



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

ANNUAL AUCTION AND DINNER FUNDRAISER "IT'S YOUR MOVE!"

Join us at this great FUNdraising event on Friday, May 6. Similar to last year's event, Game Time, we will be at the Red and White club in casual attire. "It's Your Move" will be a vintage board game theme with ways to play and win along with silent and live auctions. Tickets will be available at either campus starting March 7. Purchase before March 24 and enter the EARLY BIRD DRAW! Prize valued at \$200. Look for your invitation coming in your Elementary child's backpack or in the mail soon. Invite a few friends to join you for this fun and casual evening. Proceeds going towards family fee assistance and campus improvements. See you at the Red and White Club!

Donations are being solicited for this event. If you are able to help us out or have any questions, please contact Corrin in the Community Relations Office at 403.242.2896 ext.362 or [email](mailto:corrin@ccs.ab.ca).



READ WHAT'S HAPPENING PASTOR LAYNE'S BLOG

My heart is full to see what God is doing in our school! Read [Pastor Layne's blog](#) to find out what has been going on at both campuses!

ROBOTICS CLUB BOTTLE DRIVE FRIDAY, MARCH 4

You can bring your recyclable bottles to school on Friday, March 4, please drop bottles off at ES or HS during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up. If you need to arrange prior pick-up please contact [Kim Deren](#) at 403.249.0534 or [Hendria Nielsen](#) at 403.247.4255. Homes in Signal Hill that receive a flyer will have door-to-door pick-up on Saturday, March 5.

Come cheer on the CCS Robotics team (Robo Kaos) at the Western Canada Regional Competition during Spring Break on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5 - 6, 9am- 6 pm, at the U of C Olympic Oval!

The 2016 Challenge, STRONGHOLD, is played by two competing Alliances of three robots each on a 27' x 54' 'field'. The objective is to defeat your opposing alliance's defenses, shoot 'boulders' into the their castle, and score as many points as possible during a two (2)-minute and 15-second match. See links for challenge animation. Thanks for your support of this awesome support!

<http://www.robokaos.com/>
<http://frcwest.com/category/regional-events/>

CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION CONTEST WINNER!



The CCU is pleased to announce the winners of the "Access your Money" contest. Congratulations to Luke O. from Calgary Christian School! The winners each receive an Apple iPad! Thank you to everyone who participated in the contest. If you would like to open a bank account for your student, read [details here](#) on our website.

CCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS PLEASE

This is the time of year that we gather nominations to serve on the Board for Calgary Society for Christian Education. If you would like to serve or would like to nominate someone from the CCS community please [email the Board Secretary](#). Details about the Board and the nomination process can be found on our [website](#).

CCS SPIRIT WEAR, GO COUGARS! SHOW CCS SUPPORT

Grey hoodie and black sweatpants with CCS Cougars logos are cozy. Did you want one? A spirit wear order will be placed on Friday, March 4. See the order form [here](#) for more details. Even though it feels like spring we know winter is not over - toques are in stock and only \$15 each. Contact [Corrin](#) in the Community Relations Office.



OPEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES SPRING OPEN HOUSE

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

If you know of a family who might be interested in attending for the 2016-17 school year, please have them contact Terri in Admissions at 403.242.2896 ext. 312.

VOLUNTEER FAIR INSPIRACT 2016

Thanks to everyone who helped make our InspirAct 2016 Youth Volunteer Fair such a success. To quote one of the agency representatives, it was a "joyful" day. If you're looking for contact information for any of the organizations who participated, please check out our [InspirAct Directory](#).



BASKETBALL UPDATE JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS



The JV Boys have once again gone undefeated in CISAA league play with a record of 7-0. With impressive team play and determination they have also won a Senior tournament in Nanton this past January and are now looking forward to the CISAA play-offs here at Calgary Christian.

The Semi-Finals will be at the Secondary Campus on Monday, February 29 with CCHS playing the 4th place team at 5:30 pm. The other Semi - Final has Heritage Christian vs Chinook Winds and will take place at 4:00 pm on the 29th. The Finals will also be held at our Secondary Campus at 4:00pm on Wednesday, March 2, you're invited to come and cheer. Well done JV Boys, we wish you all the best as you finish your season! GO COUGARS!!

SUPPORT CCS KIDS PLAY HOCKEY

A Grade 12 student is organizing the Dangle Hockey Tournament 2016 as his senior project. The tournament will take place on 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 Grade 4 to 6 students who currently play hockey (either at the community and/or CCS hockey program level). Please note: 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. Registration forms are [here](#).



YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TOO YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Do you have some pictures of school activities such as sporting events or fieldtrips that could be part of the yearbook for this school year? You can contribute [on our website](#). This is part of a Grade 12 Senior Project!

ENCOURAGING READING LOOKING FOR A BOOK?

Just down the street from the school, Mrs. Ernter is the "steward" of an outdoor Free Little Library. While there are books of all types in it, the children's books are popular and disappear quickly. If you've got any quality gently used children's books to share and donate, please drop them off at the Elementary school. Thank you!



