



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CCS

### FROM PASTOR LAYNE RIGHT NOW MEDIA

We're off to the start of another great year at CCS! God has been present through opening chapels at both campuses, powerful times around the camp fire with grade 12 students at Frontier Lodge, and the Christian School's Canada Principal's Conference about Jesus' way of using power with Andy Crouch, and are looking forward to Bethany Hamilton's visits on October 6! In some ways it's tiring to think about all this activity knowing that we've only been back to school for 4 weeks. Yet it's also refreshing to know that we can rest as God's Spirit works powerfully in our students and staff in all the highs and lows of life!

If you'd like to learn more about biblical views on prayer, power or many other subjects, consider using our school's subscription to Right Now Media. It's free to you and houses thousands of videos on these topics and more. Andy Crouch is there, but there's also Veggie Tales and other videos for the times parents of young ones need a break. There's something for everyone and teachers also have access to this resource as a way to engage student's and grow faith in the classroom.

To gain access to this free resource email Pastor Layne at [lkilbreath@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:lkilbreath@calgarychristianschool.com).

### FOR FAMILIES USING BUSES IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As winter approaches we want to make sure all of our bus riders are warm and safe while waiting for their busses. If you have not already done so, please remember to sign-up for our bus notifications at [www.yourschoolbus.com](http://www.yourschoolbus.com). The username is: christianschool and the password is: signup. All families must re-register every year. You can register as many cell phone numbers or email addresses as you would like to receive notifications. This is the fastest way for Willco Transportation to communicate a delay or cancellation of a CCS bus route due to bad weather or traffic troubles. Please make sure your children are dressed for the weather when they go out to meet their bus in the mornings.

### COMMUNITY BASKETBALL MALE AND FEMALE

Are you interested in meeting some other alumni, parents, and CCS supporters in a friendly game of co-ed basketball? We meet every Wednesday night at 9:00pm at the High School gym for a casual hour of activity. We have varying skill levels and our numbers change all the time as there is no real commitment needed - just come when you can. If you do have any questions feel free to contact Kim VanVliet at 403-266-5788 or [gkvanvliet@shaw.ca](mailto:gkvanvliet@shaw.ca)

### BETHANY HAMILTON COMES THURSDAY! SOULSURFERYYC.COM

We are honoured and privileged to host Bethany Hamilton and her family in Calgary this week. Pray for safe travels and that all who hear her will be touched by her message and the power of God in her life.



### ONLINE STORE CCS SPIRIT WEAR



The online store is OPEN again. Order your CCS spirit wear by following [this link](#). Please note the store will close on October 9 so order today! Plan ahead—these items are great gift ideas for birthday or Christmas.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS



October 10/11—No School - Thanksgiving Day and PD day  
October 20/21—No School - CEA Teacher's Convention  
November 22 -Fall Society Meeting, 6:30pm in Secondary gym.

### COUGAR ATHLETICS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Volleyball is off to a great start. Teams have been doing well in their first tournaments. The Grade 7 teams will be playing Triple Ball and were able to place 2nd (Boys) and 3rd (Girls) at the Menno Simons Grade 7/8 tournament. Congrats to Grade 9 Boys for winning Gold, Grade 8 Girls winning Silver and Grade 8 Boys taking Bronze in Olds. League play has started this week and we look forward to fans coming out to cheer on our athletes. Find the game schedules on our [Athletics tab](#).

The cross country team is currently sitting in first place with one more race on Monday. This is the best standing CCS has had in cross country and we are so proud of our runners and their drive to succeed. GO COUGARS!

### ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE GRADES 7-12



Invite your friends and neighbours, or come yourself to check out what the Secondary Campus has to offer at our new interactive Open House. On October 25 at 6:30pm.

### COMMUNITY BUILDER TERM DEPOSIT CHRISTIAN CREDIT UNION



Get 1.70% on a 2-year non-redeemable term deposit and up to 0.50% bonus interest provided to your choice of church, school, or selected charity. Offer valid from October 3 to November 30, 2016. For more information, contact Christian Credit Union at 1.877.426.0506 or visit [www.christiancu.ca](http://www.christiancu.ca).

