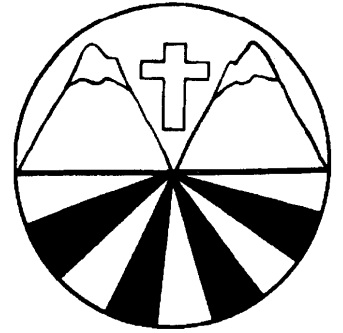


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"Bringing family and school together"

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Call the office if you have a question about any of the activities that are taking place.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

February 19 - 25

"Telling Secrets"

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever." Deuteronomy 29:29

It is once again time to celebrate Christian Education Week and our Annual School Fair. Our students will be very busy working on a lot of interesting projects to display and perform for your enjoyment. Please join us, and invite others who are interested in Christian Education, to see the students in action.

School Fair

February 23

6-7:00 p.m. - Open House
7:00 p.m. - Program

During the Open House you are invited to go through the school to browse exhibits of student work in the hallways and classrooms. Science fair projects and other exhibits will be set up in the gym. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a program in the gym.

Come celebrate with us as we honour God with our gifts and talents.

Christian Textbook Cash Drive

In conjunction with Christian Education Week, we will have a Christian Textbook cash drive. Half of the money we collect will go towards development of Christian textbooks for Prairie Association of Christian Schools, the other half will go to supply Christian learning materials to a Christian school in the Dominican Republic. Please give generously!

Prizes will be awarded to the top two classes with the highest average amount per student. Please encourage your children to participate in this drive.



Learning, loving, living for our Lord.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – January 19, 2006

- We welcome 2 new families! The Forsyths and Hazelaars add 3 new students to RCS!
- Mark VanderLaan (former principal of Rimbey Christian School) will be replacing Naomi McNair for her maternity leave. Welcome to him.
- We are looking for volunteers to help out with the fundraising committee. Please consider becoming a part of this vital effort.
- The board met on Saturday, January 14th for an all-day workshop and discussed many ideas.
- If anyone has names/addresses of school supporters to add to our current database, please contact the office.

TELEPHONE LIST UPDATE – Please add the following phone numbers to your telephone list:

Alan & Jacqueline Hazelaar729-3101
 Jeremy & Kim Forsyth845-7481
 and update:
 Peter VandenBrink845-3251

INTERIM REPORT CARDS will be send home with students on *Friday, January 27.*

REMINDER – *No school Monday, January 30* – The teachers will be taking part in a Professional Development Day. Elementary teachers will be in workshops with other Christian School teachers in Calgary. The rest of the teachers will be working at the school.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – Wild Rose and the Catholic Schools are closed and buses will not be running. RCS parents need to drive students to school.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – Wild Rose School Division is closed, however buses will be running for St. Matt’s and our school. Please let the bus driver know if your student won’t be on the bus.

FROM THE TREASURER – Tuition/donation receipts are being prepared. They will be sent out in February. A donation receipt is issued for the religious portion of tuition so you will notice that a sizeable portion of your tuition becomes a donation receipt which will decrease your income tax. ☺ (Another benefit of Christian Education!)

Not sure what to do with the Alberta Gov. cheque you should be receiving soon? How about a donation to the school? Help with a tuition payment?...

Following is an updated Income Statement.

INCOME STATEMENT			
REVENUE	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Sept-Dec</u>
Tuition	176,400	22,917	76,048
Membership	6,600	300	5,700
Book Fees	7,875	150	6,405
Donations	50,000	12,750	32,730
Grants	400,201	0	157,149
Busing	35,000	14,100	15,056
Beef Fundraising	2,300	600	1,417
Fundraising	14,000	200	7,597
Interest	500	705	1,104
Misc.	1,500	597	5,348
ECS	<u>38,036</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>7,890</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	732,412	52,412	316,444
EXPENSES			
Instructional	37,180	2,336	16,050
Administration	23,200	8,668	15,078
Professional Dev.	5,000	134	3,073
AISI	8,300	330	3,289
Promotions	1,200	14	43
Board	600	465	465
Operations/Maint.	61,120	5,197	24,080
Transportation	44,050	4,136	15,128
Service Charges	300	25	96
Interest	4,700	527	1,758
Salaries	440,018	37,240	152,566
Employee Benefits	80,530	7,210	29,704
ECS Expenses	<u>25,600</u>	<u>1,887</u>	<u>7,768</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>731,798</u>	<u>68,169</u>	<u>269,098</u>
Net Income (deficit)	614	(15,757)	47,346
Payments on Loans	<u>18,000</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>4,501</u>
Net Income (deficit)	(17,386)	(17,087)	42,845
Less: Reserve	<u>18,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Increase (Decrease)	(35,386)	(18,587)	36,845

Feedback Corner

January 26, 2006

This is a place where parents and friends of Rocky Christian School are invited to make requests, provide comments, ask questions, give encouragement, and make suggestions. Later this year our grade nine students will participate in a service project in Mexico. This month we would like to hear from you regarding the importance of including opportunities for Christian service in our curriculum.

