



# Rimbey Christian School

## The Connector Newsletter - Linking School to Home

Mission Statement

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

Feb 2019

### Our Staff for 2017-2018

Principal: Mr. Sergio Cepero

Business Administrator: Mrs. Carolyn  
Vanderhoek

Office Secretary: Mrs. Judy Fairfield

Kindergarten: Ms. Marj Dolman

Gr 1-3 Mrs. Maurica Merriman

Gr 4-6 Ms. Nicole Foster

Gr 7-9 Mr. Paul Payson

Playschool instructor: Mrs. Jenny Stout

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

Payson, Mrs. Kathy Turner-Geigle, Mrs. Jaine

Grutterink, Mrs. Teresa Kelly

Bus Driver: Mr. John Holtkamp

### 2018-2019 School year Theme Verse:

*Finding our place in God's story.*

*Being confident of this, that he who  
began a good work in you will carry  
it on to completion until the day of  
Christ Jesus. Phil 1:6*

### Message from Sergio:

#### Quick update on the Cepero family,

Since we arrived on Canadian soil, almost 4 weeks ago, we have felt very welcomed at RCS and in the Rimbey Community in general. We thank all of you for your prayers, your sincere interest in getting to know us more, your support through gifts, food, donations...etc. We are really overwhelmed by your kindness to all of us as a family. We are still getting used to the extreme temperatures in Alberta (there is a difference of almost 40 C compared to Spain) but it is worth it if we can serve the Lord together with you at RCS.

Many of you know that I will be taking an English Language Test this coming Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton, which is required by the Alberta Education Office to validate my credentials as Principal. I pray that God will

give me the wisdom I need and I ask you to continue praying for me and for my family.

### Message from the Chair of the Board: Harold Grinde

Wow, it is February already. The school year is more than half gone already and it seems like the kids just went back to school. The good news is that things are going very well at school—the Cepero family has arrived in Rimbey and not only do we have Mr. Cepero stepping into his new role as principal—we also have 4 new students in school. God is Good!

Although Mr. Cepero is in his office he is not able to “officially” step into his role as principal until Alberta Education recognizes all of his credentials and issues a “Letter of Authority”. We are very hopeful that the certification process will proceed quickly. Alberta Education has promised that they will do their best to fast track the process. In the meantime Sergio is able to teach Bible class, assist teachers in the classroom and do playground supervision. He is also able to plan and advise the board about ways to improve our school. In fact, at his first board meeting, he brought to the board some great ideas of how we can make changes that will improve on the quality of the education programs we offer. He also had suggestions about improving safety and communication in the school, and on ways we can improve our marketing and hopefully attract new families to the school. I know that the board is very thankful to have him in the office and to see his fresh new vision for Rimbey Christian School as it develops.

I would also like to acknowledge that there has been lots of positive feedback about the winter banquet. The evening was once again a huge success in terms of both the quality of the food, the entertainment and also in raising some much needed funds for RCS. Our hats go off to all of

those who helped put it all together—the fundraising committee, the development committee, Mr. Payson and the junior high class for helping with setting up the tables, Nethan Vaartstra for playing the piano, and to the volunteers who helped with set up, decorating, and the clean up at the end of the evening. I think everyone enjoyed the comedy performance of Steve Geyer which was not only very entertaining but also very appropriate for a RCS event. Starkist Catering once again provided us with a delicious supper. I also want to thank Vic Wiens for coming up from Airdrie to speak to us briefly about the importance of fundraising for the school—it was great to see Vic again. Our thanks also to Anna VanHaastert for delivering a wonderful opening prayer at the beginning of the evening. Last but not least a big thank you for all who attended, donated and supported the school through their prayers. It is through the efforts of all of you that are a part of this wonderful school community that God's School in Rimbey is prospering!

**Congratulations to the Grinde Family!  
Hannah Brielle Grinde,**

Born on (Anders' birthday) January 27, 2019.  
9 lbs 1 oz.



To the Grinde family we offer our prayers and heartfelt congratulations on the arrival of your precious daughter.

**Playschool**

January in the preschool room was lush and green! Children have expressed lots of interests about animals all year long, so we decided to stretch the adventure further around the world to all sorts of God's creation—insects, reptiles, mammals. We have found an appreciation for plants and trees too. What

does chocolate cake have to do with the jungle? Why cocoa trees of course.



**Fund Raising**

First of all we would like to thank all of you for participating in the fundraisers that have been undertaken! We realize that it may seem like a lot! We are doing what we can to help reach the fundraising objective for this year.

