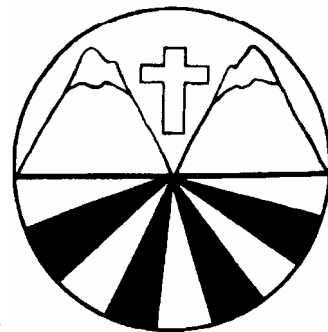

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Call the office if you have a question about any of the activities that are taking place.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A LIFE THAT MATTERS

Beauty is all around us. It's in a blazing sunset shimmering across the lake, in the first bluebells that bloom against new blades of green grass, in the blinding bolts of lightning that flash across the evening sky, in the reassuring rainbow that brightens a rainy day, and in the chirping of birds in the still morning air.

When I thoughtfully consider the world around me, I know that our environment is not some haphazard cosmic accident. The beauty surrounding us is the constant result of a master designer's intricate planning. No detail, no matter how small, has been left out or in need of altering. Everything has a purpose and a plan.

Our lives are not a haphazard cosmos either. Each of us has been delicately designed to carry out a specific task using the individual gifts and abilities given by this master designer. God deeply desires to have a close relationship with each of us, so that we can discover this plan and put it into action. Although sin has marred our world, God has a plan to set that aright too. He longs to involve us in that process, each according to our own special abilities.

God reveals his plan for your life by setting a flame to your soul. The Bible is full of examples of lives flamed into action. Joshua was a blazing fire that led Israel to capture the promised land, Daniel's passion flamed to teach us courageous loyalty, and David was set on fire to faithfully lead a large multitude.

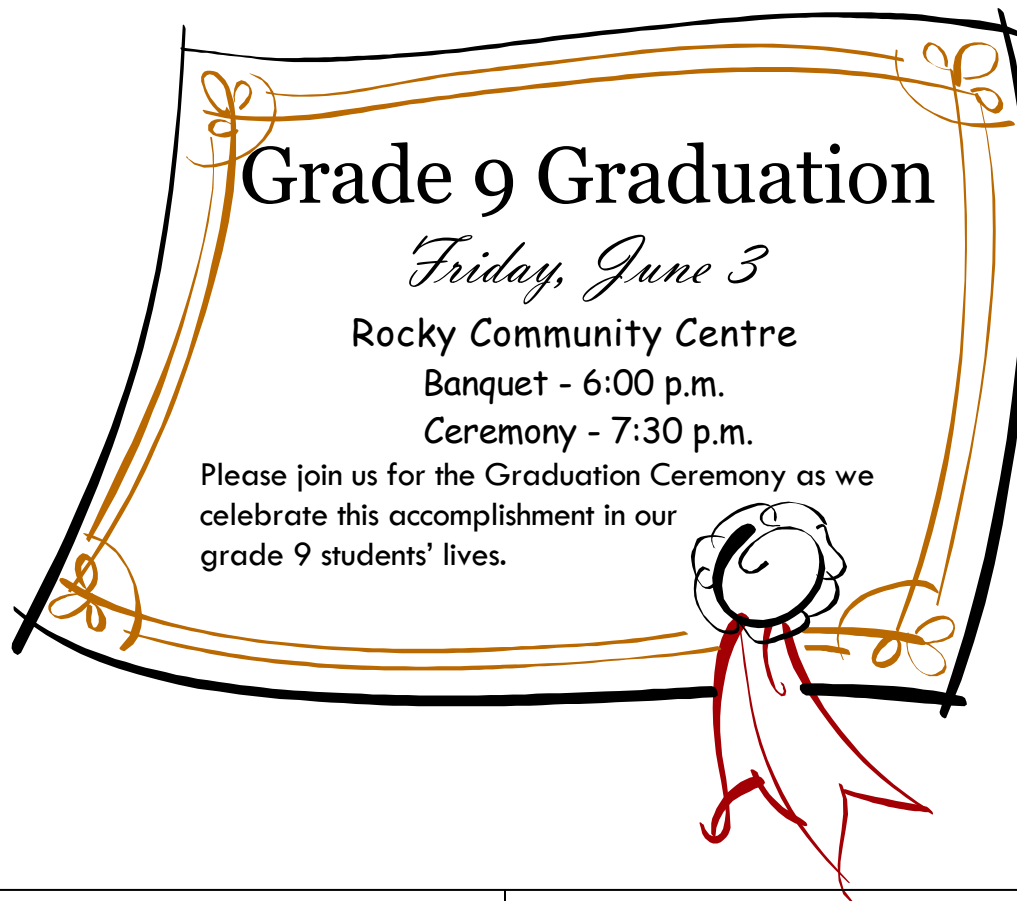
Do you recognize God's plan for your life? Take time to consider the passions that stir your heart to flames. Is God nudging you to visit the sick and shut-ins? Pay that visit. Or is there someone who would appreciate a home-cooked meal? Deliver it. Do you have the gift of music? Uplift souls with your praises. Do you hurt for those who don't know the truth? Teach them in love. Do you have the gift to be an encourager? There is someone who is longing for this encouragement today. God has empowered each of us to be his servants.

