



Koinonia Connection

Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School

He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

-Zephaniah 3:17

As the first term wraps up, melodies drift through the halls, chapels and classrooms of all our Koinonia schools with Christmas on the way. This is Christmas concert season, and it is in full swing. Thanks to all music teachers for your efforts, to all teachers for your flexibility regarding practices and to all students for memorizing those lines and singing your hearts out! Let's be in prayer for all the unsaved people who come out to our school productions this year. We trust that the Holy Spirit will move people's hearts to repentance and to experience true joy.



At first glance, on the political side, there seems little to sing about these days. New rules, expectations and uncertainties have overshadowed much of the learning landscape. However, James 1:2 says we are to "consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds." This joy can come from a firm belief that God is in control and He will be with us in each situation we face.

At YKCS we have had a good first few months. We are officially **mortgage free!** We have had so many people bless us financially and all the glory goes to God. We are a little down in numbers this year, but still up significantly over the last 5 year average. Our families are very supportive and we have a hard-working board.

Our **student council** has come up with some great activities and are always looking to improve the school. We have a new council bulletin board to post events on and we are advertising school events weekly on the radio. Though we had no volleyball teams this year, we hosted the local season end tournament and are excited to start the **basketball season** with two junior teams and, Lord willing, two JV teams as well.



Student Council
My Pet Day

On a different note, our **welding program** was able to purchase two new MIG welders. This will help the kids develop their skills. We will again craft materials to sell at our annual auc-

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Our Mission

Koinonia Christian Education Society exists to assist parents in the Christian education of their children towards spiritual and academic excellence through the establishment and maintenance of Christian schools.



Who We Are...

Koinonia Christian Schools is a system of 7 independent schools in Alberta:

Airdrie Koinonia Christian School
Airdrie, AB

Cherry Coulee Christian Academy
Bow Island, AB

High Level Christian Academy
High Level, AB

Newell Christian School
Brooks, AB

Koinonia Christian School Red Deer
Red Deer, AB

Slave Lake Koinonia Christian School
Slave Lake, AB

Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School
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tion and complete some much needed repairs at the school. On the science side, our Sr. High teacher is excited for hunting season as the community is able to bring in various “goodies” for dissection.



As for our annual Christmas production, we are creating a **Journey to Bethlehem** this year. This entails all the local churches re-creating certain shops and services of biblical times. Our older students will lead community members through our little Bethlehem behind the school after singing carols with the younger kids inside. This will be followed by the gospel message from a group of local pastors and then we'll serve our guests with some refreshments. We are excited to have most of the churches in the community involved and are hoping for many “Edsonites” to come.

We serve a loving God who cares deeply for our needs and “sings over us.” We pray that this love would break the hearts of all who come and hear the true message of Christmas. May God bless all of our schools as we complete the month and head into a brand new year.



“And she will bear a Son; and you shall call his name Jesus for it is He who will save His people from their sins.—Matthew 1:21

Come, let us adore him!

The staff of Koinonia Christian Education Society wishes you and your family a very blessed Christmas.

Nancy Anderson

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Becky Anthony





Newell Christian School

Newell Christian School is a Kindergarten to Grade 9 rural school located on the junction of Hwy 36 and 544 between the city of Brooks and the village of Duchess. At this time we have 89 full-time students and 2 part-time online high school students.

Some **new staff** have joined our team this year: Mrs. Joyce De-noudsten (Kindergarten teacher), Mrs. Cynthia Romans (Administrative Assistant), and Mrs. Shannon Ruppert (full-time onsite bookkeeper).

We've had a busy year so far...

A **breakfast program** has been implemented at our school for students that have missed breakfast. Approximately 10 children are using this program daily.

Our students and several staff members walked or ran for the Terry Fox Foundation's run for a cure for cancer in September.



Staff after the Terry Fox Run

Students in Kindergarten through grade 6 took **swimming lessons** during the last week of October. The school participated in the Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** campaign and were able to send off 79 filled shoeboxes!



Operation Christmas Child

Our **SOS** (Skills Outreach and Service) class has been visiting the elders at Orchard Manor in Brooks. The students have enjoyed the visits and the stories the residents have shared. They've also cleaned the Champion Center in Brooks which is a home for men who have come under hard times and suffer with addictions and mental health issues.

Our **worship team** performed at Thom's Funeral Home for a candlelight memorial service last Sunday. They delivered a program to help comfort people who have lost loved ones. Christmas can be a lonely time of year for a lot of people.

The **Festival of Trees** is another event our students attend. On November 24th the Elementary students performed drama and Christmas songs in support of the Diabetes Foundation.

Parent/teacher interviews were held on November 29. The day was well attended as 95% of the parent body came in to meet with their children's teachers.



Volleyball in Action

This month our school is very honored to be hosting Mr. Jojo Ruba from Faith Beyond Belief and James Kitchen from the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms.

On December 15 Newell Christian School's **Family Christmas Celebration** will take place. Every student will have a role in the evening.



Weird Hair Day

We wish everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and look forward to continuing to do His work in 2018!

*Teach me Your way Lord,
that I may rely on Your faithfulness.
Give me an undivided heart
that I may fear Your name.
- Psalm 86:11*