



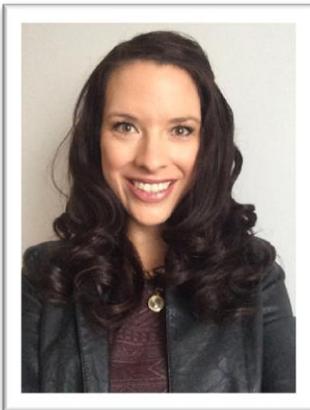
SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT!

Working to maintain and advance Christ-Centred, Service-Focused Christian Education for your children

February News



Meet Corinna Van Niejenhuis, the Society's new Executive Director!



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I am so excited to have accepted my new position as Executive Director within the Society. Gateway is an amazing community and I look so forward to becoming a big part of it!

A little bit about me:

- I live in Red Deer with my husband and our 4 kids
- My oldest daughter is in Grade 2, and my second daughter is in Kindergarten here at Gateway
- I have been a stay at home mom for the past 8 years
- I am a certified elementary school teacher and taught in my own classroom for 3 years prior to having children
- I have a passion for Christian education and for being a life-long learner
- I love meetings
- Getting to know people and being an active participant in my community is something I thrive on
- Chatting is one of my favourite things! Come say hi!



Please join us for our AGM set for **Tuesday, March 21, 8:00pm** in the Library, directly following the school council meeting.

We will be electing new directors to our board. Please see the attached information sheet about what it means to serve on the board.

If you would like to serve on the Society board please contact Corinna Van Niejenhuis at corinnavann@gmail.com to let your name stand. Please be prepared to share about why you would like to serve the school community in this area.

We look forward to seeing you as we enjoy some fellowship, snacks and updates about the Society!



Saturday, May 13, 2017

RDSCE 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Alberta Springs Golf Course



To stay up to date on what's happening with the Red Deer Society for Christian Education and Gateway Christian School:



- **Facebook** at RDSCE or Red Deer Society for Christian Education



- **Twitter** @ RDSCE



- Sign up for our **Remind**: Text @rdsce to 587-409-5907

Serving on the Board of Directors of the RDSCE

The Red Deer Society for Christian Education's mission is to encourage and facilitate Christian education and lifelong learning in our community, and to ensure that Gateway Christian School provides an accessible, Christ centered education so that students are equipped and encouraged to serve God joyfully in every area of life.

What does it mean to serve on the Board of Directors of the Red Deer Society for Christian Education?

- You have an open mind and a collaborative spirit.
- You enjoy working with people and have a desire to impact the distinct Christian programming at Gateway.
- You are committed to Christian Education.
- You are willing to commit one night each month for meetings.
- You are committed to serve for a 2 year term with the option of 2 term renewals (maximum 6 years total).
- Of the 9 directors, 4 are willing to serve on the Board Executive as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- You will participate in Board Governance and give direction to the Society employees.
- You are willing to pitch in and support the school by helping with events such as:
 - o Fundraising events: Fall Auction & Spring Golf Tournament
 - o Grade 12 Stand and Deliver Presentations
 - o Staff Appreciation Events
 - o Fall meet the Staff BBQ
 - o Field Day BBQ

What requirements are there to become a Director?

- You are a member of the Red Deer Society for Christian Education (signing the membership form and agreeing with the statement of faith – see attached)
- You are in support of the mission of the Red Deer Society for Christian Education as well as its direction/strategic plan.
- You are willing to let your name stand for election at the AGM. *(Please be prepared to share about why you would like to serve the school community in this area).*

Though they work together and are comprised of mostly the same individuals, what is the difference between the RDSCE and Gateway School Council?

School Council:

- is the legislated body that provides feedback to the principal.
- is an avenue for the parents to share their voice with the Red Deer Public School Board of Trustees, giving feedback on things like policies and any changes happening in the district.

Red Deer Society for Christian Education:

- is focused on supporting and encouraging the distinct Christian Alternativeness that defines Gateway Christian School
- has a vested interest surrounding the spiritual wellbeing of the Gateway Community.
- is committed to supporting RDPSD and the Gateway staff in ensuring that students are equipped and encouraged to serve God joyfully, in every area of life by funding a Worship Coordinator, an Executive Director as well as professional development in Teaching for Transformation. The Society also coordinates community building through things like prayer champions for staff members as well as monthly staff appreciation events.
- Our goals include: *Building Community* *Living out God's Story*
Wise Stewardship of Funds
Building a positive working relationship with RDPSD

Welcome to the Family!

*Being a part of Gateway Christian School makes you
a part of the Red Deer Society for Christian Education.*

By filling out the following form you are a member of the Red Deer Society for Christian Education.

In Signing this form You:

- A. Agree with the Statement of Faith as outlined on the back.
- B. Are a voting member of the Red Deer Society for Christian Education.
- C. Give the Red Deer Society for Christian Education permission to contact you or communicate with you about information and issues related to the distinct Christian alternative features of education at Gateway, such as, but not limited to:
 - 1. Upcoming events,
 - 2. Society news & information,
 - 3. Contacting local churches about Gateway and its' programs, etc.

Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Church attending: _____

Student name(s) and grade(s):

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

**There is one vote per individual member signature.
Voting members must be 18 and over.

Red Deer Society for Christian Education Statement of Faith

The basis of the RED DEER SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is the infallible Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ – the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament – we declare the following articles to be our summary statement of the Christian faith:

God: There is one infinite and holy, loving and personal God who speaks to us in Scripture and reveals himself to us in his acts of creation, salvation, and renewal, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As finite beings created in God's image, we declare that it is our purpose, our privilege, and our joy to worship, honor, serve, and obey him.

Creation: The world that is our home belongs to God, who created it and faithfully sustains it by his providence. Creation is the theater of God's glory, displaying his power and majesty. He calls us to discover creation's resources, to receive them with thanksgiving and delight as his gift, and to use them wisely as stewards and caretakers -responsible to God and to our neighbor.

Sin: Our ability to carry out our human calling- to honor God, serve our neighbor, and care for the creation - is marred by the corrosive effects of sin which touch every part of life. When our first parents listened to Satan's lie, questioning God's word, and rebelled against him, they brought his judgment upon themselves, all their descendants, and the creation. Brokenness, disease, hate, arrogance, alienation, abuse of creation, and ultimately death, are the inevitable fruit of sin in our world.

Covenant: However, God has not rejected or abandoned his world, but turned to it in love. He gave the rainbow to Noah as a pledge of his promise to care for all creatures. God formed a covenant with Abraham, promising to be faithful to him and his children, and through them God would bless all nations. Through his servant Moses, God disclosed his law for the human community, promising rich blessing as the fruit of obedience. God always keeps his promises. We acknowledge with gratitude and joy that he is our God, we are his people, and this is his world.

Redemption: As he promised, God in love sent Jesus Christ into the world to save it from sin and its consequences. The atoning death of the Son of God is the only payment for the debt of human sin, and his resurrection is the only liberation from the powers of evil and death. The victorious Lord sends the Holy Spirit to create faith, cleanse and renew hearts, and build a community of love and holiness. It is this community's mission to proclaim and live the good news, and to disciple the nations.

Kingdom of God: Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. His kingdom is the everlasting kingdom, and he reigns over all things for our good. To be a citizen of this kingdom is a privilege, a joy, and a responsibility. Led by his Spirit - cultivating the fruit of love, joy, and peace - we place our every thought, word, and the deed in the service of Christ's present and coming reign. We live daily in the confident hope of his triumphant return.