The Connector Newsletter - Linking School to Home



Mission Statement

CHRIST CENTERED EDUCATION; EQUIPPING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

February 2023

Our Staff for 2022-2023

Principal: Mr. Paul Payson

Business Administrator: Mrs. Jaine Grutterink

Office Secretary: Mrs. Judy Fairfield Kindergarten: Mrs. Maurica Merriman

Gr 1-2 Ms. Rutendo Muswizu Gr 3-4 Mr. Matthew Picco

Gr 5-6 (Vice –Principal) Ms. Angela Ward Gr 7-9 Mr. Paul Payson & Mr. Augie Medina Playschool instructor: Mrs. Jenny Stout

Playschool E.A.: Mrs. Portiek; Mrs. Buist, Mrs.

Turner-Giegle

E. A's: Mrs. Wendy Dolman, Mrs. Shawna Payson, Mrs. Patricia Vanderploeg, Mrs. Tonya Dempsey

Bus Driver: Mr. John Holtkamp Bus Driver: Mr. Ken Vanderploeg Custodian: Ms. Charlotte Smith

2223 Theme Verse

¹⁰ For we are God's <u>masterpiece</u>. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Message from the Chairman of the Board:

Hello Evervone.

I hope this finds you all well and healthy. February is looking to be another busy month. The Winter Banquet is on the 10 and I am looking forward to seeing a large crowd gathered to support Rimbey Christian School. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have been spending countless hours planning and getting ready for the Banquet. Your dedication is admirable. Also, RCS along with Christian School Foundation will be hosting a Will

Planning session at the end of February. This is a free information session to help people understand Will Planning. If you can make it or know of someone that this would pertain to, please have them contact our Office.

Early this week Ms. Ward and I met with the Principals and Board Chairpersons of Central Alberta Christian High School, Ponoka Christian School and Lacombe Christian School. Working together with these other Central Alberta Christian schools is very refreshing. We are so blessed to be a part of God's work in not only Rimbey, but the surrounding communities as well. Please keep these other schools in your prayers as well as RCS. We are roughly halfway through this school year and we are starting to plan for next year. The Letters of Intention have been sent out; filling these out and returning them to the school helps us to be better prepared for classes and planning.

Phillipians 4:19 says "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus". I am trusting that God will continue to provide our needs at RCS and I pray that each of you will continue to be faithful in knowing God is the almighty provider.

Sincerely, Riley Hickey

NEW FEATURE-

Please see the attachment at the end of the connector for a Board Member Biography.

Principal Notes

We hope this connector finds you in good health and spirits. As the new academic year approaches, we are writing to inform you about the re-registration intention forms that have been sent out.

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Please take the time to review and complete all necessary information on the form, and return it to the school as soon as possible. If we are aware of your commitment to our school and numbers, we can then look at teaching assignments and very carefully assess the grade configuration. Preschool families and those with students in kindergarten as well as the junior high grades currently have high registration numbers. Knowing your commitment to our school will assist the board and principals to have a more informed decision, to better benefit the education of your child(ren).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the re-registration process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to the school community and helping them continue their education. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

RCS Fundraising Banquet Friday February 10, 2023 Peter Lougheed Community Centre

Doors open @ 5:45pm Supper is at 6:30 pm

Catered by: Starkist Catering

Entertainment is Talitha Peacock and Phil

Callaway

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!! We are looking forward to seeing you there! Pray for good weather and roads that day.

Items needed for banquet

We are looking for a couple items for decorating. If you have any of the following and would be

willing to let us borrow them, could you please call or text Jessica Portiek (403)783-0021. We are looking for:

Artificial Christmas trees
Clear Christmas lights

Enjoying Winter?

These girls are!



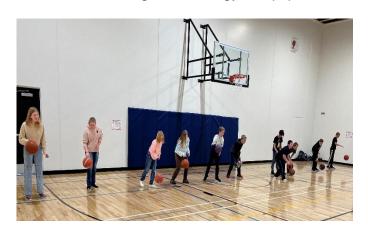
West Coast Seed Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who ordered seeds. We will contact you when they arrive at the school.

