



# RCS News

A Weekly Publication of Richmond Christian School

December 16, 2011

## All School News

**Reminder: Early Dismissal today at 12:30pm, all three campuses.**

### Crisis Pregnancy Centre Offering

What a wonderful celebration last night at our annual Christmas concert. The offering collected for Crisis Pregnancy Centre totalled \$4005.48. Thank you for your support!

### ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: \$98,879.45

Wow, more good news to report! Donations have been steady this week and we are only dollars away from reaching \$100,000! Thank you for your support of Richmond Christian School!

### ENROLMENT FORMS FOR NEXT YEAR

Enrolment forms for returning families will be mailed out at the end of December. Please watch for it in the mail.

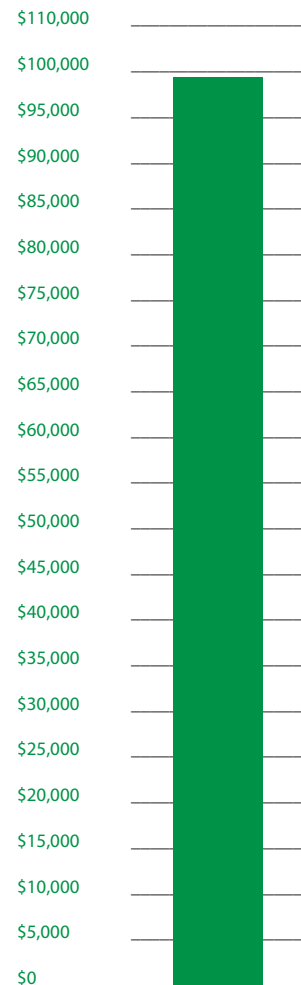
### A Note from the Board

The Board met on Monday evening with an SCSBC representative that provided us with a quick review of our financial standing in comparison to some of the larger, independent SCSBC member schools. We are pleased to report that his comments were very positive and we are grateful to God for His continued blessing on our financial position. The Board has engaged SCSBC to do a formal review, in the new year, of our business practices. This review is a cost-free benefit of our membership and will help the Board ensure that our procedures are in keeping with current practices.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many many families and RCS affiliated businesses who provided monetary donations and tangible goods to our Staff Appreciation event. Although the event has not yet been held, very few employees are unable to attend and we are anticipating a great evening of food, fellowship and praise.

We wanted to also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. May God keep you and your family well through the holiday season! We hope you are surrounded by the glory of His creation and the spirit that this season brings. Although we know we have so much to be grateful for, we ask you to keep those who are missing loved ones this holiday season in your prayers. Happy New Year and our very best wishes to our staff, parents and students! May God use you and your families in amazing ways this coming new year!

Donations for Elementary Playground and Wireless System



# All School News

## CALENDAR

Dec 19 – Jan 2 Christmas Break

### January

- 3 First Day of School in 2012 (Tuesday)
- 12 Grade 7 Ski Day
- 19 Grade 7 Ski Day
- 20 Middle and Secondary Interim Reports go home
- 23 Pro D Day (Monday)
- 23 Secondary Electives switch
- 26 Grade 7 Ski Day
- 26 Returning family enrollment forms due for 2012-13

## DONATIONS

All donations for 2011 must be received in the Business Office no later than December 16. Cheques may be dated as late as December 30, but since the office will be closed over the holidays, we must receive them by the last day of school. Any donations received after that will be tax receipted in 2012. Please contact Aza Nakagawa should you have any questions.

## Bus Schedule for December 16th

### Delta Run

12:40pm pick up Gr. 9 – 12 students

### Richmond Run

12:40pm pick up at elementary campus

12:40pm pick up middle school students who are normally on the 3:00pm shuttle

12:40pm pick up Gr. 9 & 10 students

12:55pm pick up middle school students who are normally on the 3:20pm and Gr. 11 & 12 students.



**IMPORTANT:** It is VERY important that **students get on the right bus** because all 3 campuses are dismissed at the same time and there is only enough room on each bus if everyone gets on their designated bus.

## Community News

**Looking for employment:** Humble and needy single mother of 2 elementary school children eager to work secretarial or any office work on Mondays and Tuesdays to supplement her work as a trained medical office assistant. Please contact Violet at 604-275-5155.

**Furniture for sale**-glass cabinets with lights, glass coffee table with glass corner table, dresser with matching queen size headboard and 2 night tables, 3 sets of Ikea drawers and night table, mirror, all for \$800. Please call Louisa 604-266-7249 for individual pricing and photos are available. **Yamaha Piano for sale.** Made in Japan, 22 years, 45", good condition \$1800 obo.

