



Celebrating Christ Through Achievements, Reflections and Engagement

As we approach the festive season of Christmas, let's take a moment to reflect on how Christ has illuminated our path throughout the year. His teachings of love, kindness, and understanding have woven a tapestry of unity within our community, inspiring us to follow in His footsteps. Over the past year, our WRCA community has demonstrated remarkable warmth and support, standing by and serving as a beacon in times of both sorrow and triumph.

Noteworthy achievements have marked this year, a testament to Christ's presence in our school. In the spirit of the humble birth of Christ; transformative spiritual retreats in September engaged our students' connection with God and each other, fostering an environment of shared faith. We are reminded of our theme verse in Mark 12:30, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Our dedicated faculty and staff played a pivotal role in nurturing students' God-given talents and encouraging their faith formation. Additionally, the unwavering influence and support of parents have gone a long way toward creating a helpful and positive atmosphere for the children at WRCA. Christ's daily presence in the school continues to lift our spirits. We express our gratitude for the dedication, resilience, and unity each member of our community has shown throughout the year. Together, we faced adversity, fortified by the knowledge that Christ's love strengthens us, providing solace and comfort as we engaged with each other.

In prayer and celebration, we witnessed athletic triumphs, and the spirit of Christ shone brightly during student-led worship at chapels. Reflecting on the birth of Jesus, let us recall the words from Luke 2:10-11: "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

May Christ be a comfort and meaningful blessing to you and your family this advent season.



MATCH CHALLENGE: FINE ARTS FUNDRAISING

We have some exciting news to share with you that will undoubtedly bring extra cheer to our wonderful Christian school community. The Fine Arts Department is fundraising to replace the stage curtain and purchase new wireless microphones.

Thanks to the generosity of a dedicated supporter, we have launched a matching donation campaign for this significant upgrade to our school's equipment. This means that every dollar you contribute will be matched, effectively doubling the impact of your donation.

Campaign Goal: \$45,000 for New Equipment. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$45,000, and with the matching donation of \$22,500, we are already half way there.

How Can You Participate?

- **Donate:** Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference. Whether it's \$10 or \$1,000, every dollar will be matched and bring us closer to our goal.
- **Spread the Word:** Share this campaign with your friends, family, and colleagues who may be interested in supporting our school. The more people we reach, the closer we get to achieving our goal.
- **Follow Our Progress:** Stay tuned for updates on our campaign's progress. We'll be sharing exciting news and milestones on our social media channels and school website.

Campaign Period: Today until February 28th, 2024

Donation Link: <https://wrca.ca/give-today/>

Your support is crucial to the success of this campaign, and we are grateful for any assistance you can provide. Thank you for being an integral part of our Christian school community. We appreciate your continued support and wish you a joyful holiday season.

Blessings,
WRCA Development Team and the Fine Arts Department



YEAR-END GIVING

As the year concludes, we're grateful for the moments and achievements at WRCA, made possible by your steadfast support. As we approach the Christmas holiday season, we extend an invitation for you to contemplate making a tax-deductible donation to WRCA. Your contribution not only supports our institution but also provides you with meaningful tax benefits.

In the spirit of gratitude and generosity of the Holy season, we are reminded of the words from Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." Your kindness and support echo the principles of this verse.

We deeply appreciate your role as a valued member of our school community. Your generosity undeniably impacts the lives of our students.

We offer various methods of giving, allowing you to choose the option that best suits your preferences. Thank you for considering and contributing to the continued success of WRCA.

Please visit wrca.ca/give-today for details on donating through the following ways:

1. **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)** (monthly or 1-time donations).
2. **Cash or Cheques** made payable to "White Rock Christian Academy".
3. **E-Transfers** send to: accounts@wrca.ca.
4. **Credit Card (Stripe) or Credit/Bank (Debit)**.
5. **Gift of Securities, Deferred Gifts, and Matching Gifts**



Please note that all donations to WRCA are deemed to be unrestricted and able to be used to further the general charitable purposes of the Society.

Your prayers are also a valued way of supporting our school. We encourage you to submit these here: wrca.ca/prayers-for-wrca.

ENGAGE WRCA GALA: THANK YOU!



Our WRCA Engage Gala on Saturday, November 18, 2023 was the spotlight of this year's [Let's Build Together Annual Drive](#).

To our guests and participants: Thank you! We hope you enjoyed the Gala as much as we did and that you felt the warmth of our community.

Your presence added a special touch to the occasion, and we are grateful for the positive energy you brought to the event.

To all involved in the Gala, whether in prayer or as a guest, staff, sponsor and/or volunteer: Thank you!

Because of your incredible engagement and support, the Annual Drive and Gala raised over **\$80,000** and countless prayers were spoken over our school and community. Praise be to God!

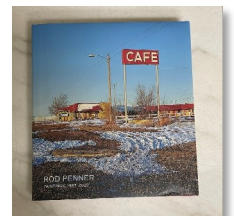
ALUMNI CORNER



WRCA Alumnus (1982) Rod Penner (b. 1965, Vancouver, Canada) is a Texas-based artist who has spent the past three decades documenting forgotten landscapes in small Texas towns. Working in acrylic, Penner's subjects vary from desolate main streets to imagery of forlorn aluminum-clad ranch houses.



Penner's work has been exhibited internationally and is included in the permanent collections of the Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, OK, the Flint Institute of Art, Flint, MI, the Virlane Foundation in New Orleans, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. Penner studied at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in B.C. and earned his B.A. from Oral Roberts University in 1986.



Rod has graciously provided a copy of his Photo Book "Paintings 1987-2022" to WRCA and some of his works are on display in the Staff Room.

Website: www.rodpenner.com



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Upcoming Special Events In 2024

White Rock Christian Academy
CAREER FAIR
FOR GRADE 10 - 12 STUDENTS
FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY
Monday **29** January 2024

Lunar New Year Celebration
White Rock Christian Academy
February 10, 2024

White Rock Christian Academy
GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY
MAY 8 2024

WHITE ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
GOLF CLASSIC
04 JUNE 2024
THE HILLS AT PORTAL

CORPORATE SPONSORS (2023-2024)

Visit wrca.ca/corporate-sponsors to learn more about our corporate sponsors.

WRCA's corporate sponsorship program seeks to partner with business in our community with shared values with all proceeds being used to supplement our core programs. All sponsors will receive an invoice for the contribution so you can claim the amount as an advertising expense.

Please contact Mr. David Houston at houstond@wrca.ca to learn more.



ENGAGED: THEME FOR 2023-2024

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." (Mark 12:30)

Our theme in 2023-2024 is ENGAGED. Being ENGAGED means to understand the fear of the Lord as a discipline, cultivating wonder, and learning about our identity as children of God as we will then flourish. The more that we are in relationship with our Creator, the more that this present reality points to a time that He will make it right. As our holistic education, rooted in Biblical principles, ENGAGES our heads, hearts, and hands, we are hopeful that within our students, staff and community, our lives in the present and future point ourselves and others towards serving Christ by ENGAGING with one another in His love.



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