Please don't feel like you need to place an order EVERY time. Our goal, as a committee, is to find fundraisers that people could actually put to good use and find to be beneficial. The fundraisers also give a good amount back to the school.

**FALL DRIVE UPDATE**

Thank you to all who donated to the Fall Drive. God is good!  
Fall Drive raised: \$106,650.00.

**RIMBEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISING  
BANQUET UPDATE**

The Fundraising Committee would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all who volunteered their valuable time to make the banquet a success! There were numerous people who did whatever they could to fill tables with people, set up tables and decorate the community centre, participate in the evening events, and the many people

who helped clean up after the banquet was over!! **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the Gr. 7/8 students, Mr. Payson, Mr. Cepero, Mrs. Erin Dolman, Mrs. Stout, and others who helped decorate and set up. Many hands make light work! Thank you to Mr. Vic Wiens, Mrs. Anna VanHaatstert, Nethan Vaarstra, and Steve Geyer for participating in the evening. Thank You to Dirma Roseboom for the slideshow, school table display, etc! **THANK YOU** to our Amazing God! He continues to provide in ways that we could not even see! We were not sure we would sell all the tickets this year. Guess what? All tickets sold, and we had some extra ones sold. God is good!!  
The banquet raised around: \$20,200.00.

### **MAKE IT SOW FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

Thank you to all who placed and asked others if they would like to place orders. The orders have been submitted. You should be seeing your seeds shortly. **THANK YOU!**

### **Faithful in prayer:**

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12) We continue to meet in prayer and we ask you to join us. If God is calling you to pray for the Christian School family in Rimbey, please join us on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019**, right after school, at Rimbey Christian School.

When we pray, we bring glory to God, we learn more of who God is and it has real and tangible effect on our lives. We ask for you to join with us so that we might encourage one another and hold the school and all those involved in prayer. May God continue to be glorified in Rimbey through RCS.

### **UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS**

1. **V.I.P Foods Fundraiser:** This is a company based out of Sherwood Park, Alberta. We will be doing a meat fundraiser through them. There are a variety of meats that you can order! When it comes to their products they

pride themselves in providing quality and quantity. Other organizations who have fundraised through VIP Foods have really enjoyed what they received! You will be receiving a package around February 11. Please take time to ask family, friends, neighbours, etc if they would like to place an order! Orders need to be back at the school by February 26<sup>th</sup>. Delivery/ pick up (at the school) will be March 7<sup>th</sup> between 2:30-4 pm.

2. **RIMBEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISING AUCTION FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2019 RIMBEY VERN POFFENROTH MEMORIAL ARENA**
3. **Holly's Greenhouse Vouchers (March-June)**
4. **Mom's Pantry (April/May)**
5. **Battery Drive (May-June)**

### **CACHS Fundraiser**

**SWING INTO SPRING FAMILY FUNDRAISER, THURSDAY MARCH 7 @6:30**

Central Alberta Christian High School would like to invite you and your family to our spring fundraiser! This is a FREE dinner for you and your family to raise money for our school. There will be a Dessert Silent Auction, a movie and popcorn for the kids, and we will auction off a shed that the Industrial Arts class has made. To reserve your seats, or a table, please phone the school at (403) 782-4535. If you own a business and would like to sponsor a table, or for more information, contact Cindy Ekkel (403) 396-3621. Doors will open at 6:15pm.

Please come out and support our school!



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Jan 28	29	30	31	<b>Feb 1</b> Taco Bar Mission Trip Fund Raiser Nazarene church 6 P.M.	2	3
4	5	6 <b>Prayer At RCS Time TBA</b>	7 <b>Hot Lunch Chicken Burgers Sdrawkcab Day  (Backwards)</b>	8	9/10	
11	12 Winter field trip Gr 7-8	13	14 <b>Hot Lunch Subway</b>	<b>15</b> Safe Care, Mexico Mission Trip fund Raiser CRC 6:30 P.M.	16	17
<b>18</b>	19 Chapel 9:50- 10:30 am	20	21 Canada Winter Games at RCS	22	23	24
25	26 <b>Return VIP Meat orders Please</b>	27	28 <b>Hot Lunch Taco Soup</b>	<b>Mar 1</b> <b>Potential Skating Party 3:30-7PM At RCS</b>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11 Report Cards</b>	12	<b>13</b> Parent Teacher Interviews	14	15	16	17

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

Nutrition Break is 10:30-11:00	First Nutrition and Recess Break
10:30-10:45	Nutrition Break: Everyone has snack,
Second Nutrition Break 12:45-1:30	Second Nutrition and Recess Break
Hot Lunch Days	Lunch served at 12:45 for all
Chapel 9:50-10:30 first and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month	