



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CCS

### CELEBRATE TOGETHER SCHOOL MILESTONES

**Grade 6 Transition:** You're invited to celebrate with our Elementary students who are moving on to Middle School. The service will be held on June 27 at 7pm at Emmanuel Church.

**Grade 9 Celebration:** As our students move on to High School, you're invited to their ceremony on Tuesday, June 20 at 7pm at Emmanuel Church.

**Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony** will take place at 4pm on June 29 at Bethany Chapel, 3333 Richardson Way SW; everyone is welcome to attend!

### PASSIONS & PROJECTS PRESENTATIONS



Each year we challenge our Grade 9 and 12 students to connect with their God-given passions and gifts. These are then presented and shared with the CCS Community. Our students have such amazing minds and hearts, which were so evident in their creations! You can [view photos here](#) from those events.

### BLESSINGS AND BURDENS UPDATE

It has been my honour to coordinate the Blessings and Burdens Ministry this year. I am grateful to all of the volunteers who cooked and baked throughout the year, making sure our students and families in need were taken care of. We know how difficult it can be when families face challenging times and you always responded quickly and selflessly in those situations. The compassion you showed through your actions has been an inspiration for the whole CCS community. Families who have received your support were deeply touched with your kindness and they have expressed their gratitude. Blessings to all, Natalija Reljic

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PAT SUPPORT



We could use your help! Readers and Scribes for Grade 6 PATs on June 19, 20 and 22, 23. If you're able to volunteer, please [SIGN UP here](#).



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**NOON DISMISSAL on Wednesday, June 28 for ES & MS**

### 23rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, JUNE 16



[Register online](#) today to golf! A fun atmosphere with best ball format allows *all skill levels* to participate. Tournament takes place in Cochrane at the Links of GlenEagles. Prize donations welcomed! [Contact Leona](#) today for details.

**Thank you to our tournament sponsors:** A-1 Cement, DeJong's Insurance, Rainbow Contractors, Christian Credit Union, Dees Services Ltd., Investors Group—Mark DeJong, CDI Spaces, Fraserway RV, Julie Clark—CIR Realty, Gull Valley Growers, Carolyn Huisman—Sutton Realty, and Sahuri + Partners Architecture Inc.

### PARENTS WHO PRAY UPDATE



We have had a powerful year encountering God's presence and lifting up every grade and area of our school, as well as many needs in our wonderful community. We praise God for the answers to prayer that we have seen AND those answers which are 'in progress'. God is SO good and He truly is the One who hears and answers us!

We encourage everyone to join with us in lifting our school before the Throne of Grace. Here are a couple prayer points:

- Pray that EVERY student will accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and have life-changing encounters with our Loving God!
- Pray for teachers, administrators and staff to finish the year strong with health, strength and JOY.
- Pray for students to finish well in exams, assignments, sports etc. Diligence in their studies and the ability to maintain focus throughout June.
- Pray for our Graduates from Grade 12 as they finish their journey at CCS and follow the good paths that the Lord has for each one (Jer. 29:11).
- Pray for our Grade 6 & 9 Graduates as they finish ES/MS and transition into new learning adventures.
- Pray for safety over the summer for all in our CCS community. Safety in spirit, soul (mind, will and emotions) and body. (We celebrate every Fall when there is no 'bad news' of accidents etc. from over the summer)
- Prayer for Truth and Righteousness for our Ministry of Education in Alberta and the development of curriculum, policies etc.
- Pray for the plans for the upcoming school year
- And whatever God lays on your heart to pray!

If you love to intercede, feel led by God and are able to join us, we meet Tuesday mornings from 9 to around 10:30am. Schedule for the Fall TBA.

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO

## OUTSTANDING LEARNING

### GR. 6 FIELD TRIP

The Grade 6 students will have the incredible opportunity to attend a field trip to Youth Link (Calgary Police Service) and learn about many topics, including healthy relationships. About 300 classes from Calgary and area get this chance and Youth Link survey results show that 99% of parents strongly agree their children benefit from this program.



