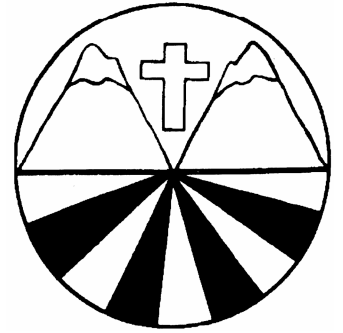


# Lifeline



*"Bringing family and school together"*

November, 2006

Issue 4

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

## DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, November 4, 2006  
Lou Soppit Community Centre

Doors open @ 5:30 p.m.  
Supper @ 6:30 p.m.

Plans are going very well and, as you can see by the partial list below, we are getting a good selection of items for the Silent Auction. Of course we can always use more. Items can be dropped off at the school office or call Trudy 845-6192 to let her know what will be coming. We need to know how many people will be attending so please get your tickets (only \$15) now. Please help us out by inviting your friends and neighbours for an evening of good food, good fellowship, good entertainment (Cheryl DeBruyn and The Terpsmas) and the opportunity to support our school.

We are looking for students from grade 7-9 to come from 5- 9:00 p.m. to help serve and clean-up. Let Mrs. Smith (729-5659) know if you are able to help.

Crocheted Afghan	Quilt	Microwave
Tool Set	Fleece Blanket	Water Colour Painting
Flashlight	Quilted Rag Bag	Silver Jewelry
Quilted Table Cloth	Crocheted Baby Blanket	Iron
Table Runner	Napkin Holder	2 Shadow Boxes
Firewood	Christmas Wall Hanging	Paintings
Pork	Blue Jean Shirt	Several Gift Basket
One dessert a month for a year	Welcome sign and Bird House	Supper for 6-10 people delivered
Child's Stripped Sweater	18 Piece Screw Driver Set	

## APPLE PIE SALE

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who helped with the pie sale. It was a great success. We raised approximately \$8,825.

Also, we would like to thank Rocky Bakery & Deli for the use of the bakery and the Anglican Church for the use of their facilities. Without them this sale would be impossible.

There are **LOTS of apples** left from the pie sale – delicious Jona Gold and Macs. They are on sale for only 50¢/lb. Apples can be picked up at the school on Wednesdays. Call Sandra Simmelink at 845-5373 by Tuesday night to place your order.

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Learning, loving, living for our Lord.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY**

will be held on Thurs., November 9, at 2:30 p.m. Come and join us for a time of reflecting on our blessings and committing to working towards peace and justice.



**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Board will set an Annual Meeting date for some time in November. An agenda and financial information will be sent out prior to the meeting.

**FROM THE TREASURER** – Tuition Statements to October 31 will be sent home on November 9.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORIES** are being sent home today. Please check your information and let the office know of any changes.

**MAINTENANCE** - We are looking for a willing carpenter to install cabinets in the staff room. Also required, one more family for the janitor team. If you would like more information on either of these opportunities, please call our head of maintenance, Jim DeBruyn, at 845-7373.

**END OF HARVEST  
TURKEY SUPPER**

*Friday, October 27 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
at the Social Hall of the*

*First Christian Reformed Church (Hwy 11)*

*Cost: free-will offering*

The goal is to raise \$10,000. The money collected will be used to purchase supplies for building a Christian School in the Dominican Republic.



**Feedback Corner**

This is the place to make requests, provide comments, ask questions, give encouragement, and make suggestions.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SCHOOL PICTURES** – Pictures should be here soon. Retakes will be taken on November 14 at 9:00 a.m. If you need retakes please keep your class photo and return your picture package to the office.

**MOO CLUB** – The November block of Moo Club starts Nov. 1. If you missed the deadline you can still call the office Friday morning to sign up.

**THANK YOU** to all of the students for taking part in the Terry Fox run. We collected \$108.

**REPORT CARDS &  
PARENT/TEACHER  
INTERVIEWS**

Report cards go home on November 3. They will be followed up with P/T Interviews on Thursday, November 9, from 4-9:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 13, from 2:45-5:30 p.m. You will be scheduled for interviews as follows.

