



CCS Theme Verse 2015-2016: 1 Peter 4:10-11 ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ 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

CSCE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS READ DETAILS

Our Board (The Calgary Society for Christian Education) has posted information from their last meeting on [our website](#). You can read highlights from regular board meetings to keep informed on what is happening.



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! IGINLA JERSEY

You can own a Jarome hockey jersey! CCS will host a mystery bid auction in support of Jumpstart Charities. The grade 6 students of Calgary Christian School are working hard to raise funds to get kids into the game. To submit your bid - Enter your contact information and your bid. Bids will only be collected from Feb 2 - 9, 2016 through [this form](#). No one will know what others have bid so make sure you place your top bid for a chance to own this priceless sports memorabilia. The highest bid submitted will be the proud owner of this unique item. This Colorado Avalanche Jersey has the 20th Anniversary Patch, is medium in size and signed by the one and only Jarome Iginla after his milestone 600th goal. If there is a duplicate highest bid, the jersey will go to the first timestamped bidder. #jaromeiginla



IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES SPRING FUNDRAISER

Did you miss last year's awesome GAME TIME event? This year's spring dinner and auction fundraiser is going to be even better! Make sure you save this date: Friday, May 6 at the Red & White Club at McMahon Stadium. Details for ticket purchases will be in the next newsletter.

ALLOW CCS TO BE A BLESSING SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Do you know someone who could use a meal, a note of encouragement or has an event to celebrate? CCS has a wonderful program called "Blessings and Burdens" that can be of help. Email your confidential information to: blessings@csce.net or read more on [our website](#).



CCS COMMUNITY HELPING YOU

On the CCS website we have an online Community Notice Board. This is a place where you can post help wanted, advertise local events and conferences or post a job opportunity. [Click here](#) to see the latest; parenting sessions and job posting from River Park Church.

SUPPORT THE ROBOTICS CLUB BOTTLE DRIVE



The CCS Robotics team will be collecting bottles in early March. Save your bottles and more details will come closer to the time.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

It is always wonderful to reconnect with former teammates and friends, to compete for Cougar pride, to celebrate the wide and wonderful community of Calgary Christian School! And that is exactly what happened at the 3rd Annual Alumni Tournament on Saturday, January 2! Six volleyball teams, with alumni of all ages, participated in the event. Not only a great show of sportsmanship and competition, it was a full day of impressive volleyball action! Thank you to those who volunteered to help make the event a success, to the fans and cheerleaders who filled the stands, and a special thanks to the Secondary Band group who put on a fantastic concession! Stay tuned for details about next year's Alumni Tournament, you won't want to miss it!

CLEANING OUT YOUR GARAGE? HELP OUR MAINTENANCE

Our Maintenance Department is looking for a rolling toolbox with 8 to 10 drawers (ordinarily valued at \$400.00) new or used – even slightly damaged as we can fix it! Doesn't need to look pretty. Please phone Keith at 403.462.2363 if you're able to assist.

LOOKING TO CREATE? ELEMENTARY ARTS AND CRAFTS

Every Friday after school from 2:00 to 3:00 pm starting on February 5, 2016, there will be an arts and crafts program put together for anyone in Elementary school who is interested. This program is being run by a Grade 12 student as part of her Senior project. There will be a charge of \$2.00 per child per week (maximum 15 students per session) with a fun, new craft to take home. If any kids would like to participate there will be a sign-up sheet in the Elementary front office.

OPEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Registration for Preschool to Grade 12 for the 2016 -17 school year is currently ongoing with some grades filling up. If you know of a family who might be interested in our school, please have them contact Terri in Admissions at 403.242.2896 ext. 312.

We will be hosting an **Open House on Thursday, April 28** at 6:30 pm for those interested in middle and high school.

VOLUNTEER FAIR INSPIRACT 2016



Our 3rd Annual Youth Volunteer Fair, geared towards our Grade 5, 6 and High School students, is taking place at the Secondary on Wednesday, February 10. Parents are welcome to attend any time during the day. We anticipate 35-40 volunteer organizations and 900-1000 students will participate throughout the day. A volunteer directory will also be available online following the event.

GRADE 4 - 6 HOCKEY PLAYERS JOIN IN THE FUN

One of our Grade 12 students is organizing the Dangle Hockey Tournament 2016 as his senior project. The dates of the tournament are: Friday, March 11 and Friday, March 18 during the regularly-scheduled CCS hockey program times and at Optimist Arenas. This will be a tournament for those kids who currently play hockey (either at the community and/or CCS hockey program level); parent volunteers will be needed. Money raised from this tournament will help some of our school families who are experiencing difficult times during and ensuring their kids can play sports at CCS. Information and a registration form will be available on the our website soon SO STAY TUNED!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND SECONDARY DRAMA PRODUCTION

Our main stage production will take place in the Wright Theatre at Mount Royal University. This is the first time for our drama department to perform off site! Join us on Thursday, Friday or Saturday: March 10, 11, 12. Ticket details will be available soon.

ELEMENTARY FLOOR HOCKEY SO.MUCH.EXCITMENT.