## EARTHKEEPING

### GARDEN DAY

Mark Monday, June 19 as the day where our students learn about earth keeping and beauty creating, right in our own yard. You can check with your child's teacher if they could use an extra set of hands. Students can bring their own (labelled) gardening tools!

## READY, SET, GO

### SPORTS DAY



Monday, June 26 is Sports Day, facilitated by our great Grade 6 classes! This day is fun for all our students, creates great community as well as leadership skills for our older students. If you would like to provide support and volunteer, please [sign up here](#).

## FUNDRAISING FUN

### COIN CARNIVAL



Last Friday our students enjoyed the highly anticipated coin carnival! The gym and classrooms were transformed into fun activity centres from bowling, nail painting, a book sale, minute-to-win-it games as well as a cardboard arcade and more! Students paid with coins to participate with all the money going to the Prairie Centre for Christian Education. We've counted the change and our total donation is 1,571.35! Way to go #CCSCommunity!

# SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

### MR. BOODY



The race to the finish looks different for different people, and results from the choices we make leading up to the ending. For example, Levi Oostenbrink will finish the 100 meters this weekend in a torrent, with explosive energy propelling him across the finish line at Foothills Stadium in 11.xx seconds. Others in Mr. Jonker's triathlon class will complete their run segment - after swimming and cycling - with a determined plod that has primarily relief as the visible sign of their inner drive.

That same diversity exists for our students as the end of courses and inevitable testing draws nearer. There are mad scrambles happening for some students who did not pace themselves well over the semester, and now feel the urgency of the remaining crystals slipping through the hourglass. Others will simply be continuing the plan they have been following, and the sense of panic will not be the same. That brings to mind the saying "Do not confuse action with direction." If students have not been working with an ongoing study structure, it is not too late to begin, and that is definitely better than the alternative. Take a look at the exam schedule posted online, and map out study times for each course over the remaining days. Research tells us that shorter intervals of study over longer time periods result in greater retention than last-minute, longer cram sessions. Good studying to all our students - remember to access the resources available as you prepare.

Activities wrap up in this month - soccer teams finish, track meets end, last concerts are performed, the final school council meeting is had (June 5 at 7:00 PM). Our Senior Projects and Fine Arts Gala was a great evening, and we again were able to witness the growth and impact our students experienced and offered to our community as they invested themselves in their strengths and passions. Thanks so much to Pastor Layne, Zaak Robichaud, Jadan Barthel, Janelle Reitsma, Rick Vanderwoude, and our students who displayed their work and commitment so well that evening.

Perhaps less noticeable, but still very appreciated, were the Society colleagues who make so many of our special events possible. Their expertise in planning, hosting, and delivering great experiences has been a highlight of the year for me, and I am very grateful for them. If you are joining in for the golfing fundraiser in June, you will experience their expertise firsthand. If you have not expressed your appreciation for the many partners who work to make our school great, please do so before the year draws to a close.

As a final word, I want to encourage us to follow the message given to Forrest Gump, which was meant to impel him to achievement and purpose in his life. "Run Forrest, Run" would be a fitting anthem as we turn the corner into June, and finish well - not in our own strength, but in the strength of the One who enables us to do all things.

# SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

## FINAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

### GRADE 7-12

Join your parent school council, along with Principal Boody and Pastor Layne, on Monday, June 5 at 7pm in the LINC. We are inviting discussion about the identity of the CCS Grade 12 graduate, hearing from a student who went to Belize and will preview schedule changes for the next school year. The agenda can be [found here](#) on our website.

## GRADE 8 PARENTS

### SUPPORT GRADE 9

We could use your assistance for the Grade 9 Celebration on June 20! It has been a long standing tradition at CCS that some **Grade 8 parents** help with the food/beverage preparation, service and clean up during the reception portion of the evening. The reception will be held in the Elementary gym and the prep work will be in their kitchen. It would be great if parents could help from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Tuesday, June 20. Please [volunteer here](#).