Respond to his call; search out the flame that leads your path. Make a difference in a hurting world. Reflect his beauty in a world needing hope and genuine love. All the wisdom and beauty in the world is lost when we don't use it to God's glory. When we model this to our children/students, we help them understand our calling in God's world.

Submitted by Bettie Van'tBosch



Learning, loving, living for our Lord.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – May 12, 2005

- The board welcomes new members Anita VanWaas, Trudy DeBruyn, and Hank Klooster. New board positions are as follows:
Chair – Bob Shaw,
Vice-Chair – Geoff Ferrey,
Secretary – Delanea DeJong,
Treasurer – Trudy DeBruyn
- Farewell and a very big thank you to our outgoing board members: Robert Boodt, Gary Vandenaekerboom and Dave Simmelink. They have done an outstanding job and have earned a well-deserved rest! Enjoy it while it lasts!

PROMOTIONS PRESENTATIONS at Bethel Union Church in Leslieville on *Sunday, May 29*. Services start at 10:30 a.m., students should be at the church at 10:15 a.m. The grade 1-4 choir will be participating in this service.

We will be at the First Christian Reformed Church on Sunday, June 5. Services start at 10:00 a.m., students should be at the church at 9:45 a.m. The grade 1-4 choir and the band will participate.

HOT LUNCH – will be served on Thursday, June 2. Please have your forms in by Monday, May 30.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE INDISPENSABLE!!

Volunteers play a crucial role to the effectiveness of Rocky Christian School, from the huge task of coaching sports team to the greatly appreciated chore of keeping our tea towels clean. Your support, time and prayers help fill in the holes in our programs. Thank you for your dedication as we seek to lead students in a deeper understanding of God's world and our role in building up his kingdom. Your unselfish commitment to making RCS a better place does not go unnoticed.

We, the staff and students of RCS,
invite all volunteers to a

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

on Thursday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m.
in the school gym.

Desserts, refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

We want to celebrate God's faithfulness in another successful school year. Let's get together for an evening of good food and fellowship at the...

SCHOOL WIND-UP BBQ

Thursday, June 23, at 6:00 p.m.
Rocky Community Centre



This year you will be treated to one last presentation of the grade 1-4 choir singing the songs that won them 1st place at Kiwanis. It will be followed by the junior high drama class presentation of the musical "It's Cool in the Furnace". There will also be a performance by the alumni band, and more.

There is no cost for this supper and therefore we are asking each school member to donate something from the list below, and also to bring a dessert with them. The following is a list of food items that are needed for this supper. If you could let Corinne VanSteenis (845-4522) or Tammy Blaak (845-4486) know what you could donate on or before June 16th and have your donation to the school on June 22nd so that we can prepare everything ahead of time. We will also need help with preparation, setup and cleanup.

120 lbs of roast beef (10-15 lb roasts)	200 baker potatoes
1 4 ltr jug coleslaw dressing	30 doz dinner buns
1 4 ltr jug Caesar salad dressing	10 lbs carrots
8 bunches of green onions	6 green cabbages
15 heads romaine lettuce	1 red cabbage
1 box of 300 ft. heavy duty tin foil	8 ltrs sour cream
12 cups bacon bits	8 lbs butter
15 lbs baked beans	5 boxes croutons
8 lbs tomatoes	2 ½ lbs coffee
10 cucumbers	2 ltrs cream
2 jars horse radish	1 kg sugar
1 pkg 300 napkins	

Please invite your relatives, friends and neighbours to join us in this celebration.