Comments: _____

DINNER THEATRE



Hillbilly Weddin'

February 24, 25, March 3 & 4, 2005
at Pioneer Ranch Camp

Tickets are \$28.00 each.
Tickets for the last night are now sold out!

HUNTER SURVEY – Thank you to all those who helped with the Hunter Survey fundraiser. As the result of excellent telephone skills and persistence, we completed 80% of the surveys (10% better than the provincial average) and raised \$807!

DINNER THEATRE - Kitchen help is needed for each evening of the Dinner Theatre. Phone Sandra 845-5373, Denise 845-6368, or Corinne 845-4703 if you are able to help out with the suppers.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – Our committee has shrunk in numbers so low it is time to recruit some new members. We are looking for 4-6 people. In the past this committee has organized the:

- dinner theatre
- yard sale
- craft sale
- apple pie sale
- silent auction
- walk-a-thon, etc.

Could this be something you are interested in? We would like to do 2-4 projects a year in which we work as a group with 2 people spearheading a project. Interested, or have a suggestion for the committee, call Trudy DeBruyn at 845-6192.

PASTORS' DAY

Wednesday, February 1

We have invited the local pastors to join us for Pastors' Day again this year. They will have a tour of the school followed by Hot Lunch, a game of floor hockey against the students, and a Christian Education Presentation. Following all of that fun stuff, the Rocky pastors will hold their Ministerial Meeting at the school. We look forward to meeting with them and strengthening the relationship between church and school.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

*Wednesday, February 15
7:30 p.m.*

Parents are invited to join us in the ECS classroom to learn more about registering your child for the September 2006 Rocky Christian School ECS class. You will have a chance to see the ECS classroom, tour the rest of the school, and ask any questions you may have. Registration and information packages will be handed out.

If you know of a family with kindergarten age children please be sure to encourage them to attend. Children age 5 by December 31, 2006 may register.

MEXICALI The Education Committee has approved the grade 9 class going on the Mexicali Mission Trip this spring.

In order to help raise funds the grade 9 class will be selling oranges and grapefruits. Prices are as follows:

40 lbs box	-	\$40.00
20 lbs box	-	\$20.00
10 lbs box	-	\$10.00
5 lbs	-	\$5.00

Contact Josephine Belder (845-4487), the school, or any grade 9 student to place an order.

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HOCKEY SCHEDULE CHANGE - The February 11 game against Rimbey has been changed to February 20 (Family Day) at 6:30 p.m. in Rimbey.

UNIFORM FEE - Please pay the \$10 uniform fee for each extra curricular sport (volleyball, hockey, basketball) at the office. We've only had 4 people pay for hockey and a few more for basketball. If these fees are not paid by February 1 you will not play in subsequent games.

SKI TRIP

Friday, February 10 - We will meet at the school at 5:15 a.m. so the bus can depart by 5:30 a.m. The bus will return to the school around 7:30 p.m. There will be no stops so make sure you bring food along.

Remember: School rules apply to everyone going on the ski trip. Dress warm. Ski with a buddy. Stay safe and have fun!



GRAD - June 2 - Grad parents please send 10 pictures of your grad at various ages to the office before March 23. Grade 8's need to keep June 2 open to serve for the supper.

LOST AND FOUND is overflowing. Please check through it and bring home your lost and lonely items.

ALUMNI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Alumni Hockey Tournament was another success. Our thanks to everyone who came out and participated, either by playing or cheering on the teams.

The Hillbillies played the high school team for first place. Once again the Hillbillies came out on top winning the coveted cup (actually R.C.S. travel mugs). Honourable mention must go to team Brouwer Power whose fans were undeniably the loudest, even though their team didn't do so well.

