

“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



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
Edson, AB

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SLAVE LAKE KOINONIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

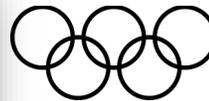
Slave Lake Koinonia Christian School has **grown by 35% this year** and currently has students ranging from kindergarten all the way up to grade 11!

Our students have entered **sports leagues** for the first time this year. We won the **silver medal** in our local tournament! This has added a new level of excitement within our school, and many families have been coming out to cheer our teams on.



We also expanded our **options program** to include outdoor education, drama and art. Christmas was celebrated with a **Community Coffeehouse** featuring our music students.

We recently celebrated the **Winter Olympics** with an opening ceremony put on by the music students, parade of nations, and many outdoor competitions in the park.



We are looking forward to some special **Easter projects**, our school **science fair**, and a **fine arts night** for the community in the spring.

We are thankful for all God has provided for our school, and look forward to continuing to be a light for Christ in our community!



KCES OFFICE CHANGES



Judy Has Retired!

Judy Nelson, our Business Administrator, retired at the end of November 2017. We celebrated her service through the years at a retirement supper in December. She became involved with Koinonia in 1979 when the first school started in Innisfail. CACES was formed a bit later and was eventually renamed to KCES (Koinonia Christian Education Society). Judy officially began working for KCES in 1999. She has been a faithful servant of Koinonia over the last 38 years, and has now joined the KCES Board of Directors. She plans to spend more time with her grandchildren and enjoy each day of this new adventure in retirement!



Becky Has Joined the KCES Crew!

Becky Amthor is our new Business Administrator. She holds a degree in Elementary Education and has a background in teaching, office administration, payroll, and tax preparation. Becky and her husband Justin have been involved with Koinonia Christian Schools for 8 years. They spent two years at Living Truth Christian School before moving to Koinonia Christian School Red Deer. Becky worked with Vern Rand as his administrative assistant for five years, and then was hired by KCES a year ago to work with Judy as she transitioned into retirement. Becky works for KCES full-time but can be found in the Didsbury office two days a week and in her Red Deer office the other three days of the week.



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KCES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 12, 2018

7pm

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AIRDRIE KOINONIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

God is faithful! The first semester of this school year has provided many reasons for us to be thankful and give God the glory!

- We kicked off the school year by hosting the 2017 KCES Professional Development Day in our gym last August. It was a great time of fellowship and learning, which helped prepare staff members for the year ahead.
- We celebrated 30 years of God's faithfulness to our school with our "Through the Generations Gala and Fundraiser" event in October. We were pleased to welcome back our founding principal Brian Hazeltine as well as many alumni and current school families for this sold-out event. Our new Mission / Vision Statements and Strategic Objectives were launched by Shaun Al-spach from Influencing Generations for Christ on this memorable evening. Our senior high choir performed as well.



- One day in November, a nearby Airdrie business sent us a picture of our school. "This is my view from my shop," the accompanying note said, "I'd say there's some pretty big favour over you guys. Awesome!!!! Be blessed today."



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- Academically, we continue to do our best to provide a reasonable number of options for our older students, making sure that as many courses as possible are teacher-taught. This year's options have included Art, Cooking, Senior High Drama, Fitness, Outdoor Education, Pottery, Photography and Shop Class. The number of homeschool students (part-time students) attending some of our classes this year continues to increase. This gives homeschooling families an opportunity to send their children to AKCS for direct instruction. We have all seen the benefits of having these students in our classes as well as participating in our sports teams, retreats, etc.
- We were blessed to open up our school to the community of Airdrie in November for our 6th Annual Christmas Market Place. AKCS grads ran a bake sale which completely sold out and vendors from the community were able to sell and promote their wares.
- In December, we were able to put on a Christmas production in our school gym, which we have not done in a long while. The Christmas concert was very well attended with performances by the Senior High Choir, Junior High Choir and Elementary students. This was a great addition to our normal tradition of blessing the seniors in our community by having our elementary students sing carols with them.
- Our enrollment process for next school year started January 19th with our Kindergarten and Preschool Open House. Both open houses were well attended and we look forward to seeing God's provision of the right families to partner with us.

**ATHLETICS**

Mrs. Danelle Bohnet and Mr. Jason Perry serve as Athletic Directors for AKCS. Highlights of the school year so far include:

Cross country

Students in Grades 3 – 9 are able to participate in cross country and the season typically runs from September to early October. It was a great season and our runners improved a lot and trained well under the leadership of Mac Horwood who was the team coach and Kristy Nemez who was the team manager. There were 13 teams in our league. Our boys placed 2nd and our girls placed 4th overall.

**Volleyball**

The volleyball season typically runs from September to the end of October and we had enough students to form 5 teams for the 2017/2018 school year. The 2017/18 volleyball season was a huge success thanks to our coaches and team managers: Danelle Bohnet, Jason Perry, John Green, Carly Herbert, Alayne Durand, Caro Smith, Angela Heslop, Matt Prebble and Vicki Seib.

Basketball

The basketball season runs from November to the end of March and we had enough students to form 2 teams this year. Our junior teams are doing well so far. The boys also entered the Trinity Christian Academy tournament and went undefeated to win the tournament gold medal game 50-49! Thank you to our coaches, Jason Perry and Jonathan Durand as well as the Junior boys team manager Angela Heslop, who have put in lots of hours to help our basketball teams succeed.



We hosted the Koinonia-wide 3-on-3 basketball tournament in our school gym earlier this year too. We are very proud of the success our athletic teams have had. Go Eagles!!

We are only halfway through the school year but we see God's hand at work in the lives of our students, teachers and parents. We are thankful for the many blessings God continues to bestow on AKCS. As we look forward to the rest of the school year and all God has in store for us, we invite you to join us for some of our upcoming events: Open House, Family & Friends Movie Night, Elementary Spring Musical (The Rock Slinger & His Greatest Hits), Grandparents Day, Sr. High Drama's performance of Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap.... For more information about our events, please check out our school website at: www.akcs.com.

Please pray for wisdom and ongoing discernment, as we seek to glorify God in our thoughts, words and deeds while teaching our students to do the same.