



**CCS Theme Verse 2015-2016:** 1 Peter 4:10-11  
<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## WHAT’S HAPPENING @ CCS

### NEW SCHOOL YEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Our monthly newsletter is an important part of sharing news and shaping our community. This year, we are encouraging parents and friends to find a place to use their talents and time in support of CCS. In considering your options, don’t limit yourself to just the class, grade or campus of your child. You are welcome to be a part of ANY opportunity. So, please read through the entire newsletter for ideas, suggestions, invitations and other opportunities. Somewhere, among this wide variety, I am sure your unique gift can make a difference at CCS! – *Ken DeWyn*

Ken has a blog where he posts his musings. If you would like to read more from our Executive Director, here’s [the link](#).

Our Society Board met recently and highlights from the minutes are coming soon, they will be posted on the [Home web page](#) under “Calgary Society for Christian Education”.

### PCCE TEACHER’S CONVENTION TAKING PLACE AT CCS

You may be aware that there is no school October 22 and 23, but did you know it is because our teachers are attending the Prairie Centre for Christian Education Conference? This year’s event is being hosted at CCS and our staff are very involved with the planning. Even the logo was designed by our grade one teacher Mrs. Grace Ermter! We could use your **HELP**, if you would be willing to support teacher’s convention, please click on [this link](#) to donate baking or assist with coffee and snack service.



“Flourish” is a word that came to us early on as a convention committee. It is a bit trendy or a buzzword right now, but the meaning also became more profound as we examined and looked deeper at Dan Beeren’s “Flourishing Index.” Some of the thoughts that came to mind as I constructed the image were: rich growth, full life, thriving, blooming, prospering, embellish, enhance.

**Baristas Wanted at PCCE Teacher’s Convention October 22 & 23.** As part of our commitment to hospitality and service, we are hosting a “coffee shop” during the event. We need to staff this location with at least six volunteers over the day and a half period. If interested, you will be trained on how to use the espresso machine – so we can offer latte’s and other hot drinks. If you have experience, that’s great, too! Check out the volunteer option on [SignUp Genius](#). Barista class is forming now – so join us and help make a tasty impression on our guests!

### CHRISTMAS FAIR SAVE THE DATE

Our Community Event (similar to last’s years Fall Fiesta) is coming to CCS on **Saturday, December 5!** This will include vendor and craft tables, a kid’s only store, bake sale, the kid’s zone, a used sports store and an opportunity to support CCS initiatives such as the Belize partnership! Brunch will also be available for purchase.

Would you like to help with the planning? We could use someone to head up our Kids Zone as well as other areas! Contact [Corrin](#) in the Community Relations Office (ext.362) for more details. Also, we are accepting registrations for our Vendor and Craft Tables. Please use [this form](#) and note space is limited!

Save your gently used sport items, we will be accepting donations, at a later date, for our used sports store taking place at the Christmas Fair on December 5.

### CALL FOR PRESENTERS SYMPOSIUM

Do Hard Things Symposium - Passages: Risking, Trying and Trusting is back for a second year on November 27, 2015. If you know of a speaker who could inspire our Grade 7-12 students please forward them [this google form link](#).

### SUPPORT OUR BELIZE TEAM ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



You can save money while you are supporting our students who are travelling to Belize! You can order from the comfort of your home. Purchase the book, app or both! Details [here](#).

### ANNUAL DRIVE FUNDRAISING

The annual drive “Raising Expectations” blew through its goal for 2014-2015. Through your generous donations, and participation in the Game Time Dinner & Auction, and our Annual Golf tournament, CCS raised \$160,749 towards networked computers throughout the elementary campus, security systems, the repair of our ES music room, the new Chaplain program, Tuition Assistance fund, and much, much more. Thank you for YOUR part in elevating the quality of Christian education at CCS!

This year’s Annual Drive kicked off early with pledges and contributions made during our re-enrolment drive. Watch your email and other CCS publications for your opportunity to use your time, talent and “treasure” in support of Christian education this year. We’re sure there’s a place here for you to “fit in” with your unique abilities, no matter what your “size, shape, or location”. (that’s a hint of this year’s theme, stay tuned!)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## FAITH FORMATION

### CCS CHAPLAIN

Pastor Layne has a blog "Chaplain News" that he updates regularly! You can find it [here](#) and on our main website page. Below is a recent post.