We are now online.
Visit us at:
www.rockyccs.com

Do you know somebody who is curious about Rocky Christian School? Be a friend. Speak with appreciation about your child's opportunity to have Christian teachers and a Christian school. Offer to take them along to tour the school.

REMINDER – We have a regular school day on Friday, June 3. Public schools are closed for a P.D. Day but buses will be running for St. Matts and our students.

GARBAGE PICKING - June 4 @ 9:00 a.m. - The school has sponsored a section of Highway #11 to keep clean. We will meet at the First Christian Reformed Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and head out from there. Many hands make light work so please plan to join us.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART – Thank-you for helping to make our Jump Rope for Heart event a great success! On Friday, May 6, approximately 95 of our students helped raise \$5,958.65 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We could not have done it without your support! Receipts were handed out last Wednesday. Please distribute them as soon as possible. Thank-you once again for your help and commitment to this great cause!

FUNDRAISING is hosting the pancake breakfast before the parade on Saturday, June 11. Lots of help will be needed so please give Sandra a call at 845-5373 if you can lend a hand for the morning.

FAREWELL - It is with much sadness that we say good-bye to Connie DeBoon and her family. Connie has been an active, caring staff member of RCS for many years. Her commitment to Christian Education has touched many hearts over the years. Connie, we wish you and your family all the best as you relocate to the Lacombe area.

CAMP CAROLINE has invited grade 1-6 students for a day of fun and adventure on Thursday, June 23. Students are asked to bring a bag lunch and suitable clothing. More details to follow closer to this date.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS – Please send in your soup labels (the whole label, not just the UPC) by June 15 so they can be sent in to be redeemed for merchandise for the school.

LIBRARY – All books need to be returned by June 9. If outstanding books are not returned, a fee will be charged for replacement cost. We are missing 2 of our new encyclopedias. Please check if they made it to your house.

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS dates are marked on the calendar. Please help your child find a suitable time to study and get the extra rest needed for this.

Following is a sample of the results of our AISI Writing Workshops with Jim Driedger. The students were asked to rewrite the story "The Lion and The Mouse". The rewriting of this story provided a wonderful reminder that God values the condition of your heart, not your physical strengths or weaknesses.

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

By Taylor O'Brien, Grade 4

Shining brightly onto the dazzling forest and grassy meadows, the boiling sun was high in the bright blue sky. While the sun was shining a huge beast ambled to his den and dozed off to sleep. Outside a wee rodent scurried on the road trying to avoid the heat on his feet. Bouncing the poor mouse was looking for a place to rest his puny feet. Accidentally the mouse strolled right over the nose of a lion sleeping in his cave. Suddenly the lion woke up. Who had ruined his nap he thought to himself. Spinning around he eyed the mouse. He clutched the mouse with his bulky paw.

The frightened mouse stuttered and begged. "Please spare my life! Be kind."

Thoughtfully the lion paused, and thought that he should let him go anyway. It was an accident.

Kindly the mouse uttered, "I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to disturb your nap."

Groaning the lion let the tiny mouse go. Assuring the lion that he would never do this again, he hurried off.

A few days after the incident the mouse was at her friends drinking tea, when suddenly the two mice heard a ferocious roar. The mice's ears popped up and they sprinted to the door.

"Oh my!" exclaimed mouse, "That's a lion in that object." Darting over to the lion, he saw it was caught in a trap. Suddenly the mouse realized that the more the lion moved the more he got tangled and he realized that it was the same lion that had rescued him. In an instant the mouse decided to return the kindness. Yelling he told the lion to stop moving and gnawed at the ropes. In a split second the lion was free. While thanking the mouse he bounded to safety, thinking of how kind that little mouse was.

By Mikaela DeJong, Grade 3

Shining brightly onto the dazzling forest and grassy meadows, the boiling sun was high in the bright blue sky. Soundlessly the ferocious lion was napping in his dark black scary den. Sniffles the mouse, found the grass much too hot for his tiny feet to walk on. Looking for an area to relax, Sniffles found the perfect dark and dim cave. Sniffles didn't know that there was a huge and frightening lion in the cave. Not knowing where he was going, he sauntered right over the lion's nose. Suddenly, in a blink of an eye, the lion was disturbed from his nap.

"Mmmm..." the lion grumbled as he reached out his paw to block the door way. "This seems like a good snack."

Sniffles was terrified, "Please! Please, do not eat me," the mouse begged. "Please spare my life Mr. Lion."

