

## **Prayer is an integral part of our school.**

The staff and students have daily devotions. We sincerely request that parents pray for our school, our students and our teachers.

**“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16**

It is our prayer and expectation that students will achieve academic excellence, that they will develop a wholesome Christian view of life and grow to love the Lord and His Word.

**God bless you for being part of the SonRise Christian School.**



### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

# **SonRise Christian School**

## **Our Mission**

To work in partnership with the community to provide a Christian based education that recognizes the unique learning needs of all students guiding them to seek biblical truths and follow the will of God for their lives.

## **Our School Motto**



**“THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL  
RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR  
ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES.”**

**ISAIAH 40:31**

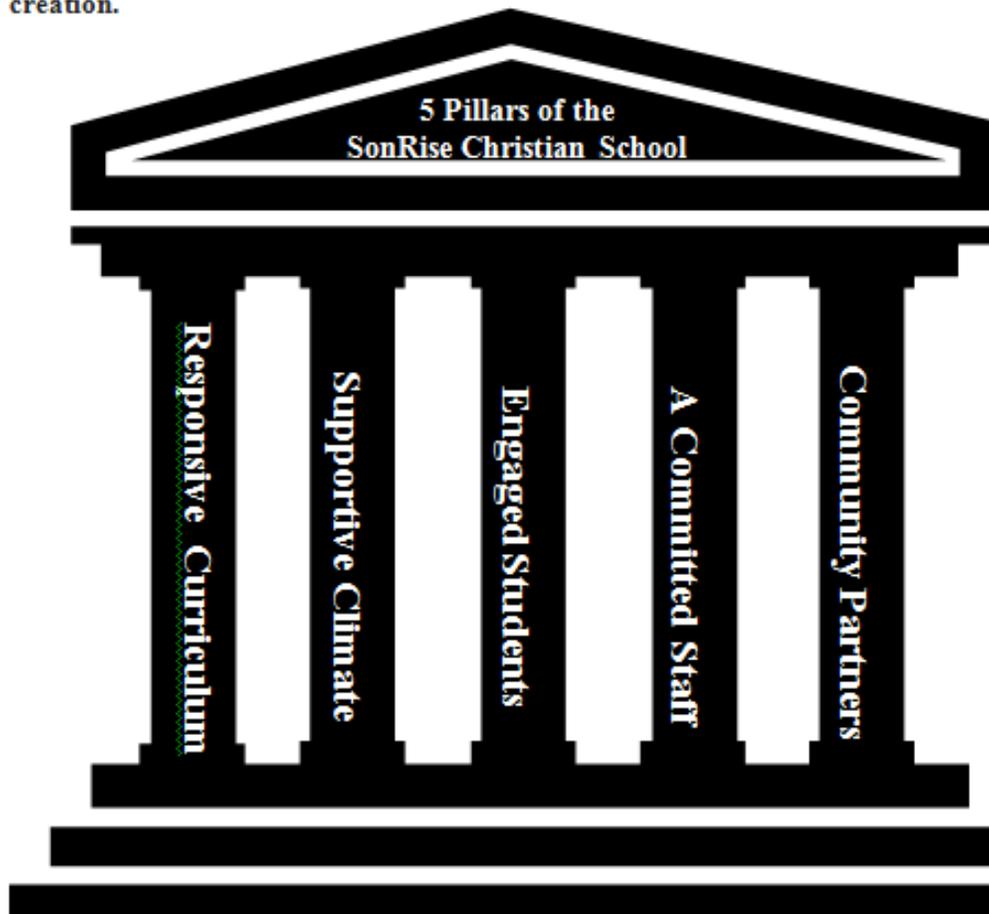
Our motto reflects the continuing commitment of the SonRise Christian School to teach children to:

- Love and trust God.
- Grow in the strength and knowledge of God.

# SonRise Christian School

## Our Vision

SonRise Christian School is a professional Learning Community where students learn in a Christ centred environment. The program is sustained by the staff, students and community partners, as we recognize the diversity and unity of God's creation.



