



# Koinonia Connection

## Newell Christian School



Cheerful NCS Students

**Newell Christian School** is a K - 9 rural school located between the city of Brooks and the village of Duchess. It sits on a ten-acre parcel of land near the Trembecki subdivision close to Highway 36. Students are bussed to NCS from all over the county of Newell, many coming from farms and acreages in the area. The culture at the school is diverse and the atmosphere inviting.

This year we made a concerted effort to increase the variety of courses offered to our students in grades 5-9. **Spanish and French** were added and well received. We have also purchased a new gym net and targets for our archery classes.

The school hosted the local ministerial for a meeting in the Chapel and enjoys the support of many churches in the area. In April the school will put on an **Easter play titled "The Appearing."** This year Mr. Greenhalgh and Mr. Brown will be co-directing the play which will be performed just before Easter. The play will take place on campus with our new stage and sound system and then several scenes will be shared out in the community after the full performances.

Our **basketball team** has experienced some major wins in the bottom of the season and is coming together well under the direction of our parent coaches Mrs. Slomp and Mr. Lintott. A 28-14 win over Bassano School has really pumped up the team's confidence.

### 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

**Red Deer Koinonia Christian School**  
Red Deer, AB

**Slave Lake Koinonia Christian School**  
Slave Lake, AB

**Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School**  
Edson, AB

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It's been an excellent year for us at the school with a **21 percent increase** in the student population. The count in September was 96 students in Kindergarten through grade 9. We have one grade 10 student who is taking some online courses with Koinonia@Home and some courses at the school. Next year looks promising for more senior students to join us. We already have 90 students confirmed for next year.



Winter Carnival

Our **Valentine's fundraiser** was a great hit! Cakes and sweets were auctioned off to the highest bidders and a lovely meal was presented to those in attendance. A local band called "Time After Time" provided excellent entertainment. The fundraiser made over \$12,000.



NCS basketball team

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In general the school atmosphere has been positive. The students and teachers participated in a winter walk day that was cold but fun. The students enjoyed an afternoon of skating and hot chocolate on February 16th. Gerald McCaffrey from Christ the King Catholic School in Brooks came for a Chapel for Grades 5-10 and gave an exciting sermon on "slaying the dragon of fear." Everyone is looking forward to the Ski Trip on March 2<sup>nd</sup> when grades 3 and up will head off to Hidden Valley Ski Resort for a day of fun!

We are grateful to the Lord for his provision and protection. If you are out our way please stop by for a visit; our school ambassadors would be pleased to show you around!



Chapel speaker - Mr. McCaffrey

**Koinonia Christian School  
Red Deer**

The new school year at **Koinonia Christian School Red Deer** started off with it bursting at its seams! We have the most students we've ever had and the biggest staff we've ever employed.

In mid-September our principal and his wife led the students in grades 11 and 12 on the **Vancouver Trip**. They spent 6 days learning about the history, industry, geography, and other various topics about the area. They even went whale watching on the ocean!

In October we had an **Evening of Celebration** in which we celebrated 30 years of being a school. We remembered the past, rejoiced in the present, and looked forward to the future. Plans were revealed for a new gymnasium complete with industrial kitchen, classroom space, and offices. The KCS Building Fund was kicked off that night and has brought in about \$68,000 to date. We have to raise \$2 million in order to break ground on our new gym building.

Our **Koinonia@Home** program offers parent-directed, blended, and teacher-directed programming. We've seen a huge increase in this department as well as our traditional campus enrolment.

December was a busy month in Red Deer. Our grade 7/8 girls health class was inspired to raise money for a girls school in **Niger, Africa**. They organized and held a Christ-

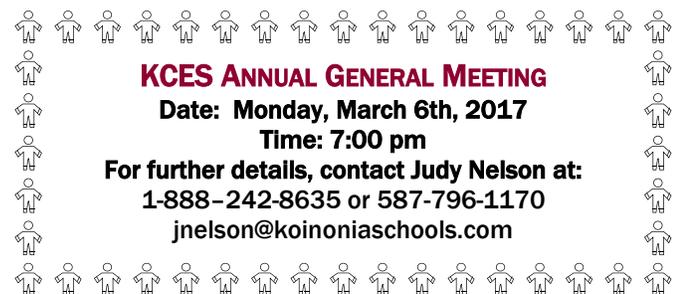
mas marketplace where they sold baking and small gifts. For the first time in our history, we exceeded our 500 seat capacity at our **Christmas Concert** and had standing room only. A big draw for our concert was the 40-minute musical ("Wrapping All the Way") put on by grades 3-6.

Red Deer and several other Koinonia schools participated in a **3-on-3 basketball tournament** held at Airdrie Koinonia Christian School. The Foods class from Red Deer provided supper and breakfast for the out-of-town guests who spent the night.

February saw our senior high students go to Lake Louise for their annual overnight **Ski Trip** while our students in grades 1-8 headed to Canyon Ski Resort for a **ski day**. Our **Preschool/Kindergarten Open House** attracted lots of new families. We are anticipating full classes for 2017-18!

KCS Red Deer has quite an exciting lineup of events still coming this year:

- Sr. High Gala (winter formal event for grades 9-12 in Feb.)
- Science Fair (grades 5-8)
- Bible Fair (grades 10-12)
- Italy Trip (46 students & adults from 4 Koinonia schools are enrolled to go on this April trip!)
- College & Career Fair
- A Night to Remember (fundraising event highlighting our arts programs)
- St. Myra of the Moldy Bread (our spring drama featuring our sr. high drama class)
- Bike Trip from Banff to Jasper (17 students going)
- Awards Night
- Grad 2017
- Quebec Trip (in early July)


  
**KCES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Date: Monday, March 6th, 2017**  
**Time: 7:00 pm**  
**For further details, contact Judy Nelson at:**  
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**Stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you.  
II Chronicles 20:17**