



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CCS

FINE ARTS & SENIOR PROJECT EVENING CELEBRATING THE CREATOR

You are invited to experience the creative talents and fine arts of students K- 12 on Tuesday, May 23 from 5:30-8pm at the Secondary Campus. Senior Projects will also be on display and you can interact with our Gr. 12 students from 5:30-6:15 and 7:15-8pm. Our creativity is praise to God!

PASSION PROJECTS YOU'RE INVITED



There has been a lot of great work and learning happening on the Gr. 9 Passion Projects. It is exciting to see kids creating and learning with the purpose of making God's world a better place. There are Beauty Creators painting, drawing and playing music. Students are Order Discoverers as they organize finances and experiment with new ways to use technology to share their passions. Students are crocheting, baking and building. There are Community Builders busy planning events, and doing good deeds. They are Servant Workers and Justice Seekers volunteering and raising awareness! It is a privilege and a joy to watch them work and listen to the stories about the ways God is teaching them to live out their unique place in His big story. We will be celebrating these students, their stories and their projects on May 31 from 12:30-3:30pm. Please feel free to drop in to the Secondary Campus Gymnasium during this time and see their Passion Projects on display.

SCHOOL-WIDE CHORAL CONCERT SING AND MAKE MUSIC



You are invited to the CCS Spring Choral Concert on Wednesday, May 3 at 7pm at Emmanuel Church. This concert will feature the CCS Elementary Choir, Middle and High School Choirs and our special guests, the High School choir from Nobleford Central High under the direction of Anna Vander Heide.

PULL OUT THE CLUBS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Register online today for the annual golf outing on June 16, 2017. A fun atmosphere with best ball format allows *all skill levels* to participate. Sponsorship opportunities available ranging from \$300-5000. [Contact Leona](#) today for details.

SECONDARY EXAM SCHEDULE for June 2017 is available [here](#) and on our website, under the Secondary tab!

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST! COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT



We are so grateful for the many volunteers who give of their time at our school. Coaches, hot lunch volunteers, readers and scribes, set design, chaperones, skate tiers – there are so many who support our school! We recognize many activities could not take place without you - THANK YOU!

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST JOIN THE TRADITION

Save the date! All CCS families are invited to a Stampede Pancake Breakfast on Friday, June 2 starting at 7:30am. If you're able to volunteer, please [SignUp here](#).

MAJOR APPLIANCE IN NEED



Our Elementary kitchen is in need of a new stove – are you able to assist with a gently used or new one? If so, please email info@calgarychristianschool.com and we will contact you!

MISSION TRIP 2017 BELIZE



Another Belize trip has come and gone with so many amazing memories and meaningful opportunities. We had such a great time working at YWAM, the Nazarene School and the Children's home. This year's students and chaperones worked hard and represented Christ, CCS and our whole community so well. "Blessed to be a Blessing" was our constant theme over the twelve days. I know we were blessed in so many ways and have been blessed through the years from the relationships that we have built in Belize, and the lasting connections and friendships with our brothers and sisters there. Thanks to everyone that was on the team for your hard work and dedication to the entire trip. Thanks so much to our school community for your prayers and support for this mission over the years. Without everyone playing a part, it would be impossible to run this trip. Please know that I am so grateful for all of your support. Planning has already started for Belize 2018. Blessings, Phil Bonk

ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

The most important thing you can do to keep kids safe online is talk with your kids—before someone else does. By setting guidelines, explaining the dangers and supervising younger children online, caregivers can dramatically reduce the chances their child will meet an online acquaintance in real life. Posted [HERE on our website](#) are 10 cyber-safety tips for parents and caregivers as well as other helpful resources.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO

CHORAL SUCCESS

AWARD RECEIVED



Congratulations to our Elementary Choir who received a **GOLD certificate**, under the direction of Ms. Gatus, on Wednesday in the Calgary Performing Arts Festival!

