



Rimbey Christian School

The Connector Newsletter - Linking School to Home

Mission Statement

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

Jan 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

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:

Dear students, parents, staff and board members:

As time is finally approaching for us to move into your school community, we would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support during all these months. As you know, it has not been easy, but my family and I are thankful to God for his guidance and care with our lives. We are eager to be part of Rimbey Christian School and personally, I am very excited about serving our Lord Jesus in this new position at the School.

It is my prayer that our school will continue growing both spiritually and academically!

We look forward to meeting you all very soon!

Sergio Cepero

Message from the Chair of the Board: Harold Grinde

There is not a lot to report from the board. Much like everyone else at the school, we have enjoyed the Christmas break. We want to thank all of the staff from RCS for providing members of the board with a wonderful lunch and a great time of fellowship just before the Christmas break. We all really enjoyed the wonderful food and a chance to spend some time with the staff.

We have received some wonderful news over the Christmas break—Sergio and his family finally have all their paperwork in order and will be flying to Canada on January 14th. They could possibly have come sooner but because of the holiday travel rush they were unable to get decent flights at a fair price until the 14th. We are literally counting the days until they arrive and Sergio can step into his position as principal at RCS. Of course, it will be wonderful to have some new faces in our classrooms as well—there will be three of his children in classes plus 1 in playschool. I am sure there will be lots of excitement at school!

We continue to await the Alberta Court of Appeal's ruling on the challenge of Bill 24 that was presented to the court by The Justice Center For Constitutional Freedoms. Please continue to pray that the Coalition of Schools that has filed the challenge with JCCF will be granted a favorable ruling by the Court of Appeal. Thanks so much for your prayers and support for RCS.

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, January 9, 2019,** 7:30 PM 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.

Accountability Survey

Parents watch your mail boxes please!

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4-9 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4-9 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2019, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

RCS Winter Fundraising Banquet - JANUARY 25, 2019!!!

Have you got your tickets yet?! The banquet is THIS MONTH!

Friday January 25, 2019

Peter Lougheed Community Center, Rimbey
Entertainment: Christian Comedian Steve Geyer

Tickets are \$60 each or \$450.00/ Table of 8
Doors Open: 5:45 pm.

Supper is at 6:30 pm

Catered by Starkist Catering

Our entertainer this year is Steve Geyer, a Christian comedian from the States who will be in Alberta late January and has agreed to come one day earlier to participate in our Winter Banquet!! He originally was a nightclub comedian opening for people such as Billy Crystal, Brian Reagan and Sinbad. When he came to Christ he saw an opportunity to make people laugh with clean comedy. He has shared the stage with Dr. Gary Chapman, travelled with top Christian bands, and has released 3 Christian comedy records. Some of you might recognize him, as a partner with Fun and Faith ministries ... particularly "A Nite to Remember for Couples." You can find more information about him on www.funandfaith.ca.

Come join us for a night of laughter, great food, and an enjoyable night hanging out with friends. Hope to see you there!!

Don't forget to ask family, friends, and neighbours if they would like to attend the banquet! It would be great to see all the chairs filled at the banquet.

Tickets are available at the school office and Stationery, Stories & Sounds. If you have any questions please call Laura Grinde at 403-704-5662.

**"Please purchase your tickets before Friday
January 18th as we need to let the caterer
know how many people will be attending.
Thank you!"**

Playschool News

December wrapped up with a sweet play day of both a nice weather for sledding and gingerbread cookie decorating. Thank you everyone for coming and celebrating the season with us at the classroom. Welcome to Mrs. Teresa Kelly who has joined the classroom staff as of January 8th. Looking forward, we will be venturing to far-away places from right within the classroom. There are so many amazing creatures in God's creation; many blessings that we can count!

MAKE IT SOW

Last year we decided to see try out the Make it Sow fundraiser. We are going to do it again this year! Keep your eyes open for the Make it Sow package. We will be running Make it Sow Fundraiser from January 8 - January 22. Please ask family, friends, and neighbours if they would like to put in an order. There are numerous people out there who love to garden! Thank you.

School Feature Wall

Come on in and gaze at our Feature Wall, re-created by our own Mrs. Dirma Roseboom of the Development Committee. The artistically crafted house has four sections featuring staff, star student, retro pictures and a through line. Check out what wisdom our star student for this time has put down for winter equipment advice! See if you know or are related to any of our staff or students in the retro portion. Did you know that our students are actually servant-workers in God's Kingdom? Samples of each of these and more are visible on the Feature Wall so come on in and enjoy the view.



Skating

Mr. Payson and a group of volunteers are actively flooding the rink and trying to keep it smooth and clear. We ask that you assist us with encouraging your child or visitors for follow our rules.

During school hours:

Students playing hockey must have helmets and face protection,

- All students must have helmets
- No pushing, or rough play or wild skating
- No contact
- Only participants on the ice
- No hard pucks
- No crack the whip

After school hours:

- Use at your own risk- no supervision is provided.
- Do not drive on the ice

CACHS Drama Showcase

Location: Central Alberta Christian High School Gym

Date: Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th, 2019

Time: 7:30 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm)

Cost: \$10/ticket

Come out and join the CACHS drama class for a fun evening of laughs and audience engagement. This evening will include the one act comedy "This is a Test" by Stephen Gregg along with other skits and performances that showcase the talents of the performers.

"This is a Test" is a play about a young high school student, Alan, who cannot seem to stop daydreaming long enough to write his test. It seems like everything is against him - his teacher, classmates, and especially that voice *stuck* in his head. This lighthearted comedy is relatable to anyone who has ever been in school or had to take a test. You can purchase tickets in advance by calling 403-782-4535 or at the door (if any tickets are remaining) - this is one evening you will *not* want to miss!



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Jan 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat | Sun |
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| Jan 7 | 8 | 9 Prayer at RCS 7:30 P.M. | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 New Principal and family on Canadian Soil! Cepero Family | 15 | 16 | 17 P.J. Day  Hot lunch Breakfast p/s cleaning Joanna & Amy | 18 | 19/20 | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Hot lunch Chicken Noodle Soup | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Feb 1 PD Teachers in | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 p/s cleaning Leanne & Jessica | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Family Day | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Family Day | 19 | 20 | 21 p/s cleaning Minou & Stephanie | 22 | 23 | 24 |

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

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| 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 rd Tuesday of the month | |