1. **A responsive curriculum:** A diverse opportunity for all students to succeed and recognize their own uniqueness as created by God.
2. **A supportive climate:** A safe and inclusive place that uses Holy Scripture to foster moral character, accountability, self discipline and a Christ like spirit.
3. **Engaged students:** To equip students with the knowledge that they are a creation of God so that they will develop a Christian view of life that they can apply in their school, community and future endeavors.
4. **A committed staff:** Christian staff that are committed to modeling Christ-centered character. A staff who works collaboratively as a professional learning community.
5. **Community partners:** Involvement of parents and community members who are committed and supportive of a biblical-based education for students. They play an integral role in the life of the school and are focused on the goal of optimizing student learning.

## Statement of Faith

1. There is one God, who is perfect, existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14)
2. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross; the just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice and all that believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. He arose bodily from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on High as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. (Titus 2:13; 1 Cor 8:6; Rom 5:17; I Thess 4:14; II Thess 2:1; Gal 2:16; Matt 28:6; Heb 6:20)
3. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, sent to live within, guide, teach and empower the believer, and convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. (Acts 1:8; John 14:26 & 16:8; Rom 8:4, 26; 2 Cor 5:5)
4. We believe that the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, is the special revelation of God to mankind, is fully inspired by Him, is infallible, and the supreme, final authority for all Christian faith and conduct. (2 Tim 3:16, 17; 1 Pet 1:21; 1 Cor 2:13; Deut 29:29; 2 Tim 3:15; John 10:35)
5. Man was created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The inheritance of the unbeliever is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer is everlasting joy and bliss. (Gen 1:26; Psalm 51:5; Matt 5:12; Rom 3:23, 5:12-21, 6:23, 8:23; Rev 20:14)
6. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God. (John 1:12; 3:16)
7. It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience in the life of the believer after conversion. (John 4:13; Gal 5:16-26)
8. We believe that the Church of Jesus is the universal company of God's redeemed people, His body, of which He is the Head, His bride, whom He loves infinitely, and His temple, in which He dwells. The universal body of Christ is visibly expressed in local assemblies whose purpose it is to glorify God through worship, fellowship, instruction in God's word, and training in service to the world. (1 Pet 2:9, 10; Eph 1:22, 23 & 5:25-27)

9. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment. (John 5:28-29)
10. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent, personal and will be visible. This is the believer's hope and is a vital truth, which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service. (II Thess 2:1)

### **Belief Statement**

We believe:

1. God is the source of all truth.
2. God has revealed Himself through creation, Scripture, His Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. God's purpose for each individual can be fulfilled only by reconciliation through His Son.
4. Individuals have the right and responsibility to develop to their full potential.
5. Christ-centered education enhances the development of the whole person: emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually.
6. All individuals, having been created in the image of God, have equal intrinsic worth.
7. All individuals have equal right of access to an excellent education.
8. Parents have the right to choose the kind of education their child will receive.
9. Education is a cooperative effort of the home, school, church and community.
10. The provision of a Christian education will enhance the well being of society.
11. A safe and caring environment is essential for the full development of the individual.
12. Engaging the whole person enhances learning.
13. All individuals have a responsibility under God to care for and cultivate His creation.
14. Excellence is worth striving for.
15. Learning is a life-long process.

## Educational Philosophy

The educational philosophy of SonRise Christian School is based on a God-centred view of man and truth as presented in the Bible. Since God created and sustains all things through His Son, Jesus Christ, the universe and all life are dynamically related to God and have the purpose of glorifying Him. This is pointedly true of mankind who was made in God's image, different in kind from all other creatures, with the unique capacity to know and respond to God personally and voluntarily and honour God in his life. He can do this only by being born of God's Spirit to do God's will. This should be the ultimate purpose in his life.

Authority for such an education comes from both God's command that children be taught to love God and place Him first in their lives, and from the fact that parents are responsible for the total education and training of God's children. At the parents' request, SonRise Christian School, along with churches, become partners in providing this education. From this philosophy stem certain goals and objectives.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division is committed to excellent academic performance.

