

August 23, 2022

Only a week until classes begin! Please remember, we're in the process of transitioning to a new student information system - EdSembli. Thanks for your patience. *(this means you may be receiving this in error, please bear with us as systems are still being updated!)*

All Families

Important dates for both campuses are listed at the bottom of this email

We are thankful for **parent volunteers** - you make all the difference! If you're wanting to help out at the school, please follow all 4 steps on our [Volunteer page, linked HERE](#) on the website under the parent tab.

A limited number of Orange shirts have been pre-ordered and *are now ready for families to purchase* using [Hot Lunch](#) software for **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Orange Shirt Day, on September 30**. Indigenous artist, Michelle Stoney, has granted us permission to use her art for these shirts and all proceeds will be donated to the [Legacy of Hope Foundation](#).

At CCS we like to share about the fun and exciting learning that is happening which means we take photos of students. We DO NOT identify students' names or classrooms and most often pictures are of a group of kids learning together. If you have any questions, please contact Leona, our Communications and Marketing Coordinator [via email](#). If you do not want your child's photo included, please [complete this form](#).

CCS partners with the Christian Credit Union to offer student banking. Details of how to open an account for your child and/or teen [are posted HERE](#).

Please note: We've been instructed from the City that paving and construction is commencing August 22 in front of the Secondary Campus until September 15. THIS WILL AFFECT TRAFFIC FOR BOTH SCHOOLS! Be mindful of this and allow for safety and extra time when coming to the school.

Did you miss reading last week's email? We post our school-wide communication on our website for easy reference, please ensure you read through for helpful information and details about the start of school! www.calgarychristianschool.com/parents/weekly-email

Spirit Wear Store is open! CCS Swag (crewneck sweatshirts, warmup shirts, t-shirts and ball caps) are available for purchase [HERE on our website](#) until Sept 16. Orders are then printed and shipped to CCS for distribution.

Elementary News

Please watch your inbox on Friday morning for your child's welcome letter from their teacher, which will include lots of helpful information!

Drop off and Pick up can be hectic times surrounding our campus. Please make sure you follow [THESE TRAFFIC guidelines](#) - your children's safety is our top priority!

Secondary News

IMPORTANT **BUSING** UPDATE: August 22- September 16 - all Secondary students will be dropped off and picked up at the Elementary Campus due to road closures and sidewalk construction in front of the Secondary Campus.

Gr10-12 students who haven't filled it in or want to submit a more updated version for their course selection please do so ASAP. **COURSE SELECTION FORM**, [CLICK HERE](#).

FRONTIER LODGE for Gr12 students is happening Sept 7 (leaving at 7am) until Sept 9 (returning early afternoon). Forms will be posted online and details will be sent from Mr. Bonk on Fri, August 26.

We learned yesterday (Monday, August 22) that Palliser recommends a new application **called Edsby for student/parent access**. This will delay access to student