



## Mission Statement

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

## December 2020

### Our Staff for 2020-2021

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. Grutterink, Mrs. Portiek

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

Mrs. Kathy Turner-Geigle, Mrs. Patricia

Vanderploeg

Bus Driver: Mr. John Holtkamp

### 2021 Theme Verse

**Isaiah 33:5-6** <sup>5</sup>The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness. <sup>6</sup>He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

Hello Everyone,

Wow, what a difference a month makes. The gym walls are up and we have a brand new outdoor skating rink that has been flooded with its first layer of ice. The kids will be out there skating in the next few days. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Darren and all the crew at Dolman Construction for the amazing work that has been accomplished to date. When I see all of the improvements that are happening at the school I cannot help but praise our God for the blessings He pours out

on His school in Rimbey. Yes, we all do our part to see the school prosper, but he is our provider and our compass. He guides us in all we do and makes things possible that don't seem possible.

In other news I would like to extend a warm welcome to Amy Janzen as the newest member on the board. Amy was elected to a 4-year term at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Society Meeting. It is wonderful to have another woman serving on the board—especially one as gifted as Amy. I am confident that she will bring a new perspective to our board and much insight from a new generation of young school families.

I also want to mention that the board made a decision to join the Christian School Foundation at our last board meeting. Over the coming months we will work with them to establish the "Rimbey Christian School Foundation" which will be managed by their umbrella organization. Basically, it will be an avenue to direct "planned giving" to the school through large donations as well as estate planning & wills. The goal is to provide long term financial stability to the school. The Christian School Foundation provides options for planned giving that are tailored to meet the desires of the donor. These planned gifts can be donor designated for: endowed gifts, designated fund disbursements, grants and tuition support programs and even flow through gifts. Watch in the coming year for an information session on the Christian School Foundation and learn how you might participate in this exciting venture.

**Philippians 4:19.** "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

God Bless!

**Keeping up RCS Traditions:**  
**A look back at 2015**

***Town Council hears Presentation from 3 of our Grade 6/7 girls from May of 2015***

*The three of us girls wrote a letter to the Town Council in November of last year asking if we could honor the veterans by taking care of their graves. We thought that by placing poppies and taking extra care of the graves in the Rimbey area we would honor the veterans. We were elated when we received a reply back from the Town a few months later stating that the Town Council wanted us to present our idea at their Council Meeting. We started work on our presentation right away. It was very exciting! On meeting night, we were shaking really badly. We were asked to stand and present our speech. We were nervous and as slowly as possible, we raced through our speech. When we were done we were met with smiles and agreement. Everyone liked the idea! We sighed with relief.... We did it!*

*It was a really nerve-wracking experience, but we really are glad we had this opportunity to honor our veterans. We are glad to be part of this community where honoring veterans is possible.*

*Jenaya, Emily, Amaris.*

**Present Day**

Thanks to these 3 ladies, now alumni of our school, we continue to honor the veteran's graves.

If you know of a grave that you would like to have remembered next November, please give the school a call at 403-843-4790.





### **Skipping to feed Somali Children**

The Grade 3-4 class at Rimbey Christian School recently gave up a little to gain a lot. For the week of November 16-20, students from Mr. Picco's class committed their P.E. time to jumping rope. Their goal: to feed hungry Somali children (Somalia was recently hit by a series of natural disasters that left families on the brink of starvation). Students gave it their all, and when the skipping had stopped, the Grade 3-4 had raised a total of \$2,132.25! To make things even better, World Concern--the organization to which funds were donated--matched their contribution! Thank you so much to all who contributed to this very worthy cause. Your commitment to helping "the least of these" has made a difference for time and eternity. For more information, read the article *Rimbey Christian School students experience the joy of giving* in the Rimbey Review or on the Rimbey Review website.



### **Baby News:**

Congratulations to the Kazarian-Koecher family who just had a baby boy!

### **Playschool**

Welcome to all the new families who have joined us recently at preschool. This season brings joy and thankfulness, and we appreciate seeing & hearing many little voices with their curiosity. We continue to be a bunch that enjoys lots of paint and building. Recently, lovely fresh snow arrived; and we just had to dive in and roll around in it. The opportunity to do this together and be social is a blessing.

Wishing you all a very healthy and happy Merry Christmas.

Yours truly,

Miss Jenny, Miss Jaine, and Miss Jessica



## Fundraising December 2020 Connector Information

### FALL DRIVE!!

Fall Drive will be wrapping up the end of this month. If you have not yet made your donation to the Fall Drive please consider doing so. Also please ask friends, neighbors and family who might be interested in supporting the school to consider a donation. The funds that come in from the Fall Drive help keep the doors open at RCS!

### VIP Meat Fundraiser Update:

Thank you to all of you who placed orders and asked others if they would be interested in ordering. The school raised just over \$1,300.00!

### Mark your calendars!

#### RCS Online Auction

Begins: February 22, 2021 (this date may be adjusted by a few days)

Ends: February 26, 2021

It has been a different year as everyone knows! Trying to figure out fundraising events etc. is sometimes hard! We normally have a fundraising banquet in the New Year. However; trying to plan a banquet around ever changing COVID regulations would be difficult. The fundraising committee has decided to have an earlier auction this year and hope that regulations will be more relaxed in the spring for some kind of outdoor event. We would love to get together with everyone!

Thank you once again for all that you do for RCS. Your support never fails to humble us. We appreciate all your prayers and

financial support. God works through you. THANK YOU!!



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

As per prior information sent home the Grade 1-2 class is having a "Mitten Tree" service- Justice Seeking Project. The tree is now set up in the foyer of the school and you are welcome to bring in your toques, scarves, and mittens and place them on the tree or just the tree skirt.



### Christmas Food Hamper

Yes, we will have a box located right outside the office for you to bring in any food donations, gas cars, and/or clothing cards, to go to a needy family.

God Bless

### Savings on Purchase of gently used books-



Did you know that you can shop for good used books at **NEARLY NEW BOOKS 1-4936 53 Ave Red Deer, AB.** (by the Superstore beside the dollar store) and when you check out if you ask to use the Rimbey Christian School Account/credit you will receive 50% off.



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Nov 30	Dec 1	2	3	4 Kindergarten Friday	5	6
7	8	9 Last Day to send in your Toques, mitts and scarves for the Mitten Tree	10 Wacky sweater day  Report Cards Go Home	11 Teachers PD	12/13	
14	15	16	17 Please bring in Food hamper items	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 January 2021	2	3
4	5	6 at home learning	7 at home learning	8 at home learning	9	10

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

10:30-11:00	First Nutrition and Recess Break	17
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	