DID YOU HEAR ALL THE CHEERING? MEAGHAN MIKKELSON FUN

After much anticipation and planning, the ES hosted their Jumpstart Floor Hockey Tournament on February 4. It was a huge success and all the students had fun cheering for the teams, enjoyed a special lunch (thanks Spiros and volunteers) as well as a visit to the concession! Meaghan was inspirational and it was exciting to see her Olympic gold medals. The best part? Over \$12,000 was raised for Jumpstart so that kids in Calgary can play sports! Read [this great article](#) written by Dawn Sugimoto and see pictures from this amazing event.



CHORALFEST IS COMING FREE EVENT

Our Grade 8 Choir and HS Choir will be participating in Choralfest on Wednesday, March 2. This is a free event and is open to the public. What a great way to enjoy beautiful music! The schedule is listed [HERE](#). **Advance notice:** Our Music program will be doing their annual **Plant Sale!** All proceeds from this fundraiser go to support students requiring financial assistance for special trips.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND MAIN STAGE PRODUCTION

Come see Alice in Wonderland! Preview performance is Wednesday, March 9 at 7pm. Tickets are available in the Business Office at the Secondary Campus and all details, including parking directions [are available here](#).

Calgary Christian School presents:

Alice in Wonderland

March 10, 11 and 12

General Admission: \$18 Seniors (65 and older): \$15 Children (12 and under): \$12

Wright Theatre, Mount Royal University

Tickets and Seat Selection

Contact: Secondary Campus Business Office, 5029 – 26thAvenue SW
(403) 242-2896 ext. 318.

Cash, cheque, debit, MasterCard or Visa accepted.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO

DIVISION II EASTER CONCERT YOU'RE INVITED

The Division II Easter Concert will be held at Bethany Chapel (3333 Richardson Way SW) on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00pm. We are asking students to come in their "Sunday best" clothes (ie. no blue jeans, no t-shirts with logos). The sanctuary doors will be opened at 6:40pm. **Students are asked to be at the church by 6:35 and find their homeroom teachers.**

INTRAMURALS AT THE ES FUN ACTIVITY!

Grade Three students will be starting handball intramurals and learning some basic skill development as well as participating in tournament style play. Fair play, work ethic, and having fun will be the focus in addition to learning this great game!

VIEW OUR CREATIONS LEGO SHOWCASE



Our Lego SHOWCASE takes place at Elementary Campus on **Friday, March 4.** Guests (parents, grandparents & seniors) are invited at 12:20pm to view the Lego creations, enjoy refreshments and stay for our Chapel in the gym.

FAITH FORMATION FAITH FORMATION

The throughline for MARCH is **Order-Discovering.** Students will learn that creation is not random, rather it is full of order and patterns. This is an opportunity to ask your child what they might have recently discovered in creation! Encourage conversations as to what they think about God's complex designs, why it's special and why God made it that way. We also have an online [DEVOTIONAL](#) for you to use as a resource!



A NOTE FROM OUR FAMILY COUNSELOR KELLY SCHMALTZ

I recently read an article called, "Five ways to bully proof your kid." The article talks about learning to deal with bullying and how to help our children in their understanding of mental health. I thought I would pass it onto the parents at CCES as a great mental health resource. You can read the article on [our website](#) or [HERE](#) on KidsHealth®.

SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

YOUTH SCIENCE FAIR IMPORTANT DETAILS

Charlotte (grade 7) and Bobby, Josh K, and Trinity (grade 8) will be representing CCS at the Calgary Youth Science Fair at the Olympic Oval on April 13-16. This is a huge event, where students from a large area showcase their scientific abilities. It is open to the public on the morning of April 16 if you'd like to support our CCS representatives and/or check out some fantastic work from students in the Calgary area!

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR SECONDARY STUDENTS COACHES NEEDED

Badminton is starting the second week of March and I am wondering if there is someone in our community would like to get involved with helping coach our junior high badminton team? Anyone with some experience in badminton and enjoys spending time with kids is welcome. Please [email Mark Jonker](#) if you are interested. Thanks!



FROM MRS. FOSTER CAREER NOTES

Looking for youth volunteer opportunities? Check out the [InspireAct Youth Volunteer Directory](#) for dozens of ideas.

Want to be a heavy-equipment technician? Apply for Finning's two year training program (tuition paid by Finning). Find out more at [Think Big](#).

Upcoming Dates

- March 5 [King's University Open House](#)
- March 9 [Mt. Royal Information Evening](#)
- March 17-19 [King's Encounter Weekend](#)
- March 18-19 [Trinity Western Preview Weekend](#)
- March 22 [Ambrose Preview Day](#)

Details about the following can be found on the [Career Counsellor page](#) on the CCS website and on the [Career Page](#):

- RAP Skilled Trades Nights
- RCMP Depot Youth Camp
- SAIT Summer Camps
- Red Deer College Summer Camps
- ACAD Pre-College Program
- U.S. University Admissions & Test Prep workshops

Contact Charlene Foster for more information on any of the above. Send an [email](#) or [book an appointment](#).