**Something to Consider:** One of our RCS families has close friends who are going through tough times - a brother-in-law recently diagnosed with advanced leukemia and in need of a bone marrow transplant in order to survive. As an asian male, he has only a 10% chance of finding a match. Attached is the link to the bone marrow/stem cell registry in the hopes that some may feel led to donate. We can all pray. [http://www.blood.ca/CentreApps/Internet/UW\\_V502\\_MainEngine.nsf/page/Join\\_Today?OpenDocument&CloseMenu](http://www.blood.ca/CentreApps/Internet/UW_V502_MainEngine.nsf/page/Join_Today?OpenDocument&CloseMenu)

**Piano for Sale:** Yamaha piano on sale. 4 years old, \$2500. Call Ms. Wong at 604 710 7572.

# Elementary News

## HOT LUNCH ORDER FORM

Hot Lunch order form for Jan 13-March 16 is attached (and was also emailed home). Note deadline for submission is January 5th.

## LOOKING FOR POSTAGE STAMPS

Mr. Hugh and Ms. Harrison are looking for:

Postage stamps - the ordinary and the unusual  
Postmarks with at least one of the following: city, province, state, country, picture, or unusual message. Please bring any to the elementary campus. Thank you!

## After School Care Program 2011-2012

ASP provides Day Care Service for Early Dismissal on December 16. Please fill out the Day Care Request Form which is located on the wall shelf beside the school office, and return the form directly to the ASP.

Registration for 2012-2013 is now open for new families, please reserve the spaces in advance. We still have a few spaces open for this school term. For more information, please contact Ms. Pinky at 604.727.6188 or email to [pwang@richmondchristian.ca](mailto:pwang@richmondchristian.ca).



Thank you once again for all the baby and mom gifts at the elementary school for Crisis Pregnancy Centre.





# RCS Hot Lunch Order Form

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE **HOT DOG DAY**

	Hot Dog \$2	Chips \$1	Juice \$1	Milk \$1	Choc milk \$1	Total \$
Quantity						

FRIDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> WILL BE **SUBWAY DAY**

	6" Ham \$4.50	6" Turkey \$4.50	4" Ham \$3.50	4" Turkey \$3.50	4" Tuna \$3.50	Total \$
Quantity						

\* sandwiches will all be on whole wheat with lettuce, tomato and no sauces.  
Mayonaisse and mustard will be available at school.

FRIDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE **HOT DOG DAY**

	Hot Dog \$2	Chips \$1	Juice \$1	Milk \$1	Choc milk \$1	Total \$
Quantity						

FRIDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE **PANAGO PIZZA DAY**

(choose which drink your child wants with the pizza- one is included with the pizza - \$1 for extras)

	Cheese + drink \$5.00	Pepperoni + Drink \$5.00	Chicken/ Pineapple + Drink \$5.00	Juice	Milk	Choc milk	Extra pizza Slice (same) \$1.00	Total \$
Quantity								

Total enclosed for all Hot Lunch meals is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Cheques can be made payable to Richmond Christian School- **one form per student** but you may submit one cheque per family by handing it and all your family's forms in to one teacher.*

# Middle News

## ATHLETIC NEWS

Basketball has officially begun here at the middle school! Our Grade 8 teams have had 2 regular season games this past week and although neither the boys or girls team has won, some of the games have been very close. The boys just narrowly lost to Steveston-London on Monday, Dec. 12, 48-50. Great effort on behalf of the team and Mr. Penner. The girls team has had 2 tough losses, however, they doubled their offensive output from game one to game two! Special mention goes out to their full court press from Monday's game as they forced many turnovers and kept Steveson-London from scoring heavily in the 4th quarter.

The Grade 6 and 7 teams have also had practices the past 2 weeks and will continue to practice once the break is over. They do not have a set game schedule as of yet due to many schools not starting up with basketball until mid-January. Stay tuned for updates regarding games for these two age groups. The gym schedule is listed below, have a peaceful and meaningful Christmas and we will get back at it in the new year!

KEEP SCROLLING..... THERE'S MORE.....