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO

## HIKE DAY FUNDRAISER

On Friday, October 7th, Calgary Christian Elementary will be hosting a neighbourhood hike that will incorporate community building and creation enjoying. The money raised will be used to purchase literacy resources, technology and PE equipment at Calgary Christian Elementary School. We also want to live out our vision of "God's Children Making the World a Better Place" by donating 10% of the funds raised to Roaring Creek Nazarene School in Belize. Our school has partnered with this school for several years.

Check [Sign-Up Genius](#) for volunteering opportunities. If the slots are full and you are interested in walking with your child's class, please e-mail your child's teacher to see if that is possible. Remember to dress for the weather. Layers will probably be appropriate. You may need to wear sunscreen and take extra water!

Please return hike envelopes by **October 12** as our Celebration Chapel is on October 13!



## CCES FAMILY LIAISON COUNSELLOR KELLY SCHMAULTZ

I was reading a blog [CounselorUp](#) about school counselling and it made me think about students who are coming back to school this fall. During the first month of each school year, there are always anxieties that come along with going to school. One of those anxieties has to do with making friends and reconnecting with friends. To help your child to be assertive, here are a few things that you could encourage them to do:

1. Invite a friend to play.
2. Pick a game or activity.
3. Walk toward your friend.
4. Say their name or "hello."
5. Say "would you like to play a game with me?"

As parents we want to see our children flourish and be accepted. It is a good idea to help our children to learn assertiveness. I was also reading an article on Raising assertive kids and it talked about why being an assertive kid is tough. [Psychcentral.com](#)

But just like adults, kids can have a tough time being assertive. One of the reasons assertiveness is difficult is because kids want to get what they want without the potential for pain, Schab said. "If we think that standing up for ourselves and asking for something directly might result in a 'no' for an answer and our egos can't take that, we do what we think will get us what we want," she said.

A child who wants to play a game with others but worries that asking nicely won't work might either wait passively on the sidelines or demand aggressively that she play, too, Schab said.

This article can sound elementary but the truth is many High School students struggle as well. Becoming more assertive is something, that at time, and we can all learn to work on. If you have any questions or would like to talk I can be reached at 403-771-4350.

## TFT @ ELEMENTARY CAMPUS COMMUNITY BUILDING

The students in 6SG are excited to welcome Bethany Hamilton to our school and Winsport on October 6. They are demonstrating the throughline **Community Building** by putting together creative videos promoting this amazing event. Some of the videos are going to be shown to the students and you can access on these links.

[Video 1](#)  
[Video 2](#)  
[Video 3](#)

"Believe in yourself", "You are a blessing", "Smile! God loves you" are some of the messages the grade 4 students wrote in chalk on the sidewalk around the Calgary Christian Schools. They wanted to be **Community Builders** by writing encouraging messages. Maybe while you were out being **Creation Enjoyers** and walking by the schools, you might have seen some of these messages!



## CASUAL SUPPORT NEEDED EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

We have a very short list of substitute Education Assistants for our Elementary Campus. If you are looking for casual work and this is something that interests you, please read details for the application process [HERE](#) on Palliser's website.

## DRESS HAWAIIAN SPIRIT DAY—OCT 5

Hawaiian Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 5, in honour of Bethany Hamilton who will be visiting our school the next day. Show your school spirit by wearing your best appropriate Hawaiian outfit (tropical shirts, shorts, sunglasses, leis, flip flops, etc).



## UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATE

**November 10** – Remembrance Day Chapel starts at 2:10pm at Emmanuel Church for our Seniors and Grandparents.

**November 18** - Seniors and Grandparent lunch takes place at Elementary Gym 11:30am – 12:30pm. Additional details and volunteering opportunities to come - stay tuned!



## SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

### PRINCIPAL UPDATE

#### FROM MR. LLOYD BOODY

The first month has flown by, and the pace of activity is accelerating. Before I get started into news-type ideas, I want to express my gratitude for all who have graciously welcomed me to our school, as well as those who have helped find solutions and offered their time and expertise for our students. I am experiencing first-hand what many of you have described as the closeness of the learning community that makes up our CCS family - thank you.

