

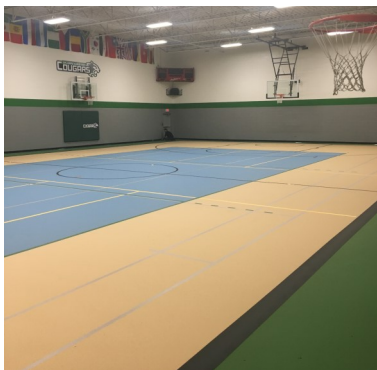
What's happening @ CCS

November 2019

Donations Fuel Enhancements at CCS Ken DeWyn, Executive Director

The CCS Annual Fund (AF) is our school's primary source of funding improvements. It is used to acquire equipment, materials, and innovative programming. Interest in our alternative Christian program and student enrollment are both on the rise (up to 844 students this year). This places greater demands on our programs, facilities and equipment. [Thanks to the generous donations](#) of parents and friends, we've been able to address important strategic needs in the last two years to support continued growth and effective learning. In 2018, donations made it possible to install a motorized lift and additional washrooms that improved accessibility at our secondary campus. In 2019, the elementary school benefited from large "rejuvenation projects". These included new lights, a colorful new floor, fresh paint, and improved storage for the gymnasium and a complete make-over for the music room featuring structural reinforcements, new lights, carpet, plumbing, and storage. The library also began its transformation into a more flexible space with the addition of movable bookshelves and tables.

All these improvements are only possible through the generous gifts of our families and friends. [Thank you](#) for helping make the Christian education experience at CCS more welcoming, more dynamic, and more fulfilling. With your charitable donations, we continue to enhance learning that shapes God's world.



See the transformation of the gym [here](#).



Celebrating 75years Liberation of Holland

As our K-12 students and staff heard in our special Remembrance Day services on Friday, November 8, 1.1 million Canadians fought in the Netherlands in World War II! This was 1/10th of the population of Canada at that time so many Canadians and their families were affected by this. Many of us know grandparents, seniors from our churches and communities who experienced first hand the realities of having a loved one live in war-times or fight for freedom. To commemorate the significance of Canada's contribution, the government of The Netherlands recently sent 1.1 million tulip bulbs to schools across Canada. Our Socials 20 class and Grade 6



students planted the bulbs on October 31 with guests from Shalem, the senior's living complex next door to CCS. Our guests from Shalem were then invited to our services to share some of their memories of living as children in Holland when the war broke out. It was a meaningful time as Mrs. DeKlerk, Mrs. Joad, and Mr. and Mrs. DeGraaff talked about the hardships of living in Holland during the war and their gratitude to Canadians for their service. We are thankful to everyone who participated in our Remembrance Day services and we look forward to spring when the bulbs have transformed into beautiful tulips!

CCS Theme Verse 2019-2020

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

John 1:14

**Learn,
to shape God's world.**





These people are SUPERHEROES It's our maintenance team!

The summer may be a relaxing time for many of our families and teachers, but not for our maintenance team! They completed a long list of tasks and projects, along with some surprises when lightning struck the Secondary Campus very early one morning - which required alarm replacements, permits, security and wifi system repairs. We are thankful for this group and all the work they do behind the scenes - every season of the year!

Floor Hockey

The Calgary Christian School Grade 6 Floor Hockey Team is up and running and already preparing for the annual tournament which will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020.


Our team shirts this year have a new design on the back: **"Work at everything YOU DO with all your HEART" Colossians 3:23a.** Our team consists of goalies, players, DJ's, tech operators, equipment managers, stats managers, and reporters. Our reporters write and distribute the school newspaper, Cougar Times, often throughout the year. ([click here to read their articles](#)) We meet weekly to practice and after each practice the team gathers in a prayer circle where we pray and then the team nominates one person for a Cougar Character Award and the recipient wins a one-of-a-kind Cougars mini stick. Qualities we look for include Christian character, respect, work ethic, and attitude. Stay tuned for more news! GO COUGARS!



Something for Everyone?

Secondary Campus

Sometimes it's hard to get information from your teenager about what is happening at school. But did you know there are several clubs and activities for your child to participate in? A great way to explore interests, try something new and get to know different people at school. We are thankful for staff and student leaders who facilitate these extracurricular and give of their time! You can also read what is being communicated to students through the daily bulletin. You can access the link on the dashboard of the POWERSCHOOL APP. Here's a sampling of what's happening right now at our Secondary Campus!

 **School Bulletin**

Sat Nov 9

Daily Bulletin
Daily Student Bulletin

- Needles & Hooks Club on Mondays & Wednesdays. Project patterns for beginners available. Room 205 at lunch.
- Worship team practice Monday and Tuesday at lunch in the music room.
- Nanowrimo (National November Writing Month) - Meet in Mrs. Hair's room @ lunch on Tuesdays
- Student Advisory Council - all students are invited each month to share feedback on their school with our Principal, Mr. Barthel in LINC @ lunchtime.
- Math Club is starting up! Mondays through Thursdays at 8:40 am in Room 002. Come work on challenging problems in anticipation of the Alberta High School Mathematics Competition on November 19. We will begin by looking at the fundamentals of NUMBER THEORY.
- Open gym at lunch every day (except Thurs), students are welcome!



CCS Partners with Parents!

At Calgary Christian School we value the relationship between home, church and school and we want to be a valuable partner on your team! That's one of the reasons we're hosting sessions to help parents. We are grateful for our community who care deeply about their relationships and the effort they are willing to put into creating healthy environments where everyone can thrive.

At our Elementary two staff members will be trained this November by the Triple P, Positive Parenting Program and this Spring sessions will be offered to parents of our littlest learners! Stay tuned for those details after Christmas break.

As a follow up for Michael Chaisson's session at the Secondary Campus, Pastor Layne has collaborated with Michelle Gritter, licensed family therapist, to help parents strengthen relationships with their children. Starting November 13 we are offering a series of sessions and you are invited- all the details can be found on [this SignUp Genius](#).

Parent Directory

Take note!

The CCS Directory has long been a part of every school year. What most may not realize is how much time, money and effort this took to produce. In this age of smartphones that fosters expedient interpersonal communication, and recognizing that managing and distributing personal information in line with current privacy laws has become not only more complex but also critical, we have decided to discontinue a printed directory of all CCS families and staff. Until such time as a "members directory" can be facilitated online that is compliant, easy to manage, and secure, family contact lists, for the Elementary campus, are being considered. We appreciate your patience as we navigate logistics. Contact information for staff can be acquired via the [CCS website](#), by calling the administrative offices, or sending an inquiry to info@calgarychristianschool.com. Thank you for your understanding.

Parents Who Pray

Darla Rennick

"And in the midst of everything be ALWAYS giving THANKS, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus" 1Thes. 5:18 (TPT). We are living in some very challenging and uncertain times, but 'in the midst of it' the Apostle Paul encourages us to continually give thanks. Thanksgiving is not just for October, but for every season. It connects us to God's heart, mercy and vision. As parents we can model this for our kids in looking for all the ways to thank God, no matter what we are going through. Let's also be verbally thankful for the wonderful teachers, administrators and staff that faithfully serve our children & school (and pray for them). Thanksgiving and speaking 'words of life' can be contagious. Let's spread that instead of viruses, negativity and fear! If you have prayer needs feel free to email us at: parentshoopray@calgarychristianschool.com

We meet Thursday mornings, 9-10:30 in the Prayer Room in the Secondary Campus.

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