



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CCS

Important Dates

To start the school year

August 28, Thursday

>Grade 7 camp-out @ CCS

August 29, Friday

>Meet and Greet—Secondary Campus
>Class List—Elementary Office
>Parent Orientation Elementary Campus

September 2, Tuesday

>First day of classes
>Parent Orientation 7pm @ Elementary Campus

September 8, Monday

>Parent Orientation 7pm @ Secondary Campus

EXCITING CHANGES MIDDLE SCHOOL

There are some exciting changes coming to the Middle School next year! We are moving the Grade 9 core courses to a semester system and they write PATs in both January and June. The idea behind this is to have less courses to concentrate on at one time and fewer "high stakes" exams to worry about. During that time period, we will also be writing formal mid-term exams for the Grade 7&8 students to give them an opportunity to write a bigger test and receive feedback on it. As it stands, exams are written at the end of the year, and students aren't given much in the way of feedback about what they achieved and what could be improved.

We are also including "flex" periods to help students from Grade 7-9 with subject areas they are struggling with. This would be a supervised time of learning with a teacher present who will help them receive more attention (and hopefully less homework!).

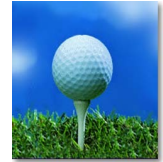
We are also introducing more options for Grades 7&8 by including a drama option. Options will now be split into 4 sections for the year, with each student trying foods, shop, drama and art.

For parents of our current Grade 6 students - we are having a welcome back camp-out at the school on the evening of Thursday, August 28th. We will be inviting students to the school in the evening and having a good old fashioned camp-out in the high school soccer field. We will be playing games and having a campfire to welcome students into Grade 7 and to allow them meet some new students and new teachers. It should be a fun night of introductions and community building. Details to follow in August.

High School schedule changes can be made on Friday, August 29. Grade 10 students are welcome to come from 10-11am, Grade 11 students from 11-12pm and Grade 12 students from 12-1pm.

20th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS

Our tournament took place last Friday at the Links of GlenEagles. We had a large turnout with a 128 golfers, terrific weather and a wonderful time together. We raised just over **\$30,000!** Golfers are already making plans to attend next year.



FROM THE SOCIETY OFFICE FOR YOUR INFO

The facilities will be closed July 1 through August 17th, however, our business office and maintenance staff will be busy preparing for September. We are reachable by phone and email!

A reminder to those seeking Christian Education (program fee) Assistance, please forward a letter of request and a copy of your 2013 Tax Assessment Summary from the CRA to Ken DeWyn. Fax, email and snail mail all welcome. (kdewyn@csce.net) and fax (403) 242-2476.

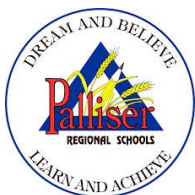
BE A BLESSING THANK YOU!

During this past school year, Blessings and Burdens was able to assist CCS families in the following ways:

- 60** cards were written
- 82** meals or baking items were distributed
- 34** gifts were provided

Many thanks to the 20 volunteers who regularly support Blessings and Burdens and to those who made us aware of a need.

Please consider how you can be involved next year; baking, cooking, and financial donations are always needed. Our email is: blessings@csce.net



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO

ELEMENTARY HIKE DAY WAY TO GO!

Our annual hike day was once again blessed with beautiful weather and God's provision of safety. More than 500 students, parents, family and friends walked a short hike through an adjacent neighbourhood.

A huge THANK YOU to all who willingly participated at checkpoints, by placing very important signage and by walking with small groups of students. We could not have done it without you! Final count for money received: **\$18,500!** Our classrooms will be gifted with more chrome books, iPads and apps. God bless you and have a great summer!

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT MATH CONTEST

Congratulations to all grade 4, 5 & 6 students who participated in the **Calgary Elementary School Math Contest**. Over 2,000 students from 42 Calgary schools were involved. A special congratulations to the following students, who earned a Certificate of Distinction (meaning, they scored in the *top 25% of all contestants!*): Jessica B, Dhanae M, Tega E, Mikayla C, Olivia L, Tim I, Isaac H, Simon H, Nathan W, Chelsea D, Rueben G and Jeremy K.