The lion thought that Sniffles was so fragile that he could crush the mouse with his paw. However, the lion didn't bother to crush him. He decided to let Sniffles go.

"Thank you!" Sniffles yelled. "Sorry, I'll never bother you again and I'll be very careful where I go. I promise."

While Sniffles was visiting a friend, he heard a strange noise. An alarming roar that sounded like a ferocious beast, was coming from outside. Sniffles decided to have a quick glance outside to see what it was.

"There is a lion caught in a trap!" Sniffles screamed. "I wonder how that lion got tangled up in that net?" Once Sniffles shuffled closer he recognized the lion and rushed over to him.

"Even though I'm a mouse, you spared my life, so I'm going to spare your life." Sniffles wanted to return his kindness and let the lion free. While gnawing at the net Sniffles was making good progress, when snap... there was a huge hole. The lion could rush out of the net. He was free! From that moment Sniffles and Mr. Lion were best friends.

SPORTS DAY – Students in K-6 will enjoy a sports day on Friday, May 27th, from 12:45 – 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). A snack will be provided, but an extra water bottle would be a great idea. Please be sure your child is suitably dressed for an afternoon outdoors (running shoes, sunscreen, hats, a light sweater if needed). Call the office if you would like to volunteer to help with an event.

GRAD ALUMNI DESSERT June 22 @ 7:30 p.m. – Calling all the former RCS students from the Grade 9 class of 2002. You are probably finishing grade 12 now. RCS would like to invite you and your parents to a dessert evening. Break away from your exam studies for an hour or two and re-connect with the kids you spent time with at RCS. See how many changes you can spot in the hallways and share your memories with your former classmates before you all scatter. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share.

LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE – The dandelion field is growing out of control again and so we need your help. Please call the office to sign up for a weekend of lawn mowing.

THE JUNIOR HIGH BAND recently participated in the Annual Three Hills Musicales Festival. There were 600 young musicians from Western Canada playing for adjudication and joining for a mass band. The students benefited from the big-band experience and the scrutiny of the adjudicator. Rocky Christian Junior band is in its 7th year, and plays for school concerts, church worship services and for residents West View Lodge and the Clearwater Center. To find out more about the RCS band, or any other programs; call the school office and arrange to drop in sometime.

JUNIOR HIGH YEAR END SCHEDULE

Thurs., June 16	Class Clean-up/Desks emptied and washed. Exam exemptions announced.	
	MORNING – 9:00 a.m.	AFTERNOON – 1:00 p.m.
Fri., June 17	Gr. 9 L.A., Part B Achievement Test	Grade 7-9 L.A.
Mon., June 20	Gr. 9 Social Studies Achievement Test	Grade 7-9 Social Studies
Tues., June 21	Gr. 9 Science Achievement Test	Grade 7-9 Science
Wed., June 22	Gr. 9 Math Achievement Test	Grade 7-9 Math
Thurs., June 23	No school for junior high students	
Fri., June 24	Junior high students pick up report cards (after you have returned all textbooks and library books) between 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	

- There will be no regular classes for students in grade 7-9 after June 16. Students will be dismissed to parents after each exam. Hanging around the halls or outside will cause distractions to other classes and students writing exams. There is no supervision for students after the tests are finished. They should make their travel plans in advance, as the sole office phone line cannot possible accommodate 35 kids all phoning home to beg permission to go with “everyone else” to “study” at somebody’s house. (RCS parents wouldn’t believe that one anyway.)
- Junior high students must be in the exam room (gym) for a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 2 hours. Parents, please be sure the students are on time for each exam and take their time to do their best.
- Grade 9 Alberta Achievement tests have their own time allotments but will not be longer than 2 hours. See schedule above.
- Students are expected to come to the exam room prepared. This would mean studying prior to the exam and having a calculator, geometry set, a second pen/pencil, etc., for the writing time.
- Students communicating with each other during exam time will not be tolerated.
- Some students will be exempted from writing school exams. This is a privilege granted to those students with a subject average of 80% or higher for the year. Be aware that this is not a right but a privilege and therefore students can lose that privilege. Application during study/review week will be a determining factor.



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- Students will need to hand in textbooks at the exam writing time or upon exemption. All library books and textbooks need to be returned. Report cards will not be given to the student until books have been returned or paid for.