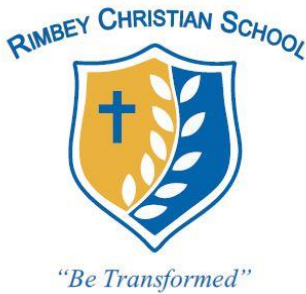


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Mission Statement

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

March 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 masterpiece. 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 Everyone,

I want to thank everyone who continues to support the school. Your unending dedication is such a blessing. For everyone that was involved in making the Winter Banquet happen, I cannot imagine the time and effort it took to make that such a wonderful event and I cannot thank you enough for the outstanding job. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to co-host the Banquet and laughing with Phil Callaway and his stories. It was so encouraging to

see such a large group gathered in support of the Lords school.

On a more serious topic, the school hosted a Will and Estate Planning seminar. Again a great turnout.

The event speakers were shocked at how many people we had for such a small school. I think that's just another testament to how so many of you continue to support the school in many ways. One thing that the speaker commented on was about stewardship, how we are just stewards of whatever the Lord provides to us. It reminded me again how thankful I am toward everyone who gives to the school. You are all great stewards furthering his Kingdom through support of the school.

As spring is approaching, I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for RCS. We are planning to have a full review of the parking lot and front entrance to make that area more accessible and safe for everyone involved. The spring auction will be upon us rather quickly and I am excited to see what the fundraising committee has in store for us! The maintenance committee is currently completing a review of anything requiring attention. Buses are getting booked for their semi-annual inspections and maintenance needs. Although this is a busy time of year, I am continually excited to be a part of this great school and ever so thankful for all the volunteers and staff and their great work. Please continue praying for the school children, the staff, and the board that we all continue to seek the Lord's will and direction for Rimbey Christian School.

Sincerely,

Riley Hickey

NEW FEATURE-

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

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Principal Notes

Parent Teacher interviews are Thursday, March 23rd. Kindly check for attached Schedule for your time with the teachers. If you need to re-schedule or make arrangements, kindly contact the school office. We have made efforts to keep families together. Friday March 24th the school is closed.

Fund Raising **Rimbey Christian School Fundraising Auction**

Mark your calendars!

The fundraising auction will be held online once again. Some of you may be wondering why we would do it this way when we can now have it in person once again. The fundraising committee struggled with what to do this year. We see the benefit of in person and online auctions. In the end we decided to go online and have a social event to go with it. We believe the social aspect of the school auction is very important and needs to be included. When you do an online auction, you are reaching a fair amount of people who are outside of the school family. By doing this we broaden the support base for the school. It also lets others know that the school is in Rimbey!

Here is the info for this year:

The auction will be held online by Montgomery Auction Services Ltd. It will open on Friday May 5th and close on the evening of Thursday May 11th. On May 11th we will open the north school doors at 5pm for a complimentary supper and viewing of the online items. We will also have some items on a silent auction that will close before the online auction starts to close. There will be a supervised area for kids to play. The thought is that people can bring their phones/electronic devices and finish bidding at the school. Our goal is to have a large screen put up so people can watch it from there and keep an eye on the auction that way also. You can also place reserve bids and come and enjoy watching the auction close. We would like to encourage everyone to come out, even if you cannot be there for the whole evening.

Holly's Greenhouse Vouchers

Holly's Greenhouse Vouchers will be available later this month. Holly's Greenhouse is located about 10 minutes west of Rimbey. Vouchers will be \$20 each (you would treat them like a \$20 bill). There are 5 vouchers in a bundle, you can either buy them individually or 5 for \$100.00. The school gets \$6 for every voucher sold.

Spring is around the corner ... I am pretty sure of it! The vouchers will be available at the school office. If you have any questions regarding the vouchers, please feel free to call Laura Grinde (403-704-5662). Holly's Greenhouse opens on May 1st.



VIP Meats Fundraiser

Orders are due back at the school by Thursday March 2nd. V.I.P Meats will be delivering your orders to the school on March 16th. We will let you know what time pick up is. Thank you to everyone who placed orders.

Fundraising Banquet Update

I know you heard this before, but I am going to say it again ... God is good! We ended up selling just about all our 250 tickets (I believe we sold around 248)! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the banquet. It was great to be able to hold the banquet once more! Weather in February can be a bit uncertain. We have had all kinds of weather in the past (good weather all the way to blizzard conditions). The weather and the roads were good that day. Woo hoo! It was nice to be able to hang out with everyone. Talitha's harp sounded amazing, and Phil Callaway had us laughing the evening away. **We raised just over \$20,000.00 at the fundraising banquet.**

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We would like to thank everyone who helped out before, during, and after the banquet was over!