# Secondary News

## High Honour Roll Students 3.67 - 4.00 Grade Point Average

Aaron Chan	Edrysse Sy	Johnathan Goh	Nicholas Ekren
Aiden Wen	Elliott Cheung	Johnny Tam	Nicole Mak
Andrea Fast	Emilie Sutter	Jowen Hsu	Ouni Liao
Andrea Searle	Emily Plett	Justyn Field	Pamela Choi
Andronicus Wu	Eric Chang	Katherine Zibert	Pinya Lu
Angus Tam	Erika DyNing	Katrina Li	Ruth Shihundu
Anna Dalglish	Fitzpatrick Laddaran	Kienan Burrage	RuthSubion
Anna Diwar	Hanna Chiang	Kimberly Po	Ryan Cheung
Annie Wang	Holly Sakaki	Lauren Boyd	Samuel Roosma
Ashley Chien	Ilena Djuana	Leanne DyNing	Sarah Cheung
Beatrice Lew	Janice Chan	Lillian Cheung	Shireen Ng
Beth Faszer	Jason Chow	Luis Arguelles	Stephanie Peters
Bethany Chan	Jeremy Lam	Lydia Cheung	Stephanie Yu
Brian Zhou	Jesse Ku	Mackyla Fraser	Tiffany Syyong
Breanna Lai	Jessica Fan	Mary Zhai	Timothy Beales
Caleb Liao	Joanna Tung	Megan Lai	Timothy Goh
Calvin Zheng	Joannie Fu	Michael Li	Vicki Cheng
Carley Bogress	Jocelyn Jia	Michael Tom	Winnie Fu
Chelsea Chua	John He	Michelle Ting	Winston Lai
Chloe Zhang	John-Luke Ip	Monica He	

## Honour Roll Students 3.25-3.66 Grade Point Average

Aiden Best	Janny Chan	Megan Boyd
Angel Lam	Jasmine Fong	Melissa Ku
April Houweling	Jeffrey Leung	Micah Neufeld
Arial Ng	Jenais Reimer	Michael Seo
Benny Li	Jenny Ren	Mikayla Rompf
Bradley Gulbranson	Jeremy Hidjaja	Natasha DeVries
Byron Prasad	Joaquin Arguelles	Nathan Yeo
Carissa Yuen	Jordyn Field	Olivia Krause
Cassie Tam	Jose Arguelles	Patricia Kwan
Christopher Chan	Joshua Wu	Ralph Chen
Dorothy Cheng	Julia Poon Qiu	Rebecca Ketler
Esli Chan	Justin Montero	Samara Young
Evelyn Wong	Karly Archibald	Samuel Leoganda
Frank Hu	Kenneth Chu	Sarah Kraft
Frankie Lui	Kevin Kam	Shirley Wong
Gabriel Chen	Lauren Ho	Spencer Reid
Geneva Lawrence	Leland Butner	Terrance Tang
Hayley Bandstra	Luke Yam	Timothy Sayson
Jacob Chiarella	Mark Klassen	Vincci Chan
Jane Chang	Martin Wong	William Lin
Janessa Daggett	Matthew Reid	Zachary Chua
		Zoe Mandell

### **Eagles Nest Volunteers**

I would like to wish all the volunteers a Blessed and Happy Christmas and Thank You for your help so far in the school year.  
Ruth Bahnman, coordinator.

### **SCIENCE FAIR COMING SOON!**

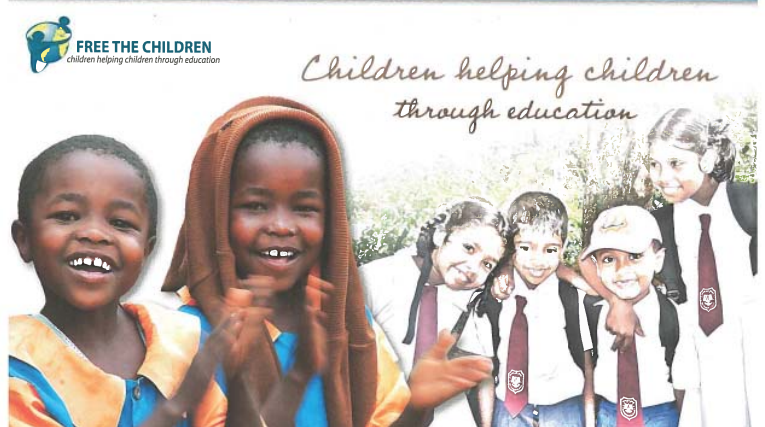
RCS is excited for its science students to participate in the Science Fair being held on February 2, 2012! In an effort to reward students for their hard work and scientific contributions, the science department is looking for donations of prizes – all shapes and sizes are greatly appreciated. Please contact Leanne Leong at lleong@richmondchristian.ca or by school phone, by January 25, 2012. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Secondary News

### GRAD LEGACY

Grad Legacy is composed of a group of grade 12 students who want to apply what they have learned in their RCS education in a larger community context. Their activities usually involve helping fundraising for causes that resonates with them. Last year's Grad Legacy raised funds for education in Haiti through Free the Children, as well as for Breast Cancer Research. They could not have made this donation without the help of the RCS students, parents and community and so I would like to share with you the thank you card that Free the Children have sent us.

