



White Rock  
Christian Academy

# 2025 SUMMER REPORT



**Inspiring and cultivating citizens of Godly character who transform their world for Christ.**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri June 20	Last Day of School for Students (2024-2025)
Thu June 26	Report Cards
Tue Sep 2	First Day of School for Students (2025-2026)
Thu Sep 4	Parent Meetings (ISP Orientation, CHN, All Parents, Grad)
Sep 10 - Sep 12	Student Spiritual Retreat - Rockridge (G9-G12)
Tue Sep 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
Sep TBA	Back to School Meet and Greet
Oct 1 - Oct 3	Student Spiritual Retreat - Timberline (G6-G8)
Wed Oct 8	Photo Day (All School)
Mon Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
Wed Oct 15	All School Chapel Theme Launch
Fri Oct 24	Professional Development (No Classes)
Thu Oct 30	Parent Teacher Conferences (No Classes)
Thu Nov 6	Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri Nov 7	Staff Retreat (No Classes)
Mon Nov 10	Professional Development (No Classes)
Tue Nov 11	Remembrance Day (School Closed)

## HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

### Let Your Light Shine: Celebrating the Class of 2025

MR. JOEL SLOFSTRA



As this school year comes to a close, we find ourselves celebrating the incredible journey of our graduating class—the WRCA Class of 2025. This group of students has grown before our eyes, shaped by years of challenge, encouragement, faith, and formation. And as they cross the stage and step into a new season of life, we are filled with pride, joy, and deep gratitude.

Graduation reminds us of the beauty of creation and transformation. Like a proud parent watching a child hold up a treasured project saying, “Look what I made,” we as a school community have the privilege of saying, “Look what we’ve built together.” These students are not just graduates. They are the living testimony of WRCA’s Core Purpose: to inspire and cultivate citizens of Godly character who will transform their world for Christ.

I’ve had the unique opportunity to walk closely with this class for nearly a decade. I’ve seen their mischief, their moments of struggle, and—most importantly—their remarkable growth. They have become something powerful: lights. Bright, bold, and at times scattered—but slowly learning to shine with purpose. They’ve discovered how to use their energy, passion, and intelligence not just to stand out, but to stand for something.

At WRCA, we believe in cultivating light—not for attention, but for impact. This year’s graduates reflect that light. They are thinkers, artists, leaders, athletes, and servant-hearted world changers. They are learning to shine in ways that reflect the character of Christ—through truth, grace, compassion, and conviction.

As they move forward, we send them with this encouragement from Matthew 5:16: “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” We believe they will do just that.

To our graduates: go boldly. Walk faithfully. And never stop shining for God.



## PROGRAM UPDATES

### Academics NUMERACY & LITERACY ASSESSMENTS



#### 2024-2025 Junior School Reading Assessments

All Grade 5 WRCA students are reading at or above grade level.

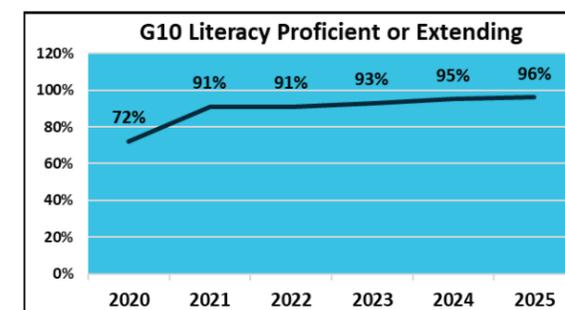
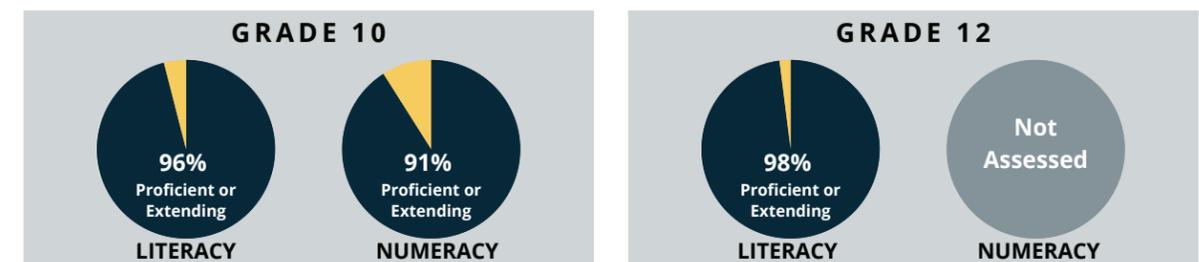
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At or Above  
Grade Level



#### Provincial Graduation Assessments

Students in BC are required to complete three provincial assessments that evaluate their proficiency in numeracy and literacy. These include both numeracy and literacy assessments in Grade 10, followed by a literacy assessment in Grade 12.