As many of you know, our theme verses for this year, includes the very challenging line: "If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God." For me, these words bring to mind times I haven't spoken God's words with his heart to my kids, spouse, co-workers, and friends. Yet the verse also brings to mind amazing times when God has spoken his encouraging words through me. I think we can all relate.

We all want to be encouraging and at times struggle with how to voice our concerns or speak challenging words to each other. So this year, I'm working with school staff for ways to help the CCS community speak the very words of God to one another when we have concerns. This includes students, teachers, principals, society staff and parents. It's still a work-in-progress but here are some hints that will help us speak God's words at CCS:

1. Wait 24 Hours: Prayerfully ask God for perspective and wisdom.
2. Follow Matthew 18: First speak directly to the person you have a concern with alone. If you still can't understand each other get help.
3. Practice Active Listening: Check in with the person by describing their concern and asking if you understand what they think and feel. The goal is to first understand the other person's concern and not to let them know whether you agree or disagree. In Jesus with all of you,  
Pastor Layne

## FROM OUR BUSINESS OFFICE

### CREDIT EMAIL

Recently some of our families received emails notifying them of an upcoming charge to their credit card accounts for upcoming school payments. We apologize; this email was generated by the credit card company in error. Please know that at no time was anyone's credit card information compromised. If you make your school payments monthly by credit card you should only receive an email if the payment was declined or if your credit card is about to expire. Feel free to contact Karen in the Business Office [403-242-2896 ext. 318](tel:403-242-2896) at any time if you have questions about your current payments, have new credit card information, or want to set up a monthly payment plan.



## RUN FOR WATER

### IN ETHIOPIA!

Canadian athletes will join top Ethiopian athletes on a 7 day series of 10 km trail runs throughout the country and two of those athletes are from CCS! Mrs. Olson (MS teacher) and Noelle K (Gr.9) are heading to Ethiopia in November. To learn more and support them, read Mrs. Olson's eteacher [page here](#).



## PARENT INITIATIVES

### FIND YOUR PLACE

In addition to serving and volunteering in the classroom, fieldtrips or attending School Council, parents can also participate through our [Blessings and Burdens Ministry](#) or support the school giving of their time to pray, [Parents Who Pray](#) meet on Tuesday mornings.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### CONNECTING CCS FAMILIES



We have recently created an online Community Notice Blog on our website. This is a great place for parents, alumni and society members to reach out with items or services they can offer, trade or may require. Details and limitations are listed on our website on [Notices Tab](#) on the Parent page. **New listing:** CCS ADULT Co-ed Basketball, read information [here](#).

## WORLD EDUCATION GAMES (WEG)

### COMING TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU



Our ES campus participated in a kickoff assembly last week and the "Games" are now open! Grades 1-6 have been pre-registered but **ages 4-18** are also able to participate and it's free. What a fun and great way to make learning fun; math, science and spelling for everyone! Learn more on [their website](#).

## TRANSPORTATION AT CCS

### SCHOOL BUSES



Winter is coming and that means traffic delays on bad weather days! If your children ride to and from school on our school buses please make sure you have signed up for our delay notification system. This helps us keep you informed and our children safe and warm. A notification is sent out by text or email if your child's bus is more than 10 minutes delayed. You can know when your pick up time will be changed and your children will not need to wait outside in the cold. Go to [www.yourschoolbus.com](http://www.yourschoolbus.com) to register. The user name is: *christianschool* and the password is: *signup*. You can register as many phone numbers or emails as you would like. Please contact Karen by [email](#) at the business office if you need more information.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### UPDATE

Read highlights from the last "Secondary Focused" meeting [here](#). All parents are invited to the next School Council on Thursday, October 8 at 1:30pm at Emmanuel Church. You can find more details on their webpage too. We would also like to show our Appreciation to the CCS Staff with special treats throughout the year. If you're able to assist, please [volunteer here](#).