Next week CCES will be hosting 5 Elementary teams for the JUMPSTART floor hockey tournament with special guest Meaghan Mikkelson! Our student hockey team has been busy planning, fundraising and getting excited for this event. The entire school will have an opportunity to purchase from our concession stand (send \$2 with your student if you'd like) and watch some of the tournament, it will be a fun day!



SCIENCE LESSON GIFT OF LIGHT

The Grade 4 students study light and shadows in Science. To help the students understand what a gift light is, they were encouraged to raise money to help buy lanterns for people in Bangladesh. When these people have light at night, they are able to study and learn. Each lantern costs \$5 and overall the Grade 4 students earned \$405, which comes to a total of 81 lanterns!



IMPORTANT UPDATE BELIZE 2016

As some of you may be aware, this year's trip to Belize has been cancelled due to travel advisories and a weakened dollar. Donations raised for the building project will be used for that purpose. Please read the full update from Mr. Bonk [here on his eteacher](#) page. We thank the CCS Community for their ongoing support and prayers of this special ministry!

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLARS YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Parents of students in Grade 4 and 10, you were mailed a survey from Alberta Education to gather helpful information about our school. It would be helpful if you fill this form and mailed back! If you want to know more details, read [this link](#) on the Government website.

PINK SHIRT DAY FEBRUARY 24

Coming to a school near you! As students and staff of CCES we strive to live like Christ did. This month our goal is to fill the school with hearts that record random acts of kindness shown in the Elementary Campus. *Everyone* can participate in [pinkshirtday.ca](#) on February 24.

BASKETBALL UPDATE ATHLETICS AT CCS



It's been a super busy season for basketball at CCS and we're still going strong! We are thankful for the coaches, volunteers and parents who support our athletes! It's so great to see our students work together, create new relationships and work hard for a common goal. Last weekend the Grade 8 girls won gold, the Grade 7 girls won silver, Grade 8 boys won gold and the Grade 7 Boys won silver in a Grade 8/9 tournament. Our High School teams are performing well this season too! The Junior Varsity boys, Varsity Boy and Girl teams are all in the top of their leagues. [Read more here](#). The CCS Community is invited to cheer at HS Invitational tournament on March 4 & 5. GO Cougars!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO

CHAPEL IS TUESDAY NEXT WEEK WITH PASTOR LAYNE

Join the Elementary students at 8:50 am on Tuesday, February 2 to find out how hockey can help us enjoy creation and build community.



A SIMPLE ACT OF APPRECIATION WE CAN ALL PARTICPATE

Over the next while, when you child comes home full of joy over a particular lesson or feels excited about an activity that happened at school, take some time to write an email or make a card. A handwritten note from your child can be a wonderful affirmation to that special someone who is influencing them. These simple acts speak volumes in the lives of our staff as it's the heartbeat of their work.

A brunch will be set up for staff on March 8 and we need your help with breakfast casseroles, fruit and outdoor supervision. Volunteer on [this SignUp](#) and read more details.

A NOTE FROM THE COUNSELOR KELLY SCHMALTZ

I recently read an article called, "Stress Lessons Parent's Guide." The article talks about learning to deal with stress and how to help our children in their understanding of stress. I thought I would pass it onto the parents at CCES as a great mental health resource. The article can be found at <http://www.self-regulation.ca/recent-articles.html> and comes from the Psychology Foundation of Canada.

TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION (TFT) FAITH FORMATION

Our Teaching for Transformation theme for the month of February is **Creation-Enjoying**. Students are encouraged to be curious about God's amazing world and to celebrate His creation. It is a gift for us to have eyes to see, ears to hear and hands to touch and create. Ordinary things become extraordinary when we look at them from different perspectives. Don't forget to use our online [DEVOTIONAL](#) as a resource.



READY, SET, BUILD BE CREATIVE

Lego SHOWCASE is coming to our Elementary Campus on **March 4**. All students (K-6) are welcome to participate on this date. Guests (parents, grandparents & seniors) are invited to view the Lego creations and stay for our Chapel in the gym. Please use [THIS FORM TO REGISTER](#) and to find out more details.

SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

GRADE 12 GRADUATES IMPORTANT DETAILS



All you need to know for your upcoming graduation ceremony and banquet is available on our website. Have more questions? Feel free to [email Mrs. Simmonds](#).

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION GREAT PARTICIPATION

Thank you to those who came out this past Tuesday. We had 4 tables of parents who offered words of encouragement, support and helpful suggestions!

FROM MRS. FOSTER CAREER NOTES

If you have applied to University, do you need to **submit your marks** for first semester? Is there anything else the University has asked for? [Contact Mrs. Foster](#) if you need any assistance.

Registration for post-secondary classes will begin in the next few months. Take advantage of any sessions your university might offer to help you navigate the registration process.

It's not too late to apply for scholarships. Find **scholarship information** under the finance tab on the [Career Page](#) website.

Trinity Western University's free [Preview Weekends](#) are on February 19-20 and March 18-19. (Check out the flight reimbursement program.)

Still undecided about next year? Many schools offer opportunities for student-for-a-day or campus tours that can help you decide. Contact the admissions office of the school(s) you're interested in.