- Mrs. Overguard      grade 1/2 parents
- Mrs. Wolmarans    grade 3/4 parents
- Mrs. Van'tBosch    grade 5 parents
- Mrs. Bootsma        grade 6 parents
- Mr. VanderLaan    grade 7 parents
- Mrs. Heystek        grade 8 parents
- Mr. Soodsma        grade 9 parents
- Mr. Duiker            interviews by request

Please call the office if you want to meet with other teachers. Please call to make appointments by Monday, October 30. Interview schedules will be included in the report cards.

**October 26, 2006**

# SINK OR SWIM

With each passing year it seems that Remembrance Day becomes a little bit less meaningful in a part of the world that has not experienced war directly for many decades. The number of living war veterans dwindles every year. With the participation of Canadians in the "war against terror" in Afghanistan this trend may be reversing. Canada's mission in Afghanistan is widely opposed and not seen as similar to the liberation of Holland by Canadians in World War II. Young people today perhaps wonder what the fighting was and is all about.

Freedom. That's what the veterans of world wars and other major conflicts of the 20th century fought for. They fought for freedom from oppressors like Hitler and oppressive forms of government like fascism and communism. I wonder how the soldiers would have felt if they could have looked into the future and seen how we today use this freedom that came at so dear a price. Would they have laid down their lives to give women the freedom to decide the fate of their unborn children? Would they have fought in the trenches for the right to marry someone of the same gender? It is hard to get passionate about what freedom has become today. The word freedom has been so cheapened that it is almost distasteful.

In the sixties we heard Martin Luther King's cry, 'Let Freedom Ring,' and we saw hippies enjoying ungodly freedom in Woodstock. Do we celebrate all the freedom that was won on the battlefield? On Remembrance Day do we lament what a poor job we have done at making the most of the sacrifices of our war heroes? God made us to be free so that we can love Him freely. Unfortunately the flipside of that is that freedom includes freedom to sin. The best form of remembrance is to use the freedom won on the battlefield so that we can live lives full of good works, and justice, and mercy, and love that pleases God.

Submitted by Rob Duiker

**Hot Lunch**  
*Thursday, November 9, 2006*

**M E N U**  
 California Casserole  
 Salad  
 Apple Crisp  
 Milk

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meal \_\_\_\_\_ Choc. Milk \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hot Lunch

Cost is \$2.50 for meal and drink.  
 Drink only 50¢.

Moo Club will not be delivered. If you want milk you must order it on the Hot Lunch Program.  
 Forms must be turned in to the office by **Thursday, November 2.**

**SEE A NEED... MEET A NEED** - The grade 7 class recently led the school in a Thanksgiving chapel at which they encouraged their fellow students to reflect on God's goodness. Prior to the assembly, the students of Rocky Christian were challenged to bring in food items to be donated to our local food bank. A secondary goal was that of a competition between classes to donate the highest number of items per pupil. Our awesome grade 7 class came in first with over 70 items of food from 18 students. Great job! Thank you to all who participated in this worthy cause. Soli Deo Gloria.

### Student Council Notes

Please have your chocolate bar money in by Friday, October 27.

### FUN DAY

Tuesday, October 31

### Career Day

Pick a career and dress appropriately.

## S ✦ P ✦ O ✦ R ✦ T ✦ S

**ROYALS X-COUNTRY** - On a chilly October 12, 33 runners from RCS participated in the final meet of the season in far-off Big Valley. This was a time test of endurance and will, as the weather was unfriendly and the course, challenging. The team from Rocky, joined by hundreds of other contestants, included students from grades 5-8. To run such a race was probably a real eye-opener for our students, but everyone eventually crossed the finish line. The top finisher from RCS was the grade 7 boys division. Congratulations to Taylor VanWaas for an effort that earned him 12<sup>th</sup> place against over 100 other runners. There were encouraging results in other age levels; but probably most important was the enthusiasm and commitment of several runners to try again next year - perhaps with earlier and more focused team training. Times for our students were not available, but we may see some of these same athletes in timed long-distance (1500 M/3000 M) races next spring at the track meet. Go Royals! A big thanks to our bus driver, Mrs. Parr for getting the team safely to the meet and back. Also, our appreciation to Mr. Bruce Parr and Mrs. Christie Meese-Wildman for their volunteer fun support. And last but not least... our timer and P.E. teacher, Mr. Duiker, for encouraging the students to "run to the rock" and back faster with each try.