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY UPDATE

### WHO'S WHO

Wondering how to connect with other parents and students? Each year the Society publishes a directory for your convenience. The lists are being compiled and proofed for accuracy from the forms that were returned by parents. Soon the directory will be at the printers and then distributed to our families!

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO

## NOVEMBER IS TO REMEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

The Elementary School is honouring our Seniors and Grandparents this November. Students are welcome to invite Seniors to our Remembrance Day Chapel on Friday, November 6 at Emmanuel Church at 9am. The Grade 6 students, along with volunteers, will also be hosting a soup and bun lunch at the Elementary Gym on Friday, November 13 from 11:30am - 12:30pm. Invitations will be sent with students and an RSVP will be required. If you would like to assist with this special lunch, please [sign up here](#). *\*Due to limited seating and the focus of these events, we ask parents to refrain from attending, unless you need to escort a senior.\**

## UPCOMING DATES REMEMBER!

Parent Teacher Conferences, Spirit Day (wear a colour), Book Week, Photo retakes, Student led Chapel and so much more will be taking place from now until December, remember to follow the CCS [Parent Calendar](#) for up-to-date information.



# SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

## HELPING OUR STUDENTS SPEAK AND LIVE CALL TO ACTION

After a parent preview last June, we are excited to host former Calgary police officer: **Dwayne Peace of Life Synergies for Youth** at CCS on November 2 and 3. Dwayne will tackle challenging student issues like: responsible social media use, bullying, sexting, depression and suicide in a variety of settings. Please pray that these sessions will help our school community speak and act the words of God. Here's a look at the schedule:

- Monday, November 2: Grade 7-12 Assembly
- Monday and Tuesday, November 2 and 3: Student Small Groups
- Tuesday, November 3: Parent Session - 7pm

Parents, please mark your calendars for an important and informative session November 3. We'd love to have as many of you there as possible as there are important lessons for students and parents alike.

If you'd like to support this event financially you can email [Pastor Layne](#).

## HS THANKSGIVING BANQUET YUMMMMM .....



Are you able to help out by cooking a turkey or washing dishes? Please volunteer [here](#). Each year the High School hosts a **potluck Thanksgiving dinner** in October and the Middle School hosts a **Christmas dinner** in December, such great community building events with our students. Each student will be assigned something to contribute for the dinner by their Peer Advisory Leader.

## TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION FAITH FORMATION

For the month of September the elementary students have been focusing on the throughline of **Community-Building**. Some of the classes are secretly doing random acts of kindness for other classes. One Grade took chalk and wrote encouraging words on the sidewalk around the school in hopes of brightening someone's day. Cards were also made for the office staff and volunteers who spend their valuable time making God's world a better place.

The month of October will focus on the through line **God-Worshipping**. ([devotional resource here](#)) Please check your child's class newsletter for details and ask them what they have been doing!



## CAN YOU READ THIS? OR THIS. HEALTHY EYES

In the Elementary School we have begun the Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments. Teachers have noticed that some students are squinting and appear to be having difficulty focusing on the book they are reading. Please consider having an eye exam done for your child, as this is a free service.

## NOT JUST FOOD FOR THOUGHT HOT LUNCHES

We're excited to welcome back Howie's Pizza as our food provider for the secondary lunch program. The secondary lunch program begins on Monday, October 5. We strongly recommend you pre-order your lunches online to avoid missing out on a lunch. A very limited amount of walk-up purchases will be available and all online-orders will be served first. Check out the new menu options and [order here](#).

## FROM MRS. FOSTER CAREER NOTES

Remember you can also connect with Mrs. Foster through her webpage! Click [here](#) to learn about upcoming Fairs and Post Secondary Open Houses.

## GO COUGARS! ATHLETICS

Thank you to all the volunteers that have stepped up to be team managers, coaches and teacher sponsors! Our athletic season is well under way and we appreciate all the parents who have not only returned the many forms required, but drive and cheer on the CCS Cougars. We hope this weekend's volleyball tournaments give our athletes a good time playing, improving skills and representing CCS.



## SUPPORT CCS MUSIC DRINK COFFEE [Here's the order form!](#)

