



Regent Christian Academy

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OUR VISION

To train children according to Biblical principles, in partnership with Christian families.

OUR COMMUNITY

Committed to excellence in education in a nurturing environment.

OUR CHALLENGE

To build Godly character and equip students to respond to God's call as Christian leaders in our community.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



AT CHRISTMAS TIME we think of how the wise men, guided by a star, came to where they found the baby. The Magi followed a star to Bethlehem; a star guided the Jewish people wandering in the desert. For two thousand years we have been guided by the light of our "star" Jesus Christ.

As we look toward the FUTURE OF RCA, the five distinct points of a star can represent for us the most important aspects of our school: Christian identity, learning, people, resources, and community. Jesus Christ, our guiding star, unites us as we work toward our common goals of inspiring and preparing students to learn, to work, to live fully, and to serve one another.

This Christmas season we also celebrate the progress we have made over the past year as a school. Let us renew our commitment to one another: our children, teachers and staff members, parents, leaders and churches. We commend everyone who contributes to this strong, caring school community. This Christmas let us renew our commitment to those who are struggling and who need a helping hand. Let us make it a time of lasting peace and goodwill.

Wishing each of you a blessed Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Dec 22nd to Jan 2nd

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Monday January 5th 2009



"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with his love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

(Zephaniah 3:17, NIV)

NEXT YEAR AT A GLANCE: January 4—10, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
04	05 SCHOOL RE OPENS	06 Money for Missions Jan 5—March 6	07	08	09 Primary Swimming ESL Whistler	10





JOY TO THE WORLD

With the lamppost and backdrop of snow-laden evergreen boughs, one might almost think that RCA students had entered Narnia. Surrounded by Christmas trees twinkling with miniature silver lights, students, teachers and parents gathered each morning during the past week to sing carols and songs of the season.

We hear the strains of Christmas music everywhere in December—in malls, in shops, in elevators—but how often do we stop to marvel that these carols are proclaiming the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For some, this may be the only way they ever hear the message of hope that brings peace and goodwill to all men.

Although there are those who would like us to believe otherwise, the traditions of Christmas are foundational to our Canadian culture—the Christmas tree, Christmas turkey, Christmas lights, Christmas cards, Christmas giving. The carols of Christmas are an important part of who we are as Canadians—whether the songs traveled here from afar, as did *Silent Night*, written in 1816 in the tiny town of Oberndorf in the Austrian Alps, or whether they simply traveled through time, as did Canada's oldest carol, the *Huron Carol* written in 1643.

Forget "Season's Greetings," and shout "Merry Christmas!" We urge you keep our traditions alive, that they might continue to point men towards Jesus. Take time this season to get to know the carols that have been passed down to us through generations—do not let them disappear into oblivion. Get to know the stories they tell.

Here's to the angelic voices of our children—and a culturally literate generation.