#### January 2025 Results



**G10 Literacy:**  
Since 2020, the percentage of students scoring in the Proficient or Extending range has shown a steady increase.

**G10 Numeracy:**  
In 2025, the percentage of students achieving scores in the Proficient or Extending range reached its highest level since we've been tracking results.



# PROGRAM UPDATES

## Athletics

### RECAP FOR THE YEAR



#### Junior (G4-G7) Athletics Overview

Over 100 students across Grades 4-7 have participated on a school team this year! We are incredibly proud of all of our coaches and athletes for their hard work and dedication this year! It has been amazing to see so many young athletes excited and passionate about being involved in school athletics. We look forward to another fun and rewarding year of development and growth next year.

#### Junior (G4-G7) Athletics Highlights

##### Cross Country

- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall as a school
- Individual team trophies awarded to Grade 4 Girls and Grade 6 Boys

##### Soccer

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in CESS tournament (Co-Ed)

##### Volleyball

- Grade 7 Boys finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their CESS tournament
- Grade 6 Boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place playing in a Grade 7 tournament

##### Basketball

- Grade 6 Girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their CESS tournament
- Grade 6 Boys had two teams battle it out for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their tournament

##### Track and Field

- A great season for all of our Grade 4-7 athletes, many of whom took home ribbons as top athletes in their events!



#### Senior (G8-G12) Athletics Overview

The 2024/2025 season was nothing short of exceptional for Warrior Athletics. Our teams and individual athletes achieved incredible success across the board, and it's been truly inspiring to witness their dedication and accomplishments.

In Cross Country and Track and Field, numerous records were shattered, and both teams earned major victories, including banner wins that reflect their hard work and perseverance. Another impressive feat is that we had teams qualify for South Fraser Championship events in every season of sport this year—a remarkable achievement for a school of our size.

Our athletes have so much to be proud of, and their achievements speak volumes about their commitment and grit. Behind the scenes, our dedicated coaches poured countless hours into training, mentoring, and supporting our teams. Their passion and effort have not gone unnoticed, and we're incredibly grateful for all they do.

To all our athletes and coaches: thank you for an unforgettable season. We're proud of every one of you and can't wait to see what's in store for the 2025/2026 season.

**GO WARRIORS!**



Jr Girls X-Country BCCSSAA Champs!



Jr Boys X-Country South Fraser Champs!



Senior Golf - Surrey - Bronze Winners!



#### SMASHING SUCCESS: WRCA BADMINTON WARRIORS MAKE THEIR MARK

It was a strong season for WRCA Badminton, with teams showing determination, skill, and steady growth. Over 50 students played badminton this year!

Our Junior team secured 3rd place in the Surrey League, while the Senior team placed 7th out of 15. In GVISSA Playoffs action, the Junior Boys and Grade 8 Boys each finished 5th, while the Grade 8 Girls earned an impressive 4th place. At the BCCS Tournament, Amy W and Sarah K brought home 3rd place in Junior Girls Doubles, and Amy also claimed 4th in Singles. Meanwhile, Ava Y reached the quarterfinals in the Grade 8 Girls Singles at the Surrey Individuals Tournament.

With growing participation and strong performances across all levels, our Badminton Warriors are quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with.

#### Senior (G8-G12) Athletics Highlights

##### South Fraser Qualifiers:

- Junior Boys Cross Country
- Senior Girls Cross Country
- Senior Boys Cross Country
- Senior Girls Volleyball
- Senior Girls Basketball
- Junior Boys Track and Field
- Junior Girls Track and Field
- Senior Boys Track and Field
- Senior Girls Track and Field

##### Provincial Qualifiers:

- Junior Boys Cross Country
- Senior Girls Cross Country
- Senior Boys Cross Country
- Senior Girls Volleyball
- Junior Boys Track and Field
- Junior Girls Track and Field
- Senior Boys Track and Field
- Senior Girls Track and Field

##### Awards Won:

- Bantam Boys Volleyball – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GVISA Championship
- Bantam Boys Volleyball – Most Sportsmanship Team Award GVISA Championship
- Junior Boys Volleyball – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place GVISA Championship
- Jr Girls Volleyball – Most Sportsmanship Team Award BCCSSAA Tournament
- Sr Girls Volleyball – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rally in the Valley Tournament
- Sr Girls Volleyball – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Provincial Championship
- Junior Boys Track and Field – 1<sup>st</sup> Overall team BCCSSAA tournament
- Junior Girls Track and Field – 1<sup>st</sup> Overall team award BCCSSAA tournament

##### Banners Won:

- Junior Boys Cross Country – South Fraser Champions
- Senior Girls Cross Country – Surrey Champions
- Senior Girls Cross Country – South Fraser Single A Champions
- Senior Girls Cross Country – Single A Provincial Champions
- Senior Boys Cross Country – Single A Provincial Champions
- Junior Boys Track and Field – Surrey Champions
- Junior Boys Track and Field – South Fraser Champions
- Junior Boys Track and Field – Provincial Champions (tie)

**Participation:** Over 150 athletes participated over 6 different sports this year - cross-country, basketball, volleyball, badminton, golf and track & field!



