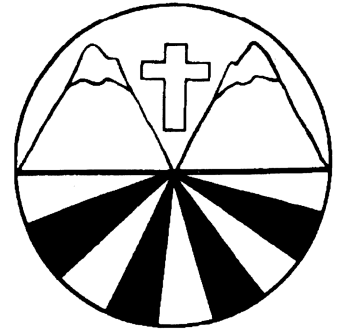


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"Bringing family and school together"

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

Wind-up BBQ

Thursday, June 22

6-8:00 p.m.

in the school gym



The school will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs and salads, and we ask that society members each bring a dessert. Bring lawn chairs/blanket and we'll eat outside if the weather is nice.

TRACK AND FIELD SUCCESS

Congratulations to the members of the grade 6 class for an excellent effort at the local Public School Track and Field Meet! Taylor VanWaas led the way with first place ribbons in 1500m, 800m, and 400m. Taylor finished in 2nd place overall among grade 6 boys. Chris Lublinkof finished 1st in 100m and 2nd in 60m, hurdles, and shot put. Chris Soodsma finished 1st in discus and 4th in ball throw. Josh Headon received 4th place ribbons in both 200m and 400m. Dustin Lagrelle received 4th place ribbons for both 800m and 1500m. The boys relay team finished with a 2nd place ribbon.

Our girls also performed excellently! Charlynn Westin placed first in high jump. Lacey Siemens placed 2nd in long jump and 4th in both 1500m and triple jump. The girls relay team finished in 4th place. Congratulations to all of our team members who represented us well!

Our Junior High students were not able to participate this year due to a conflict with a field trip. We look forward to next year when we put a full roster on the field.



Learning, loving, living for our Lord.

TUITION STATEMENTS as of June 14 are going home today.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Thank you to Chris Smith and her many willing helpers for organizing a great pancake breakfast. Do you realize that some of these helpers were already on the road at 5:30 a.m. to get things set up? The new location and wonderful weather made everything go smoothly making us a profit of approximately \$1,000. If you go to Bauer Furniture be sure to let them know how much we appreciated the use of their parking lot.

SILENT AUCTION AND SUPPER is scheduled for *November 4, 2006*. The fund raising committee has thrown around some ideas and will be getting together in September to really get things going. We are always looking for willing people to help, so if you feel this is an area you can help us in let Trudy 845-6192 know. We will be needing items for the Silent Auction so start thinking about something you could do, make or donate for the auction. Some ideas are: any type of crafting items - wood, knitted, sewn; gift certificates for babysitting service; a pie or cake per month for a year; hay... the list could go on and on.

BOTTLE RECYCLING – Thank you to Hank & Betty Klooster and all the students who helped with the bottle recycling again this year.

WORK BEES REMINDER: Work and cleaning bees are planned for June 24, June 30/July 1 and July 7/8. We have painting projects, electrical projects, plumbing projects, carpentry projects, and outdoor cleanup projects that need to be completed.

Every family will be contacted and asked to commit to at least one of the work bees. The planned work includes:

- June 24 - washing walls and cleaning classrooms. Bring your buckets and rags!
- June 30 evening and July 1 - Happy Canada Day --- Work bee cancelled.
- July 7 evening and July 8 – Lots of work to do – Outside projects and playground upgrades. Inside work including laying new floor tiles in the hallway, replace countertop in lab, and other misc. projects.

Lunch and/or coffee will be provided at the work bees. We realize that everyone is "busy" but many hands make for light work!

JANITOR NEEDED: We are looking for another individual or family to join our janitorial team for one week per month starting in September 2006. If you're not sure what's involved, our current janitors would be pleased to talk to you or have you tag along for a day. If this is something that interests you, please contact the office or Anita VanWaas.



Feedback Corner

June 15, 2006

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

Comments: _____

PROMOTIONS – You are on the P.R. Committee! Enrollment projections for next year show that we still have room in ECS. We need more families, and more students. We are our own best advertising, but sadly we can be our own biggest obstacle when it comes to promoting the school. Like any work place, school, or home, Rocky Christian School has irritations and embarrassments we must work at correcting. So speak to the problem, avoid airing it out in frustration when there is nobody listening who can fix it. Running down a spouse in public is sure doom for a marriage; Rocky Christian School will not survive it either. When we speak to others about the school, including our children, we need to speak with genuine appreciation. This will be the best reason we can give to others about why they should consider Rocky Christian School for their child.

So here's my challenge. When you are speaking with other parents; casually, consciously mention one thing that you appreciate about the school. When you are comfortable with that, do the same thing when talking to those who don't have children at Rocky Christian School. Then, with God's blessing, Rocky Christian School will be endeared by those who have been a part of us; and we will be desirable to more Christian parents. Those who want their child to learn from the perspective that this is God's world we live in, every inch of it. That his call on their life is not just a spiritual one, it affects everything; their entertainment, their relationships, their careers/jobs, their parent roles as they raise our grand kids. Parents who specifically want their child equipped for service in God's kingdom rather than building up their own.

I dare you!

Submitted by Joel Soodsma

EARLY DISMISSAL – There will be no early dismissal on Monday, June 19. Students will be dismissed and buses will leave at 3:30 p.m. that Monday only.

PROMOTIONS – Please return unused or outgrown Rocky Christian School t-shirts to the school. Thank you.

BUSING – We are in need of spare bus drivers. If you would like to be added to the list please contact John Piers at 845-6368.

GRAD ALUMNI DESSERT – *Monday, June 19 @ 7:30 p.m.* – Calling all the former Rocky Christian School students from the Grade 9 class of 2003. You are probably finishing grade 12 now. We 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.