LEGO SHOWCASE

READY, SET, BUILD



This year's fun event will take place on Friday, May 12. Details can be found [here on our website](#), including the cost and registration link. ALL creators must register! Guests are invited to view the displays too, starting at 11:40am !

COIN CARNIVAL 2017

SO.MUCH.FUN!



The Elementary School's popular Coin Carnival will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017! The purposes are to have a time of building community and to raise funds for the *Christian Curriculum Resources Fund*. These monies fund projects for the development of Teaching for Transformation resources from a Christian Perspective within the **Prairie Centre for Christian Education** (PCCE). It is suggested that students bring \$5.00 in change (nickels, dimes, quarters and loonies) to spend /donate at various activities throughout the school.

IN-HOUSE ARTIST

GRADE 4-6



Students will have the opportunity to create keepsakes and gifts during an art session with CCS alumni and artist, Andrew Olivier. They will experience watercolour on new visual level and create their own vibrant art with the use of watercolour crystal techniques. Watercolour crystals differ from regular watercolours because when applied to a wet surface, various pigments will separate sporadically and explode across the paper. This visually captivating medium is a great way to experiment with watercolours for the first time.

SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

CAREER AND ACADEMIC COUNSELLOR

MRS. FOSTER

Encounters with Canada - Spend an adventure-filled week in your nation's capital! Check out future career options, discover your country, share your hopes and dreams - all for \$675 (includes return airfare, accommodation, meals and activities). Go to ewc-rdc.ca/pub for more details or talk to Mrs. Foster about a registration access code. Must be 14-17 years old to participate.

Summer Work Experience - If you are working this summer, why not get high school credit for it? [Email](#) Mrs. Foster to sign up. If you need the prerequisite course, HCA3000, a fast-track version is available.

Should I take -1 or -2 Math? Do I need Physics? (and other common questions) Contact Mrs. Foster for help deciding which courses would be wisest to take next year.

Thinking of summer school? Registration begins in May. Talk to Mrs. Foster now about your in-class and online options.

Check out the [Career Page](#) website for articles, links and scholarship information.

EXTRA CURRICULAR FUN

RUNNING CLUB



Running club will be starting in May on Tuesdays after school and Thursdays at lunch for students in Gr. 3-6. Choir students should go to choir on May 2 and then join after school practices the following week. We are training to participate in the 5K Run for Water race on Saturday, June 10. We are *desperate for volunteers* and we cannot run it without them. Please [check this SignUp](#) for both passive and active roles. More info is available [on our website](#).

EARTH KEEPERS

GARDEN DAY



Each year we spend some time outside working in the gardens around our school making sure they're not overrun with weeds. We also learn from a local gardener and volunteer about the different plants! But we do need the weather to warm up a little more. Stay tuned for this date which will be announced in the weekly parent email.

BOOKS, TOYS, JEWELRY, ORNAMENTS

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Grade 2T would like to assist your family by repurposing items that you no longer have need of. If you have items that could be a newfound treasure to someone else, you could donate them to our WHITE ELEPHANT SALE during the Coin Carnival on May 26. If you feel the need to edit/clear/purge such items from your house that are in clean, safe and decent condition – we are happy to receive them **starting Tuesday, May 23**. We would like to have everything by Thursday 25, so we can organize and price items. You may drop off at the office or have students bring them to Mrs. Tarnowski's class. Thanks!

WEAR RED ON MAY 18

TO CELEBRATE

Join students across Palliser School Division celebrate #Canada150 together.



SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

NEWS @ THE SECONDARY

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Spring is not really in the air this week - that would be snow... Nonetheless, like all of God's promises, it will come to be in its time. For any of you with farmer friends - they are happy to get precipitation now before they plant. The growth and development that comes after seeding is a good theme for what is happening at school right now as well. Our Gr. 9 students are wrapping up their **passion projects, and Gr. 12 senior projects** are finishing in this next month as well. The acts of leadership, service, care that have been the expressions of the gifts which our students embody have been great to witness. Encourage each other by passing on the positive stories of the difference these students have made.

