



Chestermere Christian Program – Q&A

Rocky View Schools (RVS) intends to open the new Chestermere Christian Program in September 2022. We understand you may have questions about the program itself or how it will be offered in your school. We are in the early stage of developing the program and will share more information as soon as we can. In the meantime, we have prepared some questions and answers and encourage you to visit our [website](#) for general information about Christian programs at RVS.

Q: The letter I received said the program would be offered “if there is sufficient interest.” What does this mean?

A: We hope there will be enough interest in the program to make it available for Kindergarten - Grade 9. We may need to have combined classes (Grade 4/5 for example) depending on enrolment in each grade. We will not be combining more than two grades for a class. The registration deadline is Feb. 18 so we can plan based on the students registered in each grade. It is important all interested families register by this date.

Q: What will happen to the program if there are not enough students registered at both schools?

A: The program will be offered at East Lake School if there is sufficient registration for Kindergarten – Grade 6, even if the numbers for Grade 7 – 9 are not high enough to offer the program at Chestermere Lake Middle School – and vice-versa. If the numbers are not sufficient to have reasonably sized classes, compared to rest of the school, when combining no more than two grades then we may have to pause the program at that school until there is higher levels of interest in future years.

Q: Will busing be available for students at both schools to attend the program?

A: Yes – transportation is available. Information on transportation is available on the RVS [website](#).

Q: Will there be any special fees parents/guardians will need to pay to have their child(ren) enrolled in the Chestermere Christian Program?

A: Fees for the Christian program will be nominal, if any. Prince of Peace Lutheran School had an alternative program fee of \$60 per student annually. **Any potential fee amounts will be communicated to families when approved by the Board of Trustees in May.**

Q: How many classes will the Chestermere Christian Program have at each grade?

A: We are planning for up to one class per grade based on historical interest in a Christian program in the region.

Q: Is there a potential for combined classes? If so, will only two grades be combined or three?

A: Depending on registration numbers, we may need to combine classes; however, this will be limited to a maximum of two grades per combination.

Q: Will students enrolled in the Chestermere Christian Program take their gym and option classes with the non-Christian program students?

A: For the younger grades, students will take their core subjects in their Christian cohort with the Christian programming fully integrated in these classes. They will be taught almost exclusively by teachers from the Christian program. There may be some circumstances where it is necessary to combine Christian and non-Christian program students in classes like physical education or music.

As students move up to higher grades, option classes become available to them. Option classes will typically combine students from all programs.

Students in the non-Christian program at both schools will not participate in any Christian programming but may, as mentioned, be in options with students in the Chestermere Christian Program.

Q. My child is enrolled in French Immersion. Will anything change in their program? How will our school manage two programs of choice?

A: RVS' French Immersion (FI) program is a strong long-running offering in the community that previously existed alongside the regular program offered at East Lake and Chestermere Lake Middle schools. The FI program will remain the same and students/families should not notice a change. RVS successfully offers multiple programs within one building in other locations with great success.

Q. With the addition of the Chestermere Christian Program will teachers in East Lake and/or Chestermere Lake Middle school change?

A. Each year there are changes made to teachers and administrators in schools across RVS due to enrolment numbers, staff experience, programming needs and other factors. These decisions will be made following a careful review of enrolment numbers at both schools.

Q. Can non-Christian program students attend worship but not classes?

A. No. Only those students registered in the Christian program will be able to participate in the Christian offerings.

If you have additional questions regarding the new Chestermere Christian Program, please contact administration at Prince of Peace Lutheran School (403-285-2288), East Lake School (403-248-1091) or Chestermere Lake Middle School (403-273-1343).