This year's Grad Legacy is fundraising for Lupus Research, as well as International Justice Mission. I hope that you would support our Grads as they lead this effort in our school and community!



"Knowledge is power.  
Information is liberating.  
Education is the premise  
of progress, in every  
society, in every family."  
~ Kofi Annan

November, 2011

Dear Mr. Ong and students of Richmond Christian School,

On behalf of the entire team here at Free The Children, I would like to send my sincerest thanks for your recent generous donation of \$3,400 for children in need. We have matched your donation to our education programs in the developing community Terre Casse in Haiti.

Our multi-faceted education initiatives include building schools and on-site libraries, financing teacher salaries, school kits and classroom supplies, and furniture. We at Free The Children believe that education provides the highest return of any social investment in the developing world, and is the best avenue for empowering children with the tools, knowledge, strength, and confidence they need to promote and protect their own rights, growth and self-sufficiency.

Once again, thank you for your great generosity. Either directly or through the beauty of the ripple effect, this gift will enhance the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of people in need. It truly is the gift that keeps on giving, and for that we send our most heartfelt gratitude.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [jennifer.napier@freethechildren.com](mailto:jennifer.napier@freethechildren.com), or visit our website at [www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com) for more information on our projects and our organization.

Sincerely,

  
Jenn Napier  
Youth Programming Coordinator, Free The Children's Western Canada Office

## Secondary News

### SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Coached by Mr. Bob White and daughter Kari White.

At the beginning of December the Senior Girls Volleyball team headed up north to Prince George with the intention of playing the role of spoiler at the Single A Provincial Championships. Determined to make their presence felt, the Eagles came out flying on the first day of round robin pool play and handily beat Elkford and Chetwynd. Ending the day the team faced Immaculata, the tournament's third ranked team. Playing their best game of the season, the girls were unstoppable from all positions, leaving their opponents frustrated and confused.

Coming in first in Pool D meant an easier game on Friday morning in which the team was able to defeat Similkameen in three straight games, setting up a quarter final match against Houston Christian. This game tested the girls on all fronts but true grit, determination and desire enabled the team to force a fifth and deciding set. Knowing that a top four position in the tournament was on the line, the team came together and pulled off the victory. Unfortunate losses on the final day to Highroad Christian and Immaculata meant that the Eagles ended up placing fourth, something that the team, and all of their supporters, are extremely proud of.

Seniors Dorothy Cheng, Kayla Renkema and Samara Young will be greatly missed but with a strong returning group of grade 11 the opportunities for next year are endless. Congratulations on representing the Eagles well and making RCSS history! Kari White.



## SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Not having enough bodies to field a senior boys' volleyball regular season team did not faze the likes of grade 12 student-athletes: Jorim Lee, Caleb Lam, and Caleb Liao. With the blessings of the administration and the athletic department, they joined with the junior boys' volleyball team (Richmond city champs and Vancouver & Districts champs!) to form an impromptu yet determined RCS senior boys' volleyball team.

The first hurdle was to qualify for the provincial championships. On Friday, November 18th, they competed against teams from Carver Christian School and Bodwell High School. They defeated Carver Christian 2-1 and Bodwell 2-0... and just like that, they were in! With only 2 weeks before the provincial championships, the team managed to squeeze in 4 practices to bond as a team and to learn the game plan from their coaches – and that they did. On Tuesday, November 29th, the team boarded a charter bus (along with teams from Eric Hamber and Carver Christian who won the wildcard berth) and spent the next 6.5 hours travelling to Kelowna, BC. This was the first year that all 3 tiers of high school boys volleyball (A, AA, AAA) would play the provincial championships at the same time and the same location.

The first day of game play saw the boys – who were ranked 9th out of 12 teams – play their first match against Ebenezer Canadian Reformed School (fr. Smithers). RCS lost in three sets but were not dismayed – their play showed that they had the potential to compete at this level with the top teams in the province. Next team up was Carver Christian (fr Vancouver) who was eager to avenge their qualifier loss a few weeks ago. After a hard fought match, RCS was victorious in three sets and had earned their first win of the championship! The last match of the day was against Immaculata School (fr. Kelowna). Unfortunately, the day did not end well for the RCS boys as they lost a poorly played match 2-0.

