

Join us in prayer!

We are asking our Koinonia family to pray for:

- **Teachers** - we need a significant number of staff positions filled for the upcoming school year.
- **Students** - this is the time of year when we are enrolling new and returning students for next year. Pray for adequate enrollment for our schools.
- **Wisdom** - for all those in leadership in writing policy and responding to changing government regulations for our 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

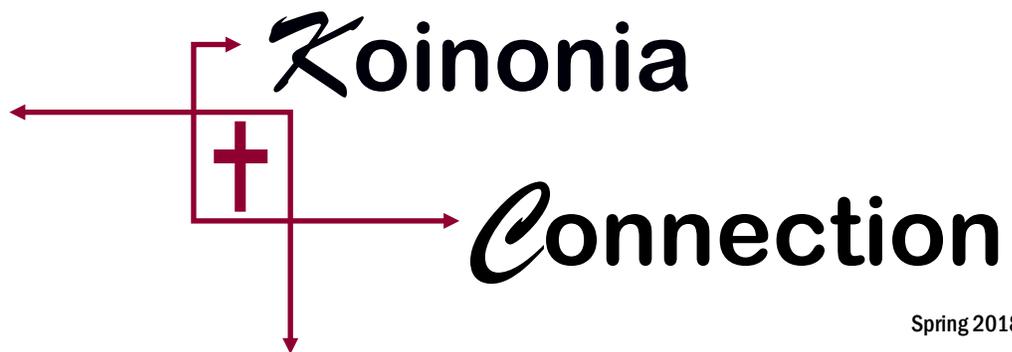
**Koinonia Christian School Red Deer**  
Red Deer, AB

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

**Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School**  
Edson, AB

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## Congratulations Graduates OF ALL KOINONIA SCHOOLS!!



	Number of Graduates	Convocation Date
<b>Airdrie Koinonia Christian School</b>	13 (Gr. 12)	June 8
<b>Cherry Coulee Christian Academy</b>	5 (Gr. 9) 1 (Gr. 12)	June 15
<b>High Level Christian Academy</b>	5 (Gr. 9)	June 8
<b>Newell Christian School</b>	4 (Gr. 9)	June 22
<b>Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School</b>	1 (Gr. 12)	June 23
<b>Koinonia Christian School Red Deer</b>		June 2
<b>Slave Lake Koinonia Christian School</b>		June 23

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.  
Psalm 105:4

## Koinonia Christian School Red Deer

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

As we enter the last stretch of the school year, we recognize the power of the portion of Scripture which is our theme verse (Ps. 86:11). With all the issues that are confronting our schools, we need to stand firm and recognize the awesomeness of our God to sustain us and provide for our every need. Providing a positive safe and caring learning environment in which students can use their God-given talents is the desire of each staff member.

The school year at KCS Red Deer started off with Spiritual Emphasis Week at Camp Little Red. Jojo Ruba was our featured speaker. What an exciting time of sharing and bonding for our kids. Our monthly all-school chapels continue to be a source of inspiration as we see our students involved in leadership and encourag-

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ing one another. Worship teams work in concert with our teachers to provide music for chapels.

The element of growth has continued in our school as we have grown numerically and spiritually. This has included our Koinonia@Home program which offers traditional home schooling as well as distance learning for families throughout Alberta. We provide support to our sister schools as well by providing blended programs to support Alberta parents.

Student Council has done a great job this year with facilitating activities that promote school spirit. Big Brother Little Brother - Big Sister Little Sister has encouraged our older students to be role models that the younger students can follow.

Spring Gala saw over seventy students enjoy a night of activities, food and entertainment with staff serving and encouraging our future leaders.

Our Grade 4-6 Choir attended a music festival in Red Deer competing against a large number of public and private schools. We were delighted with our group winning awards (2 Superior, 1 Excellent) and a gift of \$200 to our music program.

Our Ensemble has been asked throughout the year to perform at a number of community functions. The halls resound with music on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons under the direction of Mrs. Bradley.

During Easter break, students and staff headed to Mexico to work with Youth With a Mission Mazatlan. The team set a new house-building record by completing one in 2 days and 2 hours. Wonderful ministry happened within the team and in the area of Mexico where the team served.

We're looking forward to this year's Spring Fling (an evening showcase of gr. 7-12 student art and music) and Grandparents' Day (a special morning for our grandparents and grandfriends)!