1. For the spiritual and moral growth of the student SonRise Christian School seeks:
  - a) to teach the Bible as God's inspired Word and to develop attitudes of love and respect for it.
  - b) to teach the basic truths of the Bible, bringing the student to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
  - c) to develop a desire to know and obey the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures.
  - d) to equip the student to carry out the will of God daily.
  - e) to develop the "mind like Christ" towards godliness and sin, and to teach the students how to live an overcoming life through the exercising of faith, self-restraint and consideration of others.
  - f) to encourage the development of self-discipline and responsibility in the students based on respect for and submission to God, and God-ordained authority.
  - g) to help the students develop for themselves a Christian worldview, by integrating life and studies with the Bible.
  
2. For the students' personal and social development, the SonRise Christian School aims:
  - a) to help the students develop their personalities based on a proper understanding and acceptance of themselves as unique individuals created in the image of God and on the fullest possible development of their own capabilities.
  - b) to teach the students to treat everyone with love and respect since others too are made in God's image.
  - c) to develop the students into contributing members of society who realize their dependence on others and others' dependence on them.

- d) to demonstrate a Biblical view of life and work, and to provide skills for personal relationships and future endeavours.
- e) to promote physical fitness, good health habits, and wise use of the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

3. Academically, SonRise Christian School endeavors:

- a) to promote high academic standards within the potential of the individual as uniquely created by God and to help the students realize their full academic potential.
- b) to help students develop a thorough comprehension and command of the fundamental processes used in communicating and dealing with others, such as reading, writing, speaking, listening and mathematics.
- c) to teach and encourage the use of good study habits.
- d) to teach students how to do independent research and to reason logically.
- e) to develop creative and critical thinking in the use of Biblical criteria and evaluation.
- f) to promote good citizenship through developing the understanding and appreciation of our Christian and Canadian heritage of responsible freedom, human dignity, and acceptance of authority.
- g) to discuss current affairs in all fields and to relate them to God's plan for mankind.
- h) to produce an understanding and appreciation of God's world, and awareness of mankind's role in his environment, and his God-given responsibilities to use and preserve it properly.
- i) to promote an appreciation of the fine arts through the development of the students' understanding and personal expression.
- j) to adapt curriculum to real-life situations in the community.

4. Working with the homes from which students come, SonRise Christian School:

- a) requires the parents to give support to the policies, guidelines and procedures as set out by the school.
- b) requires the parents to support the professional judgment of staff, and their use of approved curriculum.
- c) desires to work closely with the parents in every phase of the students' development.
- d) encourages regular attendance and involvement in a local church.



## **School Fees**

Kindergarten - \$70

Grades 1-6 - \$70

Swimming - \$20

Planners - \$5

All school fees are to be paid at the office.

## **School Hours**

Children are expected to arrive at school between 8:15 – 8:25am.

Doors open at 8:15am.

Classes start at 8:30am.

Morning Recess – 10:00-10:15

Lunch – 11:35-12:00

Lunch Recess – 12:00-12:20

Afternoon Recess – 1:50-2:00

Dismissal – 3:25



\*Friday is ½ day of classes; students are dismissed at 11:45.

\*All students must go outside during recess breaks, unless a teacher specifies otherwise.

## **Student Absences**

Parents are required to notify the school if their child will be absent on any given day.

Please phone the school to leave a message or send a note in advance, if possible.

If the school does not receive notification, school personnel will phone home to determine the whereabouts of the student.

Your cooperation in notifying the school will minimize the number of phone calls going home.

## **Student Illnesses**

Children should not come to school if they are suffering from severe colds, headaches, nausea, fever or open sores. Unwell children are unable to function well in class and provide a source of infection to others.

Children who become ill during the school day should inform their teacher. Parents will then be notified to make arrangements to pick up their child.