How would the team rebound from this? After pool play, they were ranked 3rd in the pool and had to play Vernon Christian (who were ranked 5th in the province) on Thursday to move to the top 8 in the tournament. The team walked from the hotel to the gym Thursday morning and perhaps the jaunt in the crisp cold air woke something up in the team because they played an inspired match that was pivotal in how they were to be considered by other teams and coaches in the tournament. With solid defensive play from Jason Chau, strategic setting by Michael Li, and consistent offensive power from Jorim Lee and Marcus Leung, the RCS Eagles beat Vernon in 3 sets (best of 5).

The next match of the day would be against Cedars Christian (fr. Prince George – ranked 4th in the province) and the winner of the match would be in the top 4 in the tournament. RCS lost the first 2 sets, won the third set but lost the match in the 4 set. A top 4 finish was not to be – but the boys were not dejected. They lost their next two matches versus Sparwood and Duncan to end up finishing 8th in the tournament. In the end, fatigue and inexperience (5 out of 6 starters were from grade 10) proved the best of the team – nevertheless, the buzz around the tournament was that this was an up and coming team to watch in the future.

Every objective set for this experience was met – the seniors were given an opportunity to play and represent RCS on the volleyball court in their final year and the juniors were given the invaluable experience of witnessing firsthand the calibre of play at the provincial championship. The coaches would like to congratulate all of the players for their team spirit (we were easily the most boisterous team of the tournament) and for the character that they showed in both victory and defeat. The team would also like to thank Mrs. Goertzen for being their “Team Mom” throughout the tournament as she helped the team get food and transported the team to various venues. Finally, the team would like to thank the administration for the opportunity to represent the school at the provincial championship – it is with that support that the volleyball program at RCS will continue to thrive and grow. Stay tuned for news of next year's team as they work towards bringing the Richmond Cup back to RCS and as they vie for a top four finish in the province.

Go Eagles Go!  
Mathias Fast



Senior Boys Volleyball.  
Coached by staff member Henry Au and alumnus Mathias Fast.

## Yearbook Ads for our Graduates

Please consider booking a Grad Ad to commemorate this special time in the life of your graduate. Grad ads will help our grads feel celebrated! The graduation events currently cannot fit into the main book because the final deadline for the main book goes to the publisher before April 15. But with Grad Ads, the graduates can be celebrated in both the main book and the graduation supplement!



**Joanna Smith**


**What you wanted to be when you grew up:**

Kindergarten: Ballerina  
 Grade 3: Hairdresser  
 Grade 5: Archeologist  
 Grade 7: Hotel Owner  
 Grade 9: Alpaca Breeder  
 Grade 11: Screenwriter  
 Graduate: Kindergartner




*Whatever you become, we love you!*

**Jimmy Smith**



My Son, when you came into this world I knew you had a bright future ahead. I've spent 18 years dreaming of this day, and now it's here. Take flight, Eagle, and spread your wings. You can catch the draft and hit the sky. Love, Mom.




Son. Never fly over a freshly washed car. Thanks. Love, Dad  
 PS: Proud of you.

**Janie Smith**







You light up our lives with your tenderness. We wish you all the best in nursing school. May you love the life you lead. Love, Dad, Mom, Chrissy, Oma and Opa.



Thanks for studying so hard. We love you.  
 Mom & Dad

**Jim (the bomb) Smith**





Congratulations, Bomber. The last time you have to clean out your locker. Hope you find my Beatles cd that you borrowed in grade 9. Proud of you. - Uncle Mark



**Johnny Smith**



We saved the tux. Hope it still fits.  
 -Dad and Mom

**Jen SMITH**

Congratulations, Little Sister. We may have had our differences over the years, but from the moment I laid eyes on you, I always loved you. And no, Mom didn't make me write this.  
 -John

**Jill Smith**

You are the Apple of my Eye. I will treasure you forever. Congratulations!  
 Love, Grandma

*In all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. Prov. 3:6*

### Introducing Grad Ads!

Celebrate your graduate with a keepsake in their yearbook. Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends can dedicate a 1/4 or 1/2 page to their grad. Personally designed to suit your content, these unique pages will be included in the main yearbook (not the grad extended edition). For \$35 (1/4 page) or \$75 (1/2 page) a designer will review your preferences, tailor the space to your wishes, provide you with a digital proof and send it to the publisher. No digital photos?-- no problem. We can scan and edit your photographs as needed.

Be the first to start this new RCS tradition. Our goal: every graduate remembered.

It's easy. To get started, email: [sjohnsey@richmondchristian.ca](mailto:sjohnsey@richmondchristian.ca)

Deadline to reserve a spot: December 30, 2011.

All proceeds used to offset the rising costs of yearbook publishing.