Recognition goes to those who were also nominated by their teachers and for their participation: Kathleen B, Josh K, Zoe K, Dallas F, Dein D-F, Josh B, Cara M, Kate S, Megan M, Immanuel O, Michael U, Sam T, Abbey P, Lucas R-D, Noah V, Liam W, Adam V, Joel K, Jonah B, Hannah J, Annalise S, and Tyson K. Great job in representing CCS, everyone!!

SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

SAYING GOOD-BYE Vice-Principal

We are thankful for Shannon Dean and the time he has spent at Calgary Christian School as the High School Vice-Principal. Shannon will be returning to the CBE after a two year leave and will be missed at our school. His passion for education, his energy and enthusiasm for students, and his love for God was evident each and every day! Blessings to Shannon and his family.



TO OUR GRADUATES CONGRATULATIONS!

Wishing you much success as you transition from your role as student at Calgary Christian School. Go and make God's world a better place! May God bless you as you enter the various opportunities He has been preparing for you.



FROM THE COUNSELLOR CAREER NOTES

Current Grade 11 students – University applications open in late fall (less than six months from now!). Are you ready to decide where and what you want to study after you graduate? Are you set to take the required prerequisites? Contact [Mrs. Foster](#) if you need help preparing for the decisions ahead.

Grade 12 Transcripts - If you are planning to attend a post-secondary institution outside of Alberta this September, you need to order an official final transcript from [Alberta Education](#). You can order it now, specifying that it be sent after your final grades are available (approximately July 16).

If you are attending a post-secondary institution in Alberta, you likely don't need to order a final transcript, as almost all Alberta institutions access transcripts directly through Apply Alberta. To see a list of schools that will access your transcript automatically, click [here](#).

EXCITING SCHOOL INFO!

ADVERTISING YOUR BUSINESS SCHOOL DIRECTORY

2014-15 School Directory - If you have a business that you would like to promote to a captive audience of more than 550 families in our community through our 2014-2015 school directory, please contact Terri at tfilipski@csce.net. Deadline for final artwork is August 18, 2014. We offer ¼ page, 1/3 page, ½ page, and full page ad sizes.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM HOME NEEDED

Palliser is facilitating an International Student program for CCS. Home stay is required for a female 16 year old from Hong Kong for the 2014-15 school year. The link below will give you more details.

[Palliser—Homestay Student Information](#)

ANNIVERSARY BOOKS LAST CHANCE



As our 50th Anniversary year comes to a close, we want to thank parents, families and society members who have supported Calgary Christian School! If you did not receive a copy of the Anniversary Book, please contact us by email and we will set aside one for you.

calgarychristianschool@csce.net

FOOD FOR THOUGHT PIZZA DAYS @ ES

Do you have a heart for making young students and their parents happy on the first Wednesday of each month? Consider volunteering as our Pizza Coordinator at the Elementary Campus! This is a monthly time commitment which requires you to organize forms and place orders. Please consider over the summer and let us know!



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL Full Circle

As I contemplate the start of the next school year, my heart is full of anticipation and joy as I return to CCS. As many of you know, I was in administration at the secondary building from 1999-2012, and now God has seen fit to invite me in to your lives once again. I am truly humbled and grateful for this opportunity. I ask that you continue to keep the staff and administration in your prayers as we continue to serve and honour God through Christian education. My door will be open for you to drop by and visit. My preferred beverage is Tim Horton's black coffee :) See you in September.

Gwen Uittenbosch

CHANGES AT OUR CAMPUSES STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Joline Olson from the Elementary School to our Secondary Campus! Richard Abma (Secondary) and Wendy Abma (Elementary) are taking a leave of absence to teach and work in Abu Dhabi, we wish them a wonderful adventure. Brittany VanderLeek (Secondary) will be off on maternity leave.

At the Elementary School we wish our two aides; Penelope Elery, who is moving back to the US and Katrina Clements, who will pursuing her teaching career, all the best. And of course, Mr. Fritschy our Elementary Principal—may you have safe travels as you commute to Kate Andrews in Coaldale.

CALENDARS & SUPPLY LISTS 2014-2015



The school calendars have been approved for next year and are available on our website. The school supply lists for Elementary and Middle School have also been posted! www.calgarychristianschool.com



TO OUR VOLUNTEERS A HUGE THANK YOU

Calgary Christian School has the best volunteers. Your time and talents are truly appreciated by the staff and students. THANK YOU for EVERYTHING you do!



Have a great summer full of rest and relaxation!