## Cherry Coulee Christian Academy

**(A team of writers has contributed to CCCA's section of this month's newsletter!)**



### MISSION TRIP 2018

On March 28, 2018, six of us high school students from CCCA set off on an unforgettable mission with twenty high school students from Airdrie Koinonia Christian School. We returned on April 7 to our families who hadn't seen us for ten days. We kept busy spending our days in villages near Mexicali and at the house of a generous woman named Laura.

A memorable experience for all of us was the Good Friday service. We were welcomed at the church with open arms and felt very much at home there. Despite sweltering heat in the building, we were able to witness people worshipping God with their whole hearts and then we joined in with them. As we gathered at the front of the church, we held hands and prayed for one another. God was moving in so many hearts as we gathered together in unity.

The different ministry teams (teens, children's women's, work) were all able to serve God in different ways. A church building (20 x 48 ft) was going to be constructed for the village of Durango but we ran out of money before the work team could install a roof, doors, and windows. We spent time in prayer and God provided above and beyond what we needed. The work team was able to complete the building and cover other trip expenses as well.

We were also given the opportunity to go to an orphanage in Mexicali which was another blessed time for us - seeing the excited faces of the children and bringing them food and other items.

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God worked not only in our hearts while we were on the trip, but also in the hearts of those we left behind in Mexico. It wasn't always easy and times of weariness threatened to overtake us occasionally, but God was always there to renew our spirits and deepen our desire to serve Him. We were so incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to go down to Mexico and we thank each and every one who helped us reach our goal.



## WHAT CCCA HAS MEANT TO ME

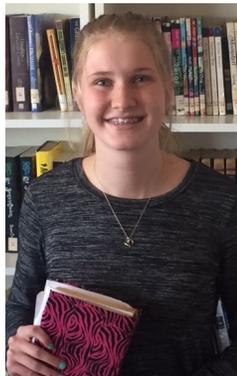
I have gone to Cherry Coulee Christian Academy for most of my school years, and I can honestly say those years were my best years in school. CCCA has made a big impact on my life. I have grown and matured so much in my Christian walk because my teachers were not only focused on my academics but my faith as well, and I am so grateful for that.

Some of the things at Cherry Coulee I'm grateful for are:

- small class sizes (makes school feel like a big family which is nice because we all get along most of the time)
- opportunities to encourage each other in our Christian walks
- school Bible study groups (my Bible study has really impacted me and has allowed us students to get to know each other on a deeper level)
- teachers who really challenge us to step out in our faith and take action
- opportunities to serve God and others while stepping out of my comfort zone and growing in my own faith
- academic and spiritual preparation for what will come after school when we get out into the real world.

I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to go to a Christian school and I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. I am blessed to be able to say that I am going to miss coming to school. What I have learned while going to Cherry Coulee is always going to be a big part of my life.

by  
Nancy B.  
(grade 12)



## GIRLS BIBLE STUDIES

Last school year a Bible study for girls in grades 6-12 was started at CCCA. **Girls with Swords** meet every Friday during lunch, serve in the community and have loads of fun doing it. In the fall they raised money for the local food bank and the homeless in Medicine Hat. They've participated in fundraising walks and have donated their time to cut up vegetables at Prairie Gleaners (for drying, packaging and shipping overseas). They have grown and matured and have now started a Bible study group for the Gr. 1-5 girls (**God Girls**) who they lead and mentor.

It is so good to see the **Girls with Swords** being "doers" of what they have learned by passing on their knowledge and passion to the younger girls. The **God Girls** are excited and loving their time with the older girls. It is awesome to see their growth from not wanting to pray at all to now praying out loud, engaging in conversation about the Bible, and being excited about attending a Bible study. To God be the glory!



## REBELS 4 GOD

"Rebels 4 God" is CCCA's Bible study group for boys in grades 6-12 who also meet every Friday during lunch. They are studying the book *Do Hard Things* and are being challenged to step outside of their comfort zone to go hard after God. They have volunteered at the Salvation Army and Calgary Drop-In Centre before taking in a Calgary Flames game. Nathan Coehoorn (former CFL player) came to speak and soon a baseball player will be speaking. The boys served the whole school by cooking pancakes for everyone's lunch one day. It's great to see the boys learning, growing and stepping out for God and others. Him, You, Me!