



Thank you for considering Calgary Christian School.

Calgary Christian has provided faith-based education through a community of dedicated teachers, parents, administrators and life-long supporters for more than 50 years. Today, our two campuses serve more than 900 students in Preschool through Grade 12 representing more than 100 churches in the greater Calgary area.

Calgary Christian School (CCS) operates as an Alternative Program within the Palliser School Division. Our parents are members of the Calgary Society for Christian Education (CSCE) - the "Society" that works in partnership with Palliser to deliver our Christian education program.

What makes us an "alternative" to other learning environments is that we offer the Alberta Curriculum integrated with the truth of God's Word in *every* subject; we openly acknowledge and celebrate His sovereignty in all areas of our lives. Our Education Philosophy embraces this world-view through our "Five Pillars of Excellence," through which we educate and spiritually nourish the whole student Intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and artistically.

We believe strongly in Christian community, and operate in partnership with the home and church for the whole development of children. This means parents are an integral part of Calgary Christian School and its success; a parent's intentional participation is vital to the well-being of our students and this community.

To learn more about CCS, please read the enclosed information and visit our website ([www.calgarychristianschool.com](http://www.calgarychristianschool.com)). At any time, feel free to contact us with your questions about CCS or the admissions process.

Thank you, again, for considering a Christian education alternative for your student(s) at Calgary Christian School. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken DeWyn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken DeWyn  
Executive Director  
Calgary Society for Christian Education  
Calgary Christian School

## **Basis and Educational Creed**

In deep gratitude to God, our heavenly Father for Jesus Christ, His Son, our Savior, who was made unto wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption (1Cor. 1:30), we do hereby, in order to instruct our children in the fear of the Lord for all of life, establish a society for Christian education according to the principles and provisions set forth with the humble prayer that God may bless our society to the glory of His name and the salvation and benefit of many of His children.

### **Basis**

The Supreme Standard of this society for elementary and secondary education shall be the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, which we believe to be the Word of God, as they are thus confessed in the historic creeds of the Reformation (for example, Articles 2-7 of the Belgic Confession, that not only affirm God's general revelation to us through creation, but also define our understanding of the origin, authority and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures).

### **Educational Statement of Principles**

Believing that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the Scriptures, has revealed to His people certain basic principles intensely relevant to education, we confess:

1. *Life*: Human life in its entirety is religion, which means that we must serve God in every area of our life, in obedience and out of thankfulness. We are, therefore, also required to direct the training of our children accordingly.
2. *Bible*: The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God;
  - ~ it enlightens our understanding,
  - ~ it directs our life and all our activities,
  - ~ it reveals the origin of man and of all creation,
  - ~ it is the key to knowledge of God, of ourselves and of the world
  - ~ its truth must form the basis of all curriculum and disciplines taught to our children.
3. *God and Creation*: God, the Father, has created all things. He preserves His creation, and He continues to manifest His power and dominion in the cosmos. The ultimate purpose of creation is to glorify His name.
4. *Christ*: The Christ of the Scripture, the Word of God incarnate, reconciles the world to God, redeems our life in its entirety, restores our fellowship with God and the neighbour and renews our mind to know rightly God, ourselves and the world in which we live.
5. *The Holy Spirit*: The evidence of Christ's presence in our life is the work of the Holy Spirit. Our children must be made aware that the presence of God, the Father, and the saving work of Christ through the working of the Holy Spirit remains with them always, also in their educational environment. It inspires and enables us to do God's will and to seek His glory in all things.
6. *Man and Sin*: Man is created in the image of God, who also established a covenantal relationship with the believers and with their children. This requires us to reflect the excellencies of our Creator and to serve Him in loving obedience. Man, by disobeying God's law and forsaking His purpose estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result fallen man has become blind to the true meaning of life and misuses and represses the knowledge of God, which confronts him in creation, and the Scripture.
7. *The Kingdom of God*: In God's kingdom the rule of Jesus Christ over all things is established and, therefore, it makes the acquisition of all knowledge possible and meaningful. Since we must subject every thought in obedience to Christ we, therefore, reject any attempt to withdraw any aspect of Life from the Divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind. We will constantly endeavor to express and apply this Kingdom vision in all disciplines of learning.
8. *Purpose of School Education*: The purpose of education at the schools is to attain understanding, wisdom and righteousness and so to instill in the child an awareness of God's presence in his life.
  - ~ to provide the child with skills and understanding of himself, his relationship to God, to others and to the world around and to so faithfully serve the Lord in all areas.
  - ~ to provide learning experiences suitable to the needs and abilities of each child.
  - ~ to achieve excellence in all endeavors, in accordance with the talents God has provided each child.
9. *The Christian School Organization*: The schools, established and controlled by an association of Christian believers, in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, possesses the freedom to function in the field of education in the complete and voluntary submission to the Kingship of Christ.

# Calgary Society for Christian Education

## Organizational Structure and Information

- CSCE is governed by a Board of Directors that focuses on Mission, Vision and strategic planning. Elections are held at each spring Society Meeting for staggered three-year terms.
- The Executive Director is supported through the Advisory Councils made up of volunteer parents and staff members with interests and skills pertaining to the focus of each council.
- School Council, legislated by Alberta Education, advises and supports the Principals as they contribute to student enrichment and growth at CCS. All parents are welcome to participate and attend monthly meetings.

**Membership in our Society includes participation in volunteering and fundraising for the benefit of our whole community. We believe that each generation of families leaves a legacy for those who will follow, therefore, members share their time, talents and treasure to further Christian education and the Mission and Vision of CCS. Information on the many opportunities to participate will be made available through various forms of communication including Society and classroom newsletters, our website, by email and invitation—we invite you to engage!**

All members are encouraged and expected to participate and contribute to fundraising for Society-wide needs. If you have a special interest, gifts and/or skills to share with our community; please contact our Executive Director at any time for further information.

Volunteering builds community, creates meaningful connections with students and staff and also allows for the variety of programs and extra-curricular activities at CCS. Families with students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities will be the first to be asked to fulfill the volunteer and fundraising requirements for these programs. Follow the sign up link on the website to view current volunteer needs.

Further information can be found in our Parent/Student Handbook found on our website under the Parents tab. As well, any information regarding the Board of Directors, any fundraising initiatives or volunteer opportunities may be obtained by contacting the Community Relations Department at CCS or by emailing [info@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:info@calgarychristianschool.com).