**GRADE 5/6 SOCCER** season is over. A big thank-you to all who came out to encourage us in the times of sore de'feet'; and to rejoice with us in our victory. RCS won the tournament on October 14<sup>th</sup>! It is great to see the kids think of themselves as a team and make their contribution. Rimbey and Ponoka are excellent rivals for RCS. It is good to see kids learning to strive for a communal goal and to persevere at it through thick and thin. Thanks to the refs, drivers, uniform washers, and all the players. We are looking forward to the grade 4 class joining us next year! Start practicing.

**VOLLEYBALL** season is nearly over. Next week is the final week before the tournament. The four RCS teams have come a long way since the beginning. There are now 3 schools with grade 9 teams, St Dom's, WCHS, and DTHS. This means that the A teams have tougher competition than they are used to. Volleyball is a great game for kids to experience some of life's hardships and triumphs in a safe context. Keep working at those bumps, sets, spikes and serves.

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 Don't forget to pay the  
**\$15 sports uniform fee**  
 for each extra-curricular sport that you  
 participate in.  
 Payments accepted at the office or by  
 your coach.  
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**BASKETBALL** shooting practice with Christie Wildman on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Anyone planning to try out for the basketball teams is welcome to come join us.

## Christian Educators Association Teachers' Convention

### IMAGINE YOUR CALLING

“...live a life worthy of the calling you have received.” Eph. 4:1

During the various sessions and addresses by keynote speakers, I was once again humbled by the realization of how mighty and awesome our God is. It is He who has gifted each one of us in a vast variety of ways. Daniel VanderArk, one of the keynote speakers, reminded us that “we have been given to give back; not to contain.” A metaphor he used struck a deep chord on my heart - each of us is a living song. Songs, he says, move our hearts further than our heads. They become our beliefs. In keeping with this year's theme, Imagine Your Calling, we were challenged to sing out within our communities. If I believe in God's love and faithfulness, my words and deeds (songs) will reflect this in everything I do. We are all called to be Christ's' agents (songs) in a hurting world.

Bettie Van'tBosch

This year's Teachers' Convention theme was packed full of meaning. We are called by God himself to work as he would in his world. That is a tall order. How would God teach social studies, gym class, band or Bible for that matter? There were four different key-note speakers. Daniel Vander Ark (former Director of CSI) Joleen DeHeer, James Schaap ( author and Dordt Professor) Hugh Cook, (author and professor at various Christian colleges, presently in B.C.) For me personally, it is good to leave the classroom and the steady demands of children and curriculum to get my windshield cleared and to pick up a few practical tips for the year ahead. The practical tips could be in any teachers' convention, but the clearing of the glass is unique to Christian schools. Anyone who is working in a school for the money, the 9-3:30 work day or the long leisurely summers with additional weeks off scattered in between, is soon discouraged with the demands of the job. There are much easier ways to earn all that money or bank the long holidays. But there are not too many jobs where one is entrusted with such precious possessions, given time and an array of discovery voyages to guide them on, and the satisfaction of knowing that God used you as his hands in their lives to shape them into the vessels that he will use.

What if God called you to come and work for him in his shop, farm, office, gas plant, kitchen, store, etc.? Would you take the job? Who did you think “called” you to work there? Some manager, owner or HR person? Imagine! Your calling to work, not for the approval of the human eyes and profits that are a part of the work place, but working for the Master!

Submitted by Joel Soodsma

It was a very rewarding time at the teachers convention in Lethbridge. I went two days earlier to receive professional development on the new grade 4 Social Studies curriculum. We used this time to develop units with a Christian perspective and identified internet sites to compliment the course. The art and curriculum session was exciting to encounter some new ideas for developing our art program and to see that we are on the right track with our students expectations and excellence. Thank you for a wonderful opportunity to learn and be enriched by fellow Christian teachers.