SINK OR SWIM

Forgiveness

"Look at what you've done! A nice Christian boy wouldn't do a thing like that!" How often haven't we heard things like "Christians don't smoke," "Christians don't drink," "Christians don't swear," "Christians don't steal," "Christians don't gossip," etc. etc. We've heard it all before. Apparently, according to many, Christians are people who don't sin.

It's not just non-Christians who think this. Many children's devotionals focus on counselling children to resist sin, avoid sin, demonstrate good behaviour, and tell Satan to go away. We at Rocky Christian School have worked hard to continuously improve the standards for behaviour in our school. However, good behaviour alone is insufficient. While obedience to the rules and good behaviour are very important, Christian schools can also be so focussed on enforcement of rules that the central message of Christianity gets lost.

The simple fact is that Christians sin. How much we sin is not a reliable measure of how Christian we are. A Christian community is not pure because of its sin-free state. It is pure because it is washed in the blood of Jesus. Relationships among Christians are not examples of friends who never let each other down. Rather, they are characterized by a culture of forgiveness. Since we will let each other down occasionally we must live as people who forgive freely and who know that forgiveness and restoration of broken relationships eagerly awaits all who are part of that community.

To forgive, and to seek forgiveness, are both learned behaviours. They require deliberate action and repeated practice. Forgiveness is the kind of thing you learn when Christian people come together routinely as friends, in situations where our failures might become apparent. Our school is one of the places where Christians at a young age learn to live in community with one another. Participation in fellowship where forgiveness is freely offered and received is one important thing we endeavour to teach at Rocky Christian School.

By Rob Duiker

The grade 5/6 class have become Psalmists. Here is some of their work.

Psalm of Praise

O Jesus, O Jesus, how wonderful is your world.
 You have set the heavens above the earth;
 From the lips of men and women you have
 made praise.
 When I think of your world, the work of your
 hands, the animals and creation, that you
 have put in place;
 What is an adult that you think of them, the
 children of adults that you care for kids?
 You made us a little weaker than the angels
 and crowned us with honour and glory.
 You made us king over the works of your
 fingers; you put all that you could see
 under our feet.
 All provinces and cities and the people of the
 towns,
 The pilots of the air and the sailors of the seas,
 All that follow the paths you have laid for us,
 O Jesus, O Jesus, how wonderful is your world.

Josh Murphy, grade 5

Psalm of Praise

King of Kings, how great is your
 powers in all the earth.
 You are my bodyguard at night
 and my friend at day.
 You forgive me of my wrong
 doings and sins.
 He loves like a father.
 His powers are as wonderful as
 the mountains.
 You've made animals for our
 comfort.
 You help me when I'm in need.
 You create the moon and stars
 for our pleasure!
 King of Kings, how great is your
 powers in all the earth!

Taylor O'Brien, grade 5

Psalm 1000

I can't imagine how big you are,
 Nothing is bigger than you.

You are glory and honour,
 You made me a living and breathing human.

What am I compared to you,
 It is hard to believe that you never had a
 beginning or an end.

Nothing is compared to you,
 You are bigger than the biggest mountain.

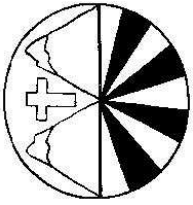
I can't imagine how big you are.

C.J. Spencer, grade 5

Psalm of Praise

I praise you Lord, for your awesome love
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for your faithfulness
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for you never forget us
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for your creation
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for your grandness,
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for your kindness,
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for your commandments
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for making parents
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for your heavens
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for your almighty love
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for our freedom from evil
 For your mercy is good.
 I praise you Lord, for dying to forgive my sins
 For your mercy is good.

Dustin Meese, grade 6



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FEBRUARY 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6		7	8	9	10
12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Come dressed in pink and red. Basketball RCS @ St. Matts - B boys	15 E.C.S. Information Night @ 7:30 p.m.	16 E.C.S. Fun Lunch Basketball St. Matts @ RCS - A girls Board Meeting	17 School closed for WRSD/Regular school day for RCS. Buses will run. Hockey Rocky vs. Lac W	18 Hockey Lac B vs. Rocky
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Christian Education February 19-25	Newsletter goes out SCHOOL FAIR Open House 6-7:00 p.m. Program at 7:00 p.m.	DINNER THEATRE <i>Hillbilly Weddin'</i> February 24, 25, & March 3, 4 at Pioneer Ranch Camp Tickets at the school & Modern Electric.	
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"And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us." 1 John 3:23