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**ROCKFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HIRES NEW PRINCIPAL**

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (July 7, 2006)** – Grand Rapids Christian Schools is pleased to announce the appointment of Jan VanderWerp as principal of Rockford Christian School effective July 1, 2006. Her appointment follows multiple comprehensive interviews conducted by the principal search team. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to endorse the Rockford Christian School District Board’s recommendation.

Credentials

Mrs. VanderWerp’s teaching and school administrative experiences are broad. Her most recent position was as principal at Ada Elementary School in Forest Hills Public Schools, a position she held for 14 years. Her administrative experiences have included providing leadership in school improvement and accreditation standards, instructional leadership, student assessment, staff evaluations, marketing and public relations, and professional development planning. Her wealth of experiences, sincere desire to apply her Christian faith in her work as a Christian school principal, and enthusiasm for joining Grand Rapids Christian Schools uniquely qualify Mrs. VanderWerp for the position of principal at Rockford Christian School.

Merging faith and vocation

Jan’s passion for leadership in Christian education is inspiring. “I have been blessed with many wonderful experiences in the educational field. I look forward to applying my Christian faith in my work and joining with the Rockford community to make a positive contribution to the children, parents and staff of Rockford Christian School,” says Mrs. VanderWerp.

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Mrs. Jan VanderWerp, New Principal at Rockford Christian School

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### Rockford Christian School

Rockford Christian School is committed to partnering with parents to encourage each child to develop his God-given potential and display a nature reflective of God's character. Providing a challenging curriculum for pre-K through 8th grade, Rockford Christian is non-denominational and one of the Grand Rapids Christian Schools, serving 275 students. Rockford Christian School is located at 6060 Belding Road. To learn more, contact the school office at 616.574.6400 or visit [www.grcs.org/rockford](http://www.grcs.org/rockford).

### Grand Rapids Christian Schools

Grand Rapids Christian Schools has been in continuous operation since 1889, serving nearly 3,000 preschool through high school students in the metropolitan Grand Rapids area—the largest private, association-governed school system in Michigan with the primary mission of preparing students to be effective servants of Jesus Christ.

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