Thank you!

Nutrien Ag Bear Track Ice Melter Fundraiser

There are still some pails of ice melter available at the school. They are \$30 a pail. Funds raised will go towards gym equipment.



Grade 7-9 learning Basketball techniques from volunteers Jason Taff and Brandon Rondeel. Thanks Jason and Brandon!

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Fall Drive Update

God is good! The Fall Drive raised just over \$105,000.00! Thanks everyone.

VIP Meats Fundraiser

For those of you who are interested in placing VIP Meat orders, we will be having a meat fundraiser soon. The order forms will probably come out in February or early March. We will let you know when they are coming home in backpacks.

Servant Working

Rimbey's Coldest Night Walk

The Walk will be happening again this year on Thursday, Feb 16th 2023. I have been doing this walk for the last 4-5 years for the benefit of Rimbey Food Bank and Rimbey F.C.S.S. with great success. I would love to have more of the community join me! You can choose to come and walk with us, or sign up to "pledge a donation "which will go directly to Rimbey Food Bank or Rimbey F.C.S.S. Donations of \$25.00 or more will be tax receipted.

The walk will start at 7:00 P.M. from the F.C.S.S. building (5025 55 St.). Parking is available right at the building. Hot Chocolate is available after for the walkers!

Thanking you in advance for your prayers and donations to a great cause!

Judy Fairfield

Please get in touch with Judy Fairfield at the school in order to sign up, make a donation or for more information.

Thanking you in advance for your prayers and support!

Judy Fairfield

Cold Weather Preparedness

As the temperature outside continues to drop, we want to remind you to ensure your child is properly prepared for outdoor play during recess. We are expected to be outdoors unless the temperature is below -15°C. So it is important that your child dress in warm layers, including a toque, mittens, and snow pants.

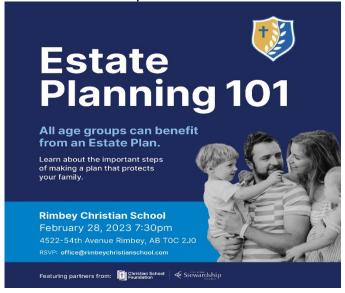
Wearing the appropriate clothing will help your child stay warm and comfortable while they are enjoying the fresh air and exercise during recess. Please label all items with your child's name to ensure they do not get lost.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our students warm and safe during outdoor play. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Christian School Foundation Estate and Gift Planning Event

Will your spouse get everything if you die? Not if you don't have a Will. Will you get to recommend the guardian of your children? Not if you don't have a Will.

We all know we should have our affairs in order – yet many of us have not yet put together a proper Will or kept the one we have up-to-date. We are here to help!



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At 7:30pm on February 28, 2023

Rimbey Christian School in partnership with our Foundation is hosting an Estate Planning 101 Seminar to address all these questions...and more.

For helpful information, and assistance in getting started, join us at this complimentary event. Email office@rimbeychristianschool.com to confirm your attendance.

BONUS: A Delicious Desserts Social will be held during the event!

Skate Night

Skating and Hot Dog Roast to be held on Friday, February 17th from 3:30-7pm. This is a family social event. (there won't be designated supervisors for your child) We hope it will be a fun evening of skating and socializing!



Grade 5-6 girls enjoying our own ice rink!
Thanks to Mr. Payson for the maintenance of the rink!



PLAYERS: FLAMES Alumni Hockey Game FUNdraiser*, Feb 9, 2023 (google.com)

Players joining us are: Curtis Glencross, Brent Gogol, Steve Kelly, Morris Lukowich, Robyn Regehr, Sean Selmser, Martin Sonnenberg, Ryan Stone (others to be announced yet)

<u>TICKETS: FLAMES Alumni Hockey Game FUNdraiser*,</u> <u>Feb 9, 2023 (google.com)</u>

Invite your family and your friends for a fun hight of fellowship!

Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase at the game.