Our band students have been practicing diligently to be able to play some wonderful Christmas songs for you.

Throughline Dress Up Day

We had Servant Workers, Creation Enjoyers, Beauty Creators and many other Throughlines represented at our Throughline Dress Up Day.



Grade two and three



Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to everyone who filled shoeboxes this year! With your help, we were able to send more than 50 gift-filled boxes to kids around the world who likely would not receive any gifts for Christmas otherwise.



RCS SPORTS SHORTS



Volleyball: This season has been another exciting and successful one for our talented coaches and teams. Many have echoed my observation that the quality of the volleys and the power of the serves have notably improved compared to previous years. A big thank you to all of our coaches and volunteers - especially Mr. Soodsma, whose efforts helped make this season such an enjoyable experience.

Hockey: This group of guys, headed by Pastor Kelly, have been rolling along nicely, impressing everyone with their skill level and commitment. Schedules are available in the office, online, or from a player. Some games have been lopsided in the score but the team does know how to pass the puck and to keep the games interesting. Go ROYALS!

Basketball: Fees can be paid now for entering your child(ren) into BB. All sports cost money and we do discuss how much and for what these dollars are spent. Like VB, we have four teams in BB and all about the same time and commitment. Please be supportive of our volunteer coaches and referees. Schedules will be coming out before the end of the month. Thanks, in advance, to all who put forth money, time and effort towards the goal of making the ROYALS a strong, unified team that represents our Christian school well. See you at a game in the New Year!

Please have all school jerseys (uniform tops and bottoms) returned to the office by Christmas or sooner.

Soli Deo Gloria

-Mr. V.



GRADE 2 and 3 SCIENCE

The grade 2 and 3 class got to make ice cream to demonstrate the process of turning a liquid into a solid (by freezing)...a nice treat at the end of the experiment.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Christmas Socks Day Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Friday	7
8	9 <i>Band Concert 7:00pm</i>	10 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	11	12	13 Red and Green Day	14
15	16	17 Christmas Musical 1:30 Matinee 7:00 Evening Performance	18	19 <i>Dress your Christmas Best Day</i>	20 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Friday	21
22	Holidays Have a Blessed Christmas					28
29	30	31	1 <i>Happy New Year!!</i>	2	3	4