Another group of students who have been of service to others are the **Belize Team**. Our annual trip to the YWAM compound in Belmopan, as well as the school visits and the many projects they complete have been of great help to our southern friends. The relationships developed in Belize are obvious positive outcomes; what requires closer scrutiny to see is the growth in our students, the gratitude they develop as they serve others who have less. They are transformed by the experiences, the relationships that emerge both within their group and with the Belizeans, and by God's Spirit speaking through the unique activities and setting of this trip.

We just completed our **Student SpeakOut Forum** this past week; it was great to see all of our high school engaged in the dialog around how to improve their learning and our school. The parent forum is next week, and we are excited about the difference that these events will make as planning for next year begins to ramp up in May. Stay tuned for summary information to come.

Since our last newsletter we have enjoyed Spring Break, started new activities, and begun the sprint toward the finish line in June. Our Gr. 9 class is currently up at the Circle Square Ranch for the week, where they will be developing a sense of community prior to entering high school. Our **choirs and bands** have competed in festivals, earning honors for their strong performances. The HS band is days away from heading out on their spring tour to Three Hills and Edmonton - have a great tour! Badminton is just wrapping up as soccer takes off, and track is waiting patiently for its turn just around the corner.

As deadlines near and testing become an imminent reality (the first Gr. 9 test is in less than two weeks) I want to remind and **encourage all of us** with our theme verse - we can do all things through Christ, the source of our strength.

Lloyd Boody, Secondary Principal

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR

Students enrolled in Gr. 8 and 9, during the 2017/18 school year, will be invited to participate in a week-long trip to Quebec during Spring Break! On this trip, we will travel with EF Tours and spend a couple days in Montreal, Québec City, and Ottawa. Speaking French is not a requirement for students to attend, as our tour guides will present in English. This is an amazing opportunity for students as it ties directly into our Social Studies, French, Language Arts, and Bible outcomes. Talk about making learning real! For more information, plan to attend a parent meeting on **Tuesday, May 2 at 6:15pm at the Secondary**. Mrs. Vienneau will be sharing some of her experiences, as she has travelled with EF Tours in the past, as well as details regarding how the program works, cost, sites that will be seen, and so much more. Hope to see you there!

HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR SCHOOL BETTER

SPEAKOUT: CCS FORUMS



In our continued effort to hear the suggestions and expectations of our community, CCS leadership is inviting Grades 7 – 12 parents to participate in our Secondary School development “forums” called **SpeakOut**. These dialogue sessions will allow us to dig deeper into themes explored in our recent secondary school surveys to parents and students. **Parents' SpeakOut** will be held **May 2 at 7pm** at the Secondary campus. Please RSVP through [this link](#) to help us with event planning. Hosted by a **High School student**, each small-group, round-table dialogue will examine how we might improve your student's learning experience at CCS. Your ideas will then be summarized and shared in the larger group. We are eager to learn from our time together. *Principal, Lloyd Boody and Executive Director, Ken DeWyn*

BADMINTON AND SOCCER

COUGAR ATHLETICS



As a HS Badminton team we finished 2nd overall out of 10 2A schools, represented with many impressive individual results in all categories ([listed HERE](#) on our website). Thank you to our coaches Nathan O, Mr. Boody and Mr. Francisco! As our soccer teams head into this season, there will be some exciting soccer. We are thankful to give God the glory for our health, ability, and opportunity He gives us to have enjoyment through sport! Come cheer on our teams, soccer schedules can be found on [the website](#).

GRADE 8 PARENTS & GUARDIANS

CELEBRATION FOR GR. 9

The Gr. 9 Celebration is coming up, and it has been a long standing tradition at CCS that some Gr. 8 parents help with the food/beverage preparation, service and clean up during the reception portion of the evening. On Tuesday, June 20 the reception will be held at the elementary gym and parents can help from 6-9 pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to take a “sneak peek” at this year's celebration and see what is to come for their own child when they move into their grade nine year. A volunteer SignUp will be available in the coming weeks! - Thank you, Gr. 9 Team