

# Rimbey Christian School

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RIMBEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



"Be Transformed"

## Mission Statement

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

## December 2021

### Our Staff for 2021-2022

Principal: Mr. Paul Payson

Business Administrator: Mrs. Carolyn Vanderhoek

Office Secretary: Mrs. Judy Fairfield

Kindergarten: Ms. Marj Dolman

Gr 1-2 Mrs. Maurica Merriman

Gr 3-4 Mr. Matthew Picco

Gr 5-6 (Vice –Principal) Ms. Angela Ward

Gr 7-9 Mr. Paul Payson

Playschool instructor: Mrs. Jenny Stout

Playschool E.A.: Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Portiek

E.A.'s: Mrs. Wendy Dolman, Mrs. Shawna Payson,

Mrs. Kathy Turner-Geigle

Bus Driver: Mr. John Holtkamp

Custodian: Mrs. Grutterink

### 2021 Theme Verse

**"For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth" Psalm 71.5**

### Message from the Chairman of the Board:

Hello to all,

Thanks to everyone that was able to attend the Society meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup>. As the meeting closed I had a feeling of great unity and excitement.

We have received great news regarding the Gymnasium. We have our occupancy permit; praise the Lord!! I am so glad the kids will be able to enjoy this blessing, and for future generations to come.

During the Society meeting our Treasurer reported the Financial Audit Results. I am continually amazed at how the Lord continues to bless Rimbey Christian School financially. That being said, I encourage everyone to support our Annual Fall Drive. The fall drive is a large portion of our fundraising efforts that help keep the school's day-to-day operations running.

As the Christmas season quickly approaches, I pray that all of you find some peace and enjoyment with family and friends during the holidays.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the theme of the Society meeting, One Body with Many Parts.

"But God made our bodies with many parts, and he has put each part just where he wants it" (1 Cor. 12:18). Rimbey Christian School is full of parts.

Each one of you plays a part in keeping this school thriving and I would like to say, from the bottom of my heart, "Thank You!"

Sincerely,

Riley Hickey



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## Principal Message

We have had an excellent fall term this year. Each class has their own unique ways that they have been learning and growing in their part in God's story.

The Fingerprints Daycare have been enjoying their new class renovations and outside space. They have been enjoying their winter theme and learning about culture.

The kindergartner's have been learning that God always keeps his promises. They have been counting, and learning patterns. They have been baking, skating and learning routines.

Grade 1 and 2 have been focused on Justice Seeking, Community Building, and Creation Enjoying. They have learnt about three communities, small crawling and flying animals as well as learning about their feelings and their friendships.

Grade 3, 4 and 5 have been learning how to sing and play recorders. They have been practicing their scales and having "sing offs". They have been learning about electricity and how fusion might be the future of energy production.

The Grade 6's have been working on essays and about space in science. They have been learning the ukulele in music. This is the school's biggest class grade and they have been enjoying being in their own class. The Junior High had a successful canoe trip on the Red Deer River in September. They are learning about heat and temperature and have been planning a Mars mission (I am a little worried that they might be planning to send their teacher). They have also been learning about Canadian history in Social Studies.

We had some great ice to skate on last week and are looking forward to the return of winter so we can improve the ice again.

Thank you for all the ways that each one of you supports learning at Rimbey Christian School. This school could not thrive without the contributions of everyone!

Mr. Paul Payson.



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### VIP Meats & Coffee Fundraiser Update

Orders will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for placing orders and asking others if they would like to place an order.

### FALL DRIVE

Fall Drive will be wrapping up this month!

Thank you for all that has come in so far!

If you would like to donate to the Fall Drive, please remember to do so before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We would encourage you to continue asking those you know if they would be interested in making a donation to the school. The donations that come in for the Fall Drive are used to help meet operational costs that the school has every year. In other words, these donations help keep the school doors open!

### Winter Banquet

Due to covid restrictions we will be postponing or cancelling the winter banquet this year.



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## Food Bank Hamper

In the front hall of the school you can find our box for Food Bank donations.

The list of requested items currently is:

- Christmas cookies
- Fruit cups
- Apple sauce
- Toys for teens
- Paper towel
- Shampoo
- Hand soap
- Body wash

Thank you for considering donating for a good cause.

## The Mitten Tree: A Justice Seeking Service Project:

Grades 1-2 have been learning about justice seeking and are becoming really good at noticing when things don't seem right or fair and when someone is in need. However, justice seekers don't just notice, they also pray for God's direction and respond by doing what they can to help. Cold weather and icy snow are part of Alberta winters and the Grades 1-2 want to help people who need proper protective clothing for the outdoors. After a class discussion, where it was firmly established that these people might need items to protect their fingers, toes, their ears and their noses, it was decided that we could help by collecting mittens, gloves, toques, scarves, and warm socks. Therefore, we will be setting up a Mitten Tree in the foyer of the school! We are asking everyone to pray about this real need in our community and then respond because the prayers of God's people are powerful and effective (James 5:16)! If you are feeling called

by God to help us out with this endeavor, please send new mittens, gloves, toques, scarves or warm socks to Rimbey Christian School to be added to our Mitten Tree. The proceeds will be given to Rimbey Foodbank for the Christmas Hamper program. We will be collecting until **December 8, 2021**. Thank you for supporting this service project!

## Note from Business office:

2021 Charitable Tax receipts will be issued by the end of February 2022.

To receive a 2021 Tax receipt please have all donation payments and tuition payments to the school prior to the Christmas school holidays, which begin December 17, 2021. If you are mailing a cheque, only cheques that are stamped by Canada Post on or before December 31, 2021 will be accepted for the 2021 calendar year.



## Spring Auction

The Spring Auction will once again be happening before spring (due to winter banquet changes).

The auction will be either the last week of February or the first week in March. More information will be in the January Connector.

It will need to be online again this year. Montgomery Auction Services Ltd. have graciously agreed to host it for us again.

Thank you Montgomery Auction Services!! If there is anything you would like to donate please feel free to bring it to the school or call Laura Grinde (403-704-5662).

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Grade 1 and 2 with their "lookers".



Grade 1 and 2 with their "lookers" going for a walk to appreciate the beauty of God's creation.



Appreciating the art in the clouds with our Lookers".

Enjoy the Reason for the Season!

Enjoying the fruits of God's provisions-  
The Ice Rink!



Sharing a game together, friendship and learning.

Great ice on the new skating rink – P.E. Class is so fun!

We all share the rink; from learning to hockey, safety and sharing; community building and creation enjoying all at once!



Merry Christmas to all!



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Nov 29	30	Dec 1	2	3 Art Day in P.M.	4	5
6	7	8 VIP Meat orders pick up Coffee orders pick up Last Day for Mitten Tree donations	9 Report Cards	10	11/12	
13 Last day Food Bank Donations	14	15	16	17 Early dismissal for students 1:00 P.M.	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Fall Drive Ends	Jan 1	2
3	4	5 Return to school	6	7	8	9

A schedule for you to know when your child will be eating:

10:30-11:00	First Nutrition and Recess Break	1 6
10:30-10:45	Nutrition Break: Everyone has snack,	
12:40-1:30	Second Nutrition and Recess Break	
12:40- 1:00	Nutrition Break: Everyone has lunch	