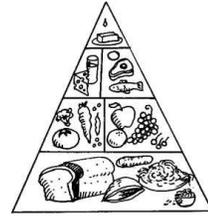
If your child is ill, work can be prepared for them to do at home.

## Snacks & Lunch



We are a **NUT FREE** school.  
Please do not send food containing nuts.

- \*We strongly suggest that all snacks and lunch foods are healthy choices.
- \*Children focus and learn better when they have a healthy diet.
- \* The High School vending machines are not for the use of SonRise students.



### It's Time for a Student Health Revolution

**Items not allowed at school:**

***Chips - Pop - Chocolate bars - Fruit gummies/Fruit Roll Ups of any kind***

**\*\*Please limit sugary foods sent with your children.\*\***

All students are allowed to bring lunch to school. The students eat inside their classrooms and go outside for recess. In inclement weather, students stay inside the school. Please ensure that your children are dressed adequately for outside activities.

Students who attend the Hot Lunch Program at the Recreation Centre are to return to school and report to the lunch supervisor upon finishing lunch, unless parents/guardians have made alternate arrangements with the teacher.

\*Any student who does not comply with the lunchtime rules or show disrespect to the lunch supervisors will forfeit the privilege of staying at school for lunch.

## School Visitors

All visitors should report to the class teacher or office. Parents/guardians are welcome in the school. Please make arrangements with your child's teacher if you wish to assist on a regular basis.

## Electronics

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted at school.



## School Dress

All students will be expected to dress in a clean, neat and modest manner at all times.

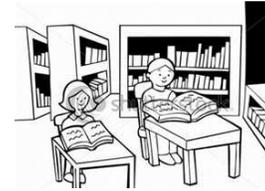
School dress must be consistent with the philosophy of SonRise Christian School.

All students are required to have clean indoor footwear that will remain at school.

## Library

Students may sign out books from the library to take home. Due dates for books will always be on the same day as the student's regular library day.

\* Overdue notices will be sent home for books that are long overdue. Books that are lost or damaged must be paid for. The cost will include the price of the book plus a service charge.



Students with overdue books are not allowed to sign out more books until they have cleared their overdue charges with the library staff.

## Swimming Program

Students have the opportunity to participate in the school-sponsored swimming lessons offered by the Grande Cache Recreation Department. The cost is \$20 for a five-week session, at two lessons per week.

Swimming fees are payable to the school upon registration.

\*Unless a child has a note from parents explaining why he/she will not be participating, all students will be expected to take part.  
Non-participating students will accompany their class to the pool.



## Field Trips

Field trips may be taken periodically in conjunction with different classes. Advance notice is sent home with the student and permission slips must be signed and returned to the teacher.

A small charge may be assessed for transportation and/or admission.

Parents may be asked to help supervise field trips.

It is emphasized that the rules of the school regarding conduct and dress are applicable on field trips.

## Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend our weekly school devotional assemblies.

These assemblies will include participation from students, teachers and local ministers.

## Volunteers



We welcome volunteers for a variety of activities and events.

Please let a teacher know if you are interested in helping with any of the following events:

<b>September</b>	<b>January</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Terry Fox Walk</li> <li>- Welcome Back Family Barbeque</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Used Book Sale / Hot Dog Sale</li> <li>- Literacy Week</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<b>April</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bottle Drive (collecting)</li> <li>- Bottle Drive (sorting)</li> </ul>	
<b>November</b>	<b>May</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cookie Delivery – Whispering Pines Seniors Home</li> <li>- Carnival</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<b>June</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christmas Production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sports Day</li> <li>- National Aboriginal Day</li> <li>- Year End Class Trips</li> <li>- Year End Celebration of Success</li> </ul>
<b>Hot Lunch</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The last Thursday of each month</li> </ul>	

## Fundraising

To offset the cost of field-trips and to help support our World Vision Sponsor Child we have various fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

The following events are planned for the upcoming year:

October 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – Bottle Drive

January 25<sup>th</sup> – Used Book Sale / Hot Dog Sale

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Carnival



\*We encourage families to volunteer and help in any way you are able.