## UNDERSTANDING TEEN EMOTIONS

### FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON COUNSELOR



The sad music starts. Pictures of hopeful puppies, their faces pressed against the cages, flash across the screen. One lonely white puppy stares glumly as the other pups are carried away by their new families. Then, finally, the cage door opens, and the puppy wriggles with joy as he's finally chosen. It's another commercial encouraging people to adopt abandoned pets, and as the tears start to flow (I'm a sucker for sad puppies), I reach for the box of tissues. Surprisingly, so does my then 12-year-old son, Jeremy. He looks at me with tear-filled eyes and hisses: "Don't tell my brothers!" I didn't. It probably wouldn't matter if I had, though, since his brothers (and his sister) also went through a stage when they could easily be moved to tears by touching or sad movies or stories, or by upsetting experiences.

Why do many kids, even those who seemed in control of their emotions when they were younger, find their feelings overtake them at times once they hit the teen years? Should I be concerned about my teen's emotions? Read the full article [here](#) on our website.

## SCHOOL TRIP

### NEXT SPRING



Is your child entering Grade 8 or 9 in 2017-2018? Our school trip to Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa is a go-ahead for next spring! Details about this adventure are located [here](#) on our website, if you're still interested in signing up. Questions can be emailed to Mrs. Vienneau. If you would like to participate in fundraising, those details will be sent in the Fall.

## GRADUATE REMINDERS



Grade 12 families - deadline for purchasing tickets to the graduation banquet is June 2. Please remember to send in baby photos and other photos (sports, drama, music, field trips, etc) of this graduating class over the years to [adoofan.tor-agbidye@prs26.ca](mailto:adoofan.tor-agbidye@prs26.ca) or [dionne.simmonds@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:dionne.simmonds@pallisersd.ab.ca).

The deadline for submissions is June 16.



## SUCCESSFUL SEASON

### ROBOTICS CLUB

This year's competition, culminating the busy design and build season, took place on April 5-8, 2017 at the University of Calgary Olympic Oval. 48 teams of high school students, with mentors, from Canada, USA, Mexico, Poland, Turkey, Australia and China visited Calgary to participate in the intense few days and were supported by over 100 dedicated local event volunteers and many enthusiastic cheering fans.

Our CCS team, Robo-Kaos 5078, had a great season! The team passionately tackled this year's challenge and designed, built, programmed and operated a robot with solid strengths that helped them to be selected into a three-team alliance for the playoff rounds. They managed some stressful situations, including a tie-breaker match and a software reset, and only lost out in the semi-final round to the alliance that won the entire championship. The 8 students, with three mentors, gained valuable technical, leadership and teamwork skills through this hands-on learning experience.

Thank you for the generous support of SAIT, parents, and the CCS Community, we are looking forward to next year with enthusiasm and the possibility of travelling to the Vancouver regional competition! Thank you SO MUCH for your support!!

## FROM MRS. FOSTER

### CAREER NOTES

**Health Science Career Academy** - Students going into Grade 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend this camp August 14-16 to learn more about a variety of Health-related careers. Get the details at [nextgen.org/healthcamp](http://nextgen.org/healthcamp) or call 780.426.3414.

**Work Experience Credits** - Get credit for the hours you're working this summer! Whether it's paid or volunteer work, students going into Grades 10, 11 or 12 can earn Work Experience credits that can be used to meet graduation requirements. The marks can also be used for the Rutherford Scholarship and some university applications. Complete the [Off-Campus Pre-registration Form](#) or [contact Mrs. Foster](#) now for more details.

**Dual credit** - Next year's Grade 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to take a Bible class at Ambrose University and earn university and high school credit at the same time. Click [Dual Credit Interest Form](#) to indicate your interest.