T&F Junior Boys Win 4x400 Gold at Provincials!



TOMISIN AHMED SARAH ANTENBRING AVA BERGHAMMER SOFIA BOERMA CAITLYN BOSMA ROWAN BRAUN EMILY BRIGHT OLIVIA BURGE DANIEL CAO JAMES CAO KADEN DOERKSEN NOAH ELLIOTT



RACHEL FANG HANNAH FRIESEN JOSHUA GORDON



# WHITE ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!



NINA GOULAS-JANZEN DANIEL GUO CODY HAMBROOK



REUBEN ISAK MICHAEL KAMASZEWSKI RACHEL KENNEDY



DONOVAN LARKIN NEWCOMBE SOPHY LEUNG CARYS LIAO



JENNIFER LIU DENNIS LU LIAM MATHEW POPPY MELLENGER CHLOE MILLER FAITH MOYO RAPHAEL NG OLUJIMI OLAYEMI YOLANDA PANG PUNEET PANNU KONI PENG VANESSA PINTO



ISABELLA POH SANJAY ROOKE MADELINE SLOFSTRA TALAR TERZIAN HEIDI ULRICH EMERSON WAKEFIELD



YUKO XIAO JASMINE XUN WILLIAM YAN JEREMY YANG FRANK ZHONG

*As you move forward  
take pride in all you've  
become and in all  
you're yet to be.  
May your journey  
continue to reflect the  
love of Jesus Christ.*

 At WRCA, we inspire and cultivate citizens of Godly character who transform their world for Christ. Our one-of-a-kind Christian International Baccalaureate Program prepares students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 to pursue excellence through a Christ-centered, inquiry-based approach.

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## OUR WRCA GRADUATES HAVE RECEIVED OFFERS FROM THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES



**PROGRAM UPDATES**  
**Fine Arts**  
**SPRING HIGHLIGHTS**



Our Fine Arts Department remained very active as spring approached with many very successful events.

In March, our drama department presented a humorous and well produced drama, “Dorothy Meets Alice”. The production was well attended.

April was a very busy month. The DP Art Exhibition showcased the remarkable talents of our graduating artists, several of whom are continuing on with their passion for art and fashion in their post-secondary years. Sr. Band and Sr. Jazz had a terrific trip to Edmonton for the Cantando Festival. Both groups achieved Gold standing in their performances. Similarly, Jr. Jazz, Band 8 and Band 9 experienced an amazing trip to the Whistler Cantando festival, garnering Silver, Gold and Gold standings respectively for their performances.

Hand Bell Choirs, Concert Choirs and Orchestra presented a beautiful evening of music in our annual Singing, Ringing, and Strings concert to a very supportive audience. Thanks to Mr. Caswell, Mrs. Dubios and Mrs. Eckert for their stellar work in this schoolwide event.

Gr. 7 Band had a very successful performance and adjudication at the Christian Schools Band Festival held at Regent Christian Academy May 13th. Members of our Sr. Worship team and Sr. Concert Band assisted in our 2025 Graduation ceremony May 22 with performances in support of our grads, families and guests. We thank staff from Peace Portal Alliance for so beautifully facilitating our service to the community.

Finally, our year reaches completion with the Year End Concerts June 4th (SS) and June 11 (JS)!

Thank you to WRCA parents for your unwavering encouragement of our Fine Arts students throughout the 2024-2025 school year.



**PROGRAM UPDATES**  
**Service**  
**TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING, LOCALLY AND BEYOND**



**Uganda**

This year's Transformational Learning Opportunity (TLO) trip to Uganda (March 8-18, 2025) offered students an immersive experience focused on cultural understanding and community engagement. Hosted by Jeff and Shannon Dyck in partnership with Kuwasha—a respected organization in Kibaale, the birthplace of the AIDS epidemic — 20 Senior School students, along with chaperones Joel Slofstra, Nolan Medel, and Tolu Pauls, stayed at Kuwasha's guest house and participated in meaningful, hands-on activities.



Students engaged with children at the school and community center, visited their homes and families, and several even met their sponsor children. A highlight was building a mud hut for a local family, deepening students' appreciation for the community's resilience. With limited access to electricity, Wi-Fi, and fresh water, students gained powerful insights into everyday life in the region. The trip concluded with a reflective safari experience.



**Mexico**



The TLO trip to Mazatlán, Mexico (March 8-18, 2025), gave students the chance to serve through Youth With a Mission (YWAM). Twenty Senior School students, chaperoned by Anthony Bigornia, Gerry Goertzen, and Phoebe Lo, stayed in YWAM campus dorms and participated in worship and faith-building alongside staff and students.