Marinda Wolmarans

The annual C.E.A. Convention is always a wonderful time to be inspired, share ideas with colleagues, and renew acquaintances. I was richly blessed by the keynote speaker - Dr. James Schaap. I also appreciated speaking with an author of a wonderful book that had an impact on me years ago. The science workshops were excellent; and all of us who heard Dr. David Naylor (one of Canada's top astronomers) were amazed. What a testament to high academic excellence and strong work ethic/people skills in harmony with Christian faith and witness. I wish all of my students could hear such a message. I am grateful for the opportunity, once again, and appreciate the Board's support of this type of Christ-centered professional development

Mark VanderLaan

I look forward to convention each year as a time of spiritual, personal and professional renewal. This year was no exception! Standing in a room and worshipping with over 300 people who have the same goal of enriching the lives of young people, is an awesome and humbling experience. I attended some sessions that I have already (on Tuesday) implemented in the classroom. Thank you for the opportunity of attending.

Jacquelyn Magnus

Convention 2006 was a time of sharing, caring, and reflecting on our calling as Christian teachers.

Faithful to the theme of the convention, we were challenged to imagine our calling and be image bearers of God in our calling. The keynote speakers had us in stitches and in tears. They encouraged us through their stories and passionate reflections to stand in awe of our God and his eternal story, of which we are a part. I appreciated their acknowledgement of the roots of Christian education in Canada and the USA. Once again, this gave me great appreciation for men and women of vision and faith who established and supported Christian schools and colleges, even during times of hardships.

As in the past, I found the grade level meetings very productive. I attended the French meeting. Ideas and suggestions from experienced colleagues proved to be very helpful. I hope to implement these activities in my class with success.

Finally, a word of appreciation to our Board and society, for giving us an opportunity to interact with, learn from, and worship with fellow believers in Christ. To God be the glory!

In His Service, Dina Heystek

I would like to thank the board as well as society members for their continued support in allowing us to go to the conventions each year. This year I went to three sessions. The first was on using liquid nitrogen to demonstrate interesting chemical reactions. Next I went to a session on behaviour management techniques. Finally, I went to a session on helping a child who is affected by a divorce. I hope to be able to use what I learned in my teaching career.

Marcia Bootsma

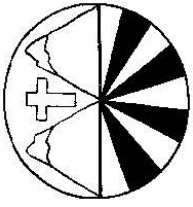


## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

“Flashing Red Means Stop”

When coming up to a school bus, drivers must always use caution:


- Drivers are required by law to stop before passing a school bus that has the alternately flashing red lights activated. This applies both to buses on your side of the road or buses facing you on the other side of the road, except if the bus is on the other side of a highway divided by a median.
- Drivers may proceed past a stopped school bus only when the flashing red lights on the bus have stopped.
- Remember to keep an eye out for school buses loading and unloading children in urban areas, even if the lights aren't flashing.
- Always watch for children crossing the road.



*Rocky Christian School*

Learning, Loving, Living  
for our Lord.

# NOVEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Volleyball Sunchild @ RCS - B teams	<b>2</b> Ed. Com. Meeting	<b>3</b> Report Cards go home	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Early Dismissal	<b>7</b> <u>Volleyball Division Tournament</u> A girls at Pioneer Promotions Meeting	<b>8</b> <u>Volleyball Division Tournament</u> A boys at St. Matt's	<b>9</b> Remembrance Day Assembly - 2:30 p.m. Hot Lunch Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> School closed	<b>11</b> Remembrance Day 
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:45 - 5:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> Doughnut Day 50¢ each School Picture Retakes Finance Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <u>B Teams Volleyball Division Tournament - 1:00 p.m.</u> Boys @ St. Matt's Girls @ RCS Board Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Early Dismissal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> E.C.S. Fun Lunch	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Early Dismissal	<b>28</b> Doughnut Day 50¢ each	<b>29</b> See You At The Pole! 8:00 a.m.	<b>30</b> The Connection newsletter goes out		

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10*