



Calgary Christian School

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Dear Parents of our grade 7 and 10 students,

You will soon be receiving a survey from Alberta Education to complete in regards to Calgary Christian School. This is an **annual survey** that is completed by the students and parents in grades 7 & 10, as well as our staff. It is one of the instruments that make up our **Accountability Pillar Results**, in addition to Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Examinations. These tools are used by Calgary Christian School, Palliser Regional Schools, and Alberta Education to evaluate how well the education system is meeting the expectations of parents and the public. All parents want to know that their students are receiving a quality education; grades are important but there is more to their learning and growth than simply that indicator. In our context, that specifically links to our **faith context, and our Society partnership**. Those two key pillars offer you tremendous value and position our school in a unique way to be responsive partners as we collaborate to make our students' learning experiences truly transformational in all aspects of their lives.

As you consider the questions to which you will respond, I would like to remind you of the strengths and programs your student is enjoying at Calgary Christian School. Each of our teachers considers how best to help students learn, through instruction, activities and assessment, and we are aiming to promote their learning through strong relationships in our school community.

Our **academic program** offers students excellent programs; every core course is live taught and includes all of the required university entrance courses. In addition, our faith formation program challenges our students to develop their faith response as they grow to understand their story in the light of God's greater story. We want to infuse our Christian worldview in all subjects as we teach to the entire student - **art, music, drama, French and Spanish, physical education**, and great option courses in addition to strong core academics. **Industrial education, outdoor education, home economics, computer design (coding and robotics), photography, psychology, and sports performance** were courses our students identified as very important choices when we surveyed them last spring. I'm pleased to report that we have been able to offer all of these in the current timetable, and that our improvement efforts have also included **Experience Block** learning challenges for our high school students.

We have enjoyed excellent **extracurricular experiences** with our students – from the early fall community-building ventures to course based field trips to athletics, Belize and West Coast

trips,drama productions, band camps, trips and festivals – the list would be extremely long. Thank you for your support of our excellent programs and learning experiences.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with our school. **We use these results in our annual planning to focus our efforts in proactively designing our students' learning experiences.** Survey results are reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

If you feel you need clarification or want to pass your message directly to us, please connect with myself or a fellow teacher/administrator to do so. Your participation in the survey is valued, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, your student, and God's kingdom through our partnership with you here at Calgary Christian School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lloyd Boody', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lloyd Boody
Principal, Calgary Christian School