One major project involved building a home through the 'Homes of Hope' ministry for a young couple—the wife just 17 years old—a deeply impactful experience. Many students used power tools for the first time, with both boys and girls embracing the challenge and learning new skills. Strong bonds formed across Grades 10, 11, and 12 as distinctions faded and teamwork flourished, fostering resilience, adaptability, and a heart for service.

## Local Service

This year's Local Service Week (March 10-14) transformed a historically low-attendance period into a meaningful, community-centered initiative for students who remained on campus. Approximately 100 students from Grades 10 to 12 participated. Under the leadership of Biblical Foundations Coordinator Laura Lee, partnerships were built with over 25 local organizations—including churches, food banks, shelters, and refugee services—enabling students to serve in small, consistent teams from Monday to Thursday.

This extended engagement allowed students to build relationships, better understand local needs, and gain practical insight into nonprofit work. Complex transportation logistics were coordinated with the help of teachers, staff, and parent drivers.

The week concluded with a reflective gathering at White Rock Baptist Church, where students shared experiences and discussed insights shaped by Bible class discussions and the book *When Helping Hurts*. A communal meal from a food truck capped off the week with fellowship and gratitude.



## Still Waters, Deep Lessons

Twenty-seven of our Grade 9 students took part in a transformative outdoor learning experience from May 12-14, 2025. A highlight was the chance to connect with peers from Duncan Christian School and engage in meaningful conversations with Indigenous elders from the Cowichan First Nation. These interactions offered powerful insight into Indigenous history and culture, helping students deepen their understanding of Truth and Reconciliation as an expression of their Christian faith.

Evenings around the campfire provided a meaningful rhythm to each day. Through singing, storytelling, and reflection, students shared openly about what they were learning and experiencing. These times fostered a sense of community and created space for spiritual and emotional growth. A moment none will forget occurred when a pod of orcas surfaced just meters from the students' canoe. This awe-inspiring encounter with creation left a deep impression, reminding everyone of God's presence and the beauty that surrounds us when we take time to slow down and be present.

This TLO experience nurtured students academically, socially, and spiritually. They returned with new friendships, a broader worldview, and a deeper appreciation for community, creation, and faith in action.



## COMMUNITY UPDATES Celebrating a Vision Fulfilled OPENING OUR SPORTS FIELD PLAY SPACE



The unveiling of our new Sports Field and Play Space in May 2025, celebrated with a Spring Fair, marks a significant milestone in our school's journey - a reflection of community spirit, shared vision, and faithful generosity. The state-of-the-art athletic spaces, which includes the upgraded playground, turf field and covered court, are the result of intentional planning, prayer, and the dedicated support of many individuals who believed in its purpose and gave generously to see it realized.

From the outset, the school board recognized the importance of providing a dedicated space where students could grow through physical activity, teamwork, and school spirit. What began as a vision has now become a vibrant and lasting part of our campus.

The generosity behind this project came in many forms - through financial gifts, collaborative efforts, and even the creative contributions of our students, who raised funds through handmade items and personal donations. This spirit of giving has set an inspiring example across generations.

The facility stands not only as a space for sports but also as a symbol of the deeper impact of community investment—one that shapes lives, fosters joy, and nurtures character. Each game played here and each step taken on this field reflects a shared commitment to our mission of cultivating students who will transform their world with integrity and purpose.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank every donor who contributed to this meaningful project. With the unveiling of our donor wall at the Fair, we honour the many individuals and families whose support brought this vision to life.



## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### From Grad to Alumni: Two WRCA Lifers

K2, the world's second highest mountain, stands at 8611 meters. At WRCA, we have lifers who reach even greater heights on the summit of friendship, which we call K-12.

WRCA has been the canvas for **Poppy Mellenger** and **Faith Moyo**, who have painted a lifelong relationship from Kindergarten to Grade 12. These two young ladies have forged a bond that stands strong and proud. Together, they have journeyed through 13 years, achieving second place in BC A Volleyball, maintaining high GPAs, traveling for missions trips, and spreading God's love to WRCA, the community, and the world. The picture tells the whole story, and it's a key part of our culture at WRCA to "cultivate citizens of Godly character."

We look forward to following their university journeys and inspiring their new classmates to follow their excellent examples of love, care, and friendship.



#### A GROWING LEGACY

We are proud of our WRCA alumni and hearing about their successes after graduation.

We are eager to keep connected with our WRCA graduates, as well as those who have attended WRCA prior to graduating elsewhere, and share some of their stories with our community.

If you are an alumnus and would like to reconnect, or would like to read more stories, please visit our page on the WRCA website: <https://wrca.ca/resources/alumni/>.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Corporate Partners: April 2024 - August 2025

**PLATINUM**



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