BAND – Next year there will be a grade 6, and grade 7-9 band. All grade 6 students will participate. The Bandstand will be at the school on Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. for a rental show.

SUMMER CAMP SEASON is just around the corner. First Christian Reformed Church of Rocky offers two fun-filled, affordable camps. One camp is for boys and girls ages 10-12, and one for teens ages 13-15.

First CRC also offers the ever popular Vacation Bible (Day) Camp for young children, and the Rocky Mountain Christian Soccer Camp which is celebrating ten years this year.

Call Marie @ 845-6067 for registration forms and details.

SINK OR SWIM

Holist & Atomist

Approaches to education can generally be placed in one of two categories. Holists begin with the whole and break things down into progressively smaller parts. A literature based approach to reading is a holist approach. In this approach you begin with the story and its structure. Then it is broken down into progressively smaller blocks of meaning; first paragraphs, then sentences, then words, then parts of words. Atomists begin with parts and assemble them into something larger. An atomist is likely to use a phonics approach to language. You begin with sounds and letters and assemble them into progressively larger blocks of meaning. It is interesting that some children respond better to a holist approach and others to an atomist approach. All students probably require some of each.

Recently, I have been critiquing my own coaching of sports using these approaches. Some students learn better if you start with the game. Through playing it you identify needed strategies and individual skills to work on in order to improve the game. Other students learn best by beginning with the skills. They need to work on shooting, and passing, and dribbling before strategies and games becomes meaningful.

The problem of where to start is a beautiful one that flows from creation itself. How can we best understand God's creation? Shall we begin by marvelling at the minute details that can only be seen with a microscope or shall we contemplate the vastness of the universe with powerful telescopes and powerful imaginations. All of creation, including language and basketball, is an infinite package of amazing gifts that begs investigation from many perspectives. Regardless of where we start our investigation, we are called to be dazzled as we stand in awe at the works of God's hand!

By Rob Duiker

SPORTS DAY – Grade 1-6 sports day will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, June 22. Students need to dress appropriately, bring a hat, sun screen, and water bottles. Parents are welcome to come out and cheer on the students.

WORLDWIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS – John Postma, from Worldwide Christian Schools stopped by our school last Friday to talk to the students about what WCS is doing in other countries and also to thank them for the great job they did in collecting donations for a school in the Dominican Republic. A pamphlet about WCS is going home with this newsletter.

*Rocky Christian School***SCHOOL SUPPLIES****2006/2007**

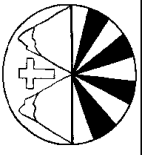
- E.C.S.** - One complete change of clothes to be left at school, box of Kleenex, backpack (mark child's bus number on outside), lunch kit, water bottle. Inside shoes (Runners with Velcro closure or slippers with a good rubber sole to prevent slipping. If you bring lace-up shoes, please make sure he/she knows how to tie them.) Please put child's name on everything brought to school.
- Grade One/Two** - 25 pennies, 5 nickels, 10 dimes, and 4 quarters in a small container (money will be returned in June), a complete change of clothes to be left at school, 1 box of Kleenex, backpack. Please put child's name on everything brought to school.
- Grade Three/Four** - 1 box of Kleenex each term, a water colour paint set, and a complete change of clothes to be left at school.
- Grade Five/Six** - 5 duotangs, 2 - 200 page coil notebooks, 200 sheets of loose-leaf paper, 2 blue and 1 red pen, 10 HB pencils, highlighter pen, pencil crayons/felt markers, water colour paint set, 30 cm ruler, white erasers, scissor, glue stick, pencil case, geometry set, 2 boxes of Kleenex, gym clothes.
- Junior High** - A binder for 5 subjects, subject dividers, loose-leaf paper, 300 page coil notebook for Math, 120 page coil notebook with pocket dividers and water resistant cover for Science, geometry set, 30 cm non-metal ruler, eraser, pens, pencils, pencil crayons, Kleenex, and gym clothes (skates & helmet, swim suit). Texas Instruments calculator (TI-30Xa).

School supplies will be purchased by the school for E.C.S. – grade 4 students. Student day planners will be handed out to the grade 5-9 students in September.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE INSIDE SHOES

(No shoes that mark the floor.)

**Have a relaxing and
enjoyable summer!**



Schedule of Events

Aug. 28/29 - P.D. Day
Aug. 31/Sept. 1 - Teacher work days
Sept. 4 - Labour Day
Sept. 5 - First Day of School
Oct. 6 - School Closed for WRSD/
 regular school day for RCS
Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 18-20 - C.E.A. Teachers' Convention
Nov. 3 - Report Cards go out
Nov. 9/13 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Nov. 10 - School closed for Remem-
 brance Day
Dec. 1 - School Closed for WRSD/
 regular school day for RCS
Dec. 22 - School Closed
Dec. 23-Jan. 7 - Christmas Holidays
Feb. 2 - Report Cards go out
Feb. 7/8 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Feb. 9 - Ski Day
Feb. 16 - School Closed for WRSD/
 regular school day for RCS
Feb. 19 - Family Day
March 9 - P.D. Day
April 20 - Report Cards go out
March 23 - School Closed for WRSD/
 regular school day for RCS
March 24-April 1 - Spring Break
April 6 - Good Friday
April 9 - Easter Monday
May 18 - School Closed for WRSD/
 regular school day for RCS
May 21 - Victoria Day
June 22 - Last Day of School
June 25 - Teacher Work Day

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LEGEND

- △ - Staff Only Day
- - Holidays
- ◇ - Professional Development Day

- ⇨ - Teachers' Convention
- - School Closed
- ♡ - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on Mondays and at 3:30 p.m. the rest of the week. Busing will still be provided on days that school is closed for Wild Rose students but we have a regular school day.