Thank you to the following:

1. To those who helped make the centerpieces. There were many hours required to put these flowers together! Thank you to those who cut the boards and made the wooden boxes also.
2. Thank you to the junior high students and other volunteers who helped set up the day of the banquet.
3. Thank you to the teens who helped Starkist Catering gather dishes and clean up.
4. Thank you Starkist Catering for the amazing supper.
5. Thank you to Talitha Peacock and Phil Callaway.
6. Thank you to Rimbey Review & Western Star, Blooms, and Rimbey Ford. Rimbey Review and Western Star helped us out with ads. Blooms and Rimbey Ford donated the door prizes!
7. Thank you to those who donated the early bird draw gift certificates.
8. Thank you to those who helped clean up after the banquet. We are grateful for your help. As they say, "many hands make light work."
9. Dirma Roseboom. Thank you for the school display in the hallway.
10. Last but definitely not least! Thank you to our Heavenly Father.

Feedback Request

We just finished having our first winter break-the week February 20-24, 2023 and we are curious about your thoughts regarding this break.

We appreciate your comments via email to office@rimbeychristianschool.com or principal@rimbeychristianschool.com . Thanking you in advance for your comments on this new endeavor.

Pictures



Banquet – A full house!



Our M.C.'s Mr. and Mrs. Hickey



Phil Callaway

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Kindergarten Bible Characters



Gr 1-2 Bible Characters

Free Counselling

BGC WOLF CREEK is thrilled to be able to offer a FREE Child and Family Counselling Program to Rimbey. Our agency has hired the services of Toni Lassu, Licensed and Registered Child and Family Therapist (M.A., CCC), and we are pleased to be able to have her offer her services to Rimbey one day a week (Fridays). Toni will be offering individual, group and/or family sessions. Her office will be located at the BGC Wolf Creek offices which are upstairs at the Rimbey Nazarene Church. Friday, February 10 being the first day in Rimbey. See attached

Next Step Counselling

Emilee Provencher graduated from Briercrest Seminary with her masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. After more than 4 years working with an agency she is starting her own practice.

What makes her practice unique?

Virtual counselling from a Christian perspective (when requested) for children (5+ yrs. old.), teens, and adults.

It's counselling available to everyone regardless of where in our beautiful province you live, how much you travel; and how busy your life is.

Emilee@next-step-counselling.com

780-296-1360

Pictures from our Moving Art Day



Lego Play

Paper Chains



Fly tying

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Board Bio

Hi I am Dawn,

My husband, Wray and I have 3 children that attend RCS. Next year it will be 4!

I believe, and have always told my children: "that they each have special gifts, talents, and abilities given to them from God, and that it is their job to use these things to help as many people as possible."

Having the opportunity to have our children attend Rimbey Christian school where "discovering and developing students' gifts for service in Gods Kingdom" is the mission, is truly one of the biggest blessings received, and the Holy Spirit's whispers about a horse is really how it all came to be for us...

Without bringing a horse named Sedona into my life, I wouldn't have met Stephanie! When I met Stephanie, I knew she was good people instantly. Nearing the end of that first meeting she asked me, "Do you go to church? and would I like to go to church with her sometime?"

Now we haven't attended church together yet, but we will someday! In the meantime, one day I took my sister in law, Lindsey with me to Stephanie's, and they got talking & Stephanie found out that Lindsey had attended Rimbey Christian as a child.... one thing led to another with two beautiful faith led women visiting, and well.....here we are!

*I believe that we all have the Holy Spirit (God within us) guiding us through life. The first time I met my horse, Sedona- I knew that through her, God was speaking to me. At the time, I didn't know why, but that has since been revealed to me in several ways- the biggest being: **the influence of our children attending this school.***

As a new board member I feel blessed and inspired to be in the presence of the members that make up

the board. Their commitment, dedication, & love of God shines through each and every decisions they make.

God is love, Dawn



Winter Carnival – Free Admission

March 4, 2023 at 2 P.M.

Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Games, Snacks Hot Chocolate and Coffee/Tea for parents

Rimbey Church of the Nazarene

For more information, text 403-919-1025