Jesus said that in this world we would experience difficulties, but that we should be encouraged and confident in him - at peace - because he has overcome the world, its forces, its problems (John 16:33). Our school community is likely continually in those challenges, we are just not always aware of them. We have had a few already this year, and those of you who offer prayer and support are appreciated and play a critical role for us. Others join us to carry teaching loads during those times, and I want to thank them for their service with us, and welcome them to those relationships with classes. **Mr. Keith Wyenberg** is currently teaching Ms. Vera Her's courses, and will continue into late October until her planned return. **Mrs. Lisa Hofer** joins us again to carry on Mr. Richard Abma's classes, as he works with his medical professionals to develop a plan for his treatment. Thank you for your care and support for all of these colleagues as they seek to find gracious solutions in difficult circumstances.



Almost here is the big event with **Bethany Hamilton - #soulsurferyyc** - on Oct 6 at Winsport! Her story reinforces our theme this year - we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength, and continues the challenge from last year of choosing to do hard things well. Many thanks go out to all who have been instrumental in helping set up these events and themes with their ongoing investment in our students - our Society leaders and team, you volunteers, and the many supporters who choose to lend a hand.

September started with a bang - almost like the Olympic sprints we enjoyed watching in August. The **Grade 12s** were off to Frontier Lodge right away with their leaders, and they came back with a sense of purpose and commitment to each other as well as our entire student body. A special thanks to the leaders who helped catalyze the experience - Mr. Bonk, Mr. Barthel, Pastor Layne, Ms. Monson, Mr. Francisco, Mr. Abma, and Ms. Wagar. We are looking forward to the leadership our grads will demonstrate as they find ways to live out their commitments made personally and to each other in those days.



At the other end of the building, our **Grade 7** class enjoyed a fun introduction to CCSS with a family barbeque and games evening thanks to their teachers and our society staff. As they learn new routines, practice being more independent, and enjoy opportunities for new experiences we are enjoying finding out who these cool individuals are!



**Volleyball** already has had early successes as practices and play have begun. Keep an eye on our facebook page for photos, results, and upcoming events. Speaking of photos, I wanted to ask you parents to help us tell our story in as positive and engaging a manner as

possible. When you sign your student's **FOIPP form** and allow us to post images of your student on our media, we have the freedom to keep you informed, to introduce our school to others, and to celebrate the great things that are happening at our school. Our goal is not to create concerns about privacy challenges, so you will almost always see either only pictures with general descriptors, or students identified by teams and classes; never more information than a first name. So thank you to all of you who understand and support our desire to show and tell our story as vividly as possible. If you would like to change your response on that form, please contact us at the office so we can help you with that.



An opportunity for you as a parent to be involved is coming up right away, as we will host our first **School Council meeting on Wednesday, Oct 12 at 7:00 PM**. We will need to elect a chairperson, as that role is currently open, so please consider how you may be involved in this advisory body that assists our staff and students.



An awesome story is being written this fall by our **Middle School cross country runners**. They are in the second half of a record setting season, as they compete on courses at Nose Hill and Canmore Park. This is the real deal - purely running for the enjoyment of hard work, challenging one's self, and striving to improve each time out. Thanks Mrs. Olson and Mr. Oostenbrink (and Mr. Jonker) for your work with these committed runners in Grades 7 - 9. Our two senior high runners are also enjoying success - good luck to all runners as the season winds up soon.



I will stop the tale at this point so that there are stories to bring to you in another newsletter. Obviously much has been left unsaid - Community Building Day, field trips, first reports, and the list goes on. Thank you so much to everyone who has lent a hand in helping us start the year off with success - creating momentum that is properly directed. I look forward to sharing more good news in days to come, to continuing to work with committed staff and students, as well as parents and school council and society members.

### SECONDARY CAREER NOTES

#### FROM MRS. FOSTER

Fall is the season for post-secondary open house events, and I recommend all High School students to attend several of these events as they begin considering their future plans. Here are a few upcoming dates:

- Oct. 1 - University of Calgary
- Oct. 1 - University of Lethbridge (on-the-spot admission available)
- Oct. 22 - University of Alberta (free transportation available)
- Oct. 22 - St. Mary's University
- Oct. 26 - Out of Province Fair @ Telus Convention Centre
- Oct. 28-29 - SAIT (apply for free during open house)
- Oct. 29 - Mt. Royal University
- Nov. 4-5 - Ambrose University (apply for free at the open house)

Most post-secondary institutions begin accepting applications for next year starting in October. More details are available on the [Career Page](#) website. Remember you can contact me by [email](#) or [book an appointment](#) if you have any questions.