

April 14, 2025

Weekly Reminders



Easter is a time to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings and promises fulfilled by Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. It is a time to reflect on the love and sacrifice that He made for us, demonstrating His ultimate act of grace and redemption. Easter reminds us of the hope and joy that comes from the resurrection, and the victory over sin and death. It is a time to rejoice in the triumph of light over darkness and the promise of eternal life through faith in Christ!

Have a Blessed & Happy Easter
Gateway Christian School staff

Important Meetings

Gateway School Council Meeting is TOMORROW NIGHT! Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

We warmly invite our parent/guardian community to join us for our School Council's Meeting. A **School Council** is a collective association of parents, teachers, principal, staff and community representatives who work together to effectively support the school. Don't miss this fun opportunity to get involved, be heard, and make a difference at Gateway Christian School! All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend!

For a copy of the agenda, please click [HERE](#).

Gateway Society for Christian Education's Annual General Meeting is also TOMORROW NIGHT! Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

You are invited to attend the Gateway Society for Christian Education's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025 starting at 7:30 p.m.** During this meeting you can expect the annual yearend report on our finances, an overview to introduce or serve as a reminder of what the Society is as well as the election of new Board Members.

Two of the Society Board members will be stepping down at the end of the 2024/2025 year. We are grateful to Melissa Kooiker and Cherilyn Strom for their service on the board and wish God's blessings to each of you as your terms come to an end. At the AGM, the Society is looking to fill these two positions as well as a third position that was vacated earlier this year.

All members who are nominated in serving on the Society Board will be initially introduced to our community at the end of the School Council meeting which takes place directly before the AGM, at approximately 7:15 p.m. Please consider attending the School council meeting so as to familiarize yourself with the candidates.

Only voting members will be able to vote at the AGM and serve on the Board. As per the Society bylaws, any person that has attained the age of eighteen and who is the parent/ guardian/ caretaker of a student enrolled at Gateway Christian School; or who is a staff member at Gateway Christian School, and agrees with the basis of the Society (our Statement of Faith) shall be eligible for membership.

[2025 GSCE AGM Agenda](#)
[GSCE Membership Form](#)
[2024 GSCE AGM Minutes](#)

GR. 3-5 SPRING CHOIR CONCERT IS TONIGHT, APRIL, 14TH

Dear parents,

Our choir concert date and time is today, MONDAY, April 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Students will need to arrange their own transportation to and from Gaetz United Church for the concert evening. Please arrive by 7 p.m. tonight.

TICKETS

This is a ticketed event of Red Deer Symphony Orchestra and all parents and guests will need to purchase a ticket online. (Students who are performing DO NOT need a ticket). Ticket sales began at 9 AM on April 1st at www.rdso.ca. It is general seating and there are multiple dates and times so be sure to select your child's date AND time when buying tickets. Parking near the church is available after 5 pm but be prepared to walk a few blocks as there is an earlier concert before us.

CLOTHING

For the concert, we ask that all students wear dark bottoms (black) and a dark t-shirt or tank top to wear under the black choir t-shirt that they will use and return after the concert. Black shoes are optional, but if students have them, they can wear them. Shoes should be clean and no winter/rubber boots please.

Thank you for your support in giving your child an opportunity to participate in choir this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you, Cassie Marquart & Cathy Vaartstra.



Mark your calendars!

No School -

Friday, April 18th – Good Friday

Monday, April 21st – Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 22-Friday, April 25th – Spring Break



MIDDLE SCHOOL

BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS

- Gr. 6 Tournament on Monday, April 28th
- Gr. 7 Tournament on Tuesday, April 29th
- Gr. 8 Tournament on Wednesday, April 30th

The badminton tournaments will be held at Fox Run School in Sylvan Lake (3 Falcon Ridge Drive) and start promptly at 4:00 p.m. and finish around 6:00 p.m.

Parents, please provide transportation to and from the tournaments.

Thank you!

It's badminton time!



Looking for more information on...

1. Ordering a 2024-2025 Gateway Yearbook? If you are, please click [HERE](#).
2. Our Society's 2025 Scholarships? If you are, please click [HERE](#).
3. Becoming part of our school's prayer champion team? If you are, please click [HERE](#).
4. Registering your son/daughter for Diploma Prep Courses? If you are, please click [HERE](#).
5. Our Hot Lunch Program? If you are, please click [HERE](#).



It was a day of Servant Working & Beauty Creating for Mr. Driedger's Leadership students who spruced up our school grounds last week. They diligently picked up litter, raked leaves, swept the sidewalks, and refreshed our flower/plant beds. Our grounds look awesome!



A heartfelt thank you to each student for cleaning up our school grounds and making our school a clean, welcoming place for everyone!



On Monday, our Gr. 8S students visited Noah's Ark Playschool, a place where many of our students started their educational journey.



Their enthusiastic new friends couldn't wait to show their play centers to our grade 8 students. In return, our students enjoyed the opportunity to read to their captivated young audience.



Exciting Author Visit for Gr. 6 students!

Our Gr. 6 students have been reading **"The Barren Grounds"** in their Language Arts class. This past Tuesday, they were guests at Central Middle School where they had the wonderful opportunity to meet the author himself, David Robertson!

This unique experience was made possible by the generous support of the RDPSD Foundation, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for the opportunity.



A special thank you also goes out to Central Middle School for their warm hospitality. Our students returned inspired to read more and motivated to write their own stories.

Thank you to our parent/guardian community!

Thank you for the delicious snacks, baked goods & sparkling water parents/guardians brought in for Staff Appreciation on Wednesday. The sweet and savory treats were absolutely delicious, and we all enjoyed indulging in them throughout the day. It added a special touch to our week. It is truly heartwarming to see the amazing support and involvement from our parent/guardian community.

Special thank you to Nicole Kloss and Cherilyn Strom for organizing this yummy event!



Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme & Fairytale Dress-Up Day was so much FUN!

Last week, all 3 kindergarten classes were transported into a world of nursery rhymes and fairytales! It was a dress-up extravaganza! From Little Miss Riding Hood, Humpty Dumpty to Jack & Jill, the variety of costumes was truly impressive. They all arrived to school with bright smiles and excitement!



Thank you for supporting your child in participating in this event and making it a memorable day for all. How many of the characters can you name?

Spring Flower Fundraiser (deadline to order is this Thursday)

We are excited to be selling beautiful flowers in our Spring Plant Fundraiser! Plants will be here in time for Mother's Day and would make a great present for your mom/grandma!

We are proud to offer beautiful baskets, planters, strawberry plants & tomato planters from Blue Grass Sod Farm Nursery and Greenhouses.

All funds raised will help alleviate a portion of the \$26,000.00 cost for our new basketball hoops in our main gym.

We will be collecting orders until Thursday, April 17th, 2025.

Plants will be available for pickup at the school on Wednesday, May 7th from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the school den.

To place your order, we have two convenient options:

- For a hard copy of the order form, please click [HERE](#).
- To place an online order, please click [HERE](#).



Gr. 8 students taking the next step -

There was excitement in the air on Friday as our Gr. 8 students took another step to prepare for high school. The Gr. 9 team from Lindsay Thurber was on hand to help students request their courses for their upcoming Gr. 9 school year. How exciting!!!



**High
School
here we
come!**



A BIG thank
you to the
team from
Lindsay
Thurber for
coming over
to help our
students!



Gateway Market & Fundraising Drive

Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction & Family Carnival!

Saturday, June 7th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Carnival
- 8:00 - 1:00 p.m. Market & Silent Auction

Location: Gateway Christian School

All funds raised support field trips and help alleviate a portion of the \$26,000.00 cost for our new basketball hoops in our main gym.

Ways you can be involved:

1. Attend the Event on June 7th! Enjoy Pancakes, Play at the Carnival, bid on Silent Auction items and Shop at the Market.

2. Volunteer for a shift during the day helping with the breakfast or carnival. If you are available to volunteer, please click [HERE](#) and return the form to the office.

3. Donate an item for the Silent Auction. For a copy of the donation form, please click [HERE](#).

4. Donate an item for a Prize for the Carnival. For a copy of the donation form, please click [HERE](#).

5. Make a financial donation (\$25 and over receive a charitable tax receipt). For a copy of the donation form, please click [HERE](#).

6. Join our Gateway Market as a vendor. For a copy of the vendor application form, please click [HERE](#).

The poster features a festive design with a blue and white geometric background and colorful triangular bunting flags at the top. The main title 'GATEWAY MARKET & FUNDRAISING DRIVE' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the subtitle 'COME AND ENJOY A FRESHLY PREPARED PANCAKE BREAKFAST & A FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL!' is in smaller, bold, black letters. A list of details follows, including the purpose of the funds, donation information, and parking instructions. Three illustrations of market stalls with umbrellas are shown. A red starburst graphic is on the left. The date 'SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025' is in a red banner. A table at the bottom lists the three events and their times. A yellow banner at the very bottom invites people to join for a day of fun and fellowship.

GATEWAY MARKET & FUNDRAISING DRIVE

COME AND ENJOY A FRESHLY PREPARED PANCAKE BREAKFAST & A FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL!

- All funds raised support field trips and help alleviate a portion of the \$26,000.00 cost for our new basketball hoops in our main gym.
- Pancake Breakfast: Minimum \$5/person donation.
- NO ATM on Site.
- CASH or Cheque for pancake breakfast and carnival.
- Parking available in the gravel lot across from the front of the school. Please do not park on residential streets.



SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

PANCAKE BREAKFAST	Market & Silent Auction	CARNIVAL
8:00-11:00AM	8:00AM-1:00PM	9:00AM-12:00PM

Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and fabulous shopping!

2025 Gr. 5 GROW kids – 22nd Annual Conference



Your Gr. 5 son/daughter is invited to take part in the 22nd annual Grow Kids Conference event taking place on Thursday, May 15th, 2025. The conference is an event open to every fifth-grade student from both Red Deer Public School District and Red Deer Catholic Regional School Division.

The GROW BOYS Conference will be held at the G.H. Dawe Community Centre and will give boys an opportunity to try a variety of physical activities for fun, develop friendships and healthy lifestyles. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the day - clean indoor athletic shoes, outdoor running shoes for activities outside, comfortable clothing (they will be active), coat/ sweater appropriate for the weather outside, a swimsuit & towel (if they will be in a pool-based session... some, but not all groups will have access to the pool) and a water bottle. Please make sure your child brings a bag lunch. Thank you!



The GROW GIRLS Conference will take place at the Collicutt Centre and at both Hunting Hills and Notre Dame schools. The conference will encourage and support young girls in choosing an active, healthy lifestyle. They are invited to “see-and-try” a variety of physical

activities, sports and nutrition sessions. We hope that with increased exposure to a variety of physical activities, young girls will feel encouraged to continue or begin to get involved in physical activity for fun, friendships and a healthy lifestyle.

Please be sure your daughter is dressed appropriately for the day - clean running shoes, loose, comfortable clothing (they will be active all day), a swimsuit if needed, and bring a healthy lunch (buying a lunch, having one delivered or using a microwave are not options). Thank you!

Students will be transported to and from the events. **Please complete your son's/daughter's online PowerSchool permission form by Thursday, May 1, 2025. Thank you!** For instructions to complete the form, please click [Parent Guide to Access Assigned Student forms](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about the field trip, please don't hesitate to call the office (403-346-5795) or contact your child's homeroom teacher.

- Faust Frenette – faust.frenette@rdpsd.ab.ca
- Karen Mullin – karen.mullin@rdpsd.ab.ca
- Eric Mueller – eric.mueller@rdpsd.ab.ca

What a great opportunity
for our Gr. 5 students!



Spinning Creativity: Mrs. Carruther's Grade 4L Art Students Tackle Circle Weaving!

Check out these young artists
as they transform simple
paper plates into impressive
circle weaves, showcasing
their newfound skills and
creativity.

As you can see by the smiles
on their faces, they really
enjoyed the art of weaving.

Great Job 4L



A heartfelt Farewell!

On Friday, the Grade 7 students bid a fond farewell to their student teacher, Miss Thompson. Her presence has been a great asset to our school, as she dedicated much of her time working alongside Mrs. Welch and the Grade 7 classes. Both the teachers and students wanted to honor Miss Thompson's achievements and contributions to our school with a celebration.

Miss Thompson, your journey with us has been truly special, and you have now officially joined the ranks as a **teacher**! We are grateful for the positive impact you have made and wish you God's blessings as you start your teaching career. Congratulations, and thank you for everything!



The Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign is BACK! April 28th - May 4th

Purchase some yummy smile cookies between April 28 – May 4 and support kids in our community – Red Deer Public Schools! The Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools is the recipient of this year's Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign.

Proceeds from this campaign will go towards the Reading College Program; where for the month of July over 60 students who struggle to read and write are immersed in a literacy rich program aimed to improve reading and get students excited about writing.

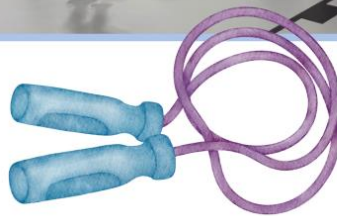
If you're unfamiliar with Reading College, please click [HERE](#) to learn more. **This is a great chance to purchase some yummy cookies and support a worthy project!**



Middle School Through Crew Flex -

Nothing inspires middle school students to participate like a little friendly competition. This was perfectly demonstrated at Through Crew Flex on Friday. Teams participated in a variety of games: **Kids on a Mat** (objective was to get as many crew members on the mat without falling off), **Telephone** (objective was to say the correct phrase at the end as was given at the beginning), **Musical Dots** (similar to musical chairs) and **Rock/Paper/Scissors** (team edition). These activities not only encouraged participation but also fostered teamwork and camaraderie among our student! They had so much **fun!**

Nothing shouts
spring like kids
jump roping!
Check out Mrs.
Wolfmeyer's Gr.
3W PE class.

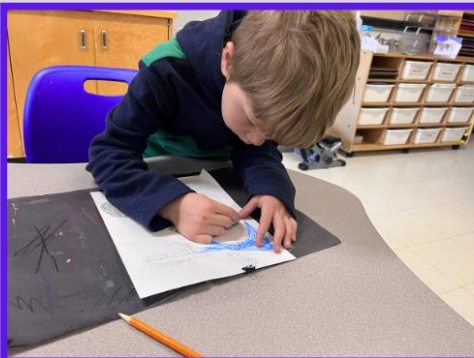


Gr. 2P **He is RISEN** artwork!

Mrs. Burnett's Gr. 2P art students are creating vibrant Easter scenes. Their artwork beautifully illustrates Jesus' empty tomb and the three crosses, deepening their understanding of the Easter story. Gr. 2's your pictures of the empty tomb are wonderful! Each scene is filled with hope and joy, perfectly capturing the miracle of the resurrection.



Great job!



May 2025 Hot Lunch Menu

Please visit gateway.hotlunches.net to place your order(s). The access code is GCSR
high school students: please note your hot lunch pick-up time is 11:50 a.m.



MONDAY, MAY 5 - BOOSTER JUICE

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., APRIL 25 @ 4 P.M.

Snack & Regular Strawberry/Berry Blossom/Mango Mania Smoothies
Chipotle Chicken Wrap
Chicken Quesadilla Wrap

MONDAY, MAY 12 - OPA!

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., MAY 2 @ 4 P.M.

Chicken Skewer with Caesar Salad
Chicken Skewer with Rice Pilaf
Greek Salad



TUESDAY, MAY 20 - BOSTON PIZZA

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., MAY 9 @ 4 P.M.

Kids Penne with Marinara Sauce	Kids Lasagna
Kids Bugs 'N' Cheese	Tossed Salad
Kids Sweet & Sour Stir Fry	Veggies & Dip
Kids Glutenwise Pasta w/meat sauce	Boston Brute
Cheese/Hawaiian Calzone	



MONDAY, MAY 26 - FRESHII

ORDER DEADLINE: FRI., MAY 16 @ 4 P.M.

Super Kids Salad with Chicken	Kids Power Bowl w/ Falafel
Super Kids Wrap with Chicken	Fiesta Wrap
Kids Chicken Caesar Wrap	Teriyaki Twist Bowl
Kids & Adult Cobb Wrap	Teriyaki Twist Bowl w/Chicken
Kids Mexican Bowl with Chicken	Fiesta Salad (Gluten Free)
Kids Power Bowl with Chicken	



This week's reminders ...

Monday, April 14th

- Popeyes Hot Lunch (for those who ordered).
- Gr. 3-5 Spring Choir rehearsal @ Gaetz United Church 11:15 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. The choir is also performing @ 7:30 p.m. @ Gaetz United Church (tickets required).
- Gr. 6 girls' badminton practice @ lunch recess in the main gym.
- Middle School Leadership Mtg. @ lunch recess in Mr. Strome's classroom.
- Gr. 8 Badminton practice from 3:30 – 4:50 p.m. in the main gym.

Tuesday, April 14th

- Gr. 4-6 Popcorn Day (for those who ordered).
- Gr. 6 boys' badminton practice @ lunch recess in the main gym.
- Mr. Rand's Rec Ed class going to Collicutt 12:57 – 2:30 p.m.
- Gr. 7 badminton practice from 3:30 – 4:50 p.m.
- School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in our school den. All parents/guardians warmly invited.
- Gateway Society for Christian Education's Annual General Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. All parents/guardians warmly invited.

Wednesday, April 15th

- Gr. 12 Co-Impact Meeting @ 7:00 a.m.
- Gr. 6-12 Worship: Co-Impact Commissioning Ceremony from 9:40 -10:10 a.m. in our main gym.
- Gr. 6 badminton practice from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16th

- Gr. 8 badminton practice in the main gym from 7:00 – 8:15 a.m.
- Gr. 7 badminton practice in the main gym from 3:30 – 4:50 p.m.
- Spring Flower Fundraiser Orders due.

Friday, April 18th – No School – Good Friday.

Monday, April 21st – No School – Easter Monday.

Tuesday, April 22-Friday, April 25th – No School – Spring Break.

Monday, April 28th

- Burger Boy Hot Lunch (for those who ordered).
- Gr. 6 girls' badminton practice @ lunch recess in the main gym.
- Middle School Leadership Mtg. @ lunch recess in Mrs. Dalstra's classroom – 148.
- Gr. 8 Badminton practice from 3:30 – 4:50 p.m. in the main gym.
- Gr. 6 Badminton Tournament @ Fox Run School in Sylvan Lake.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the office.

We'd be happy to help!

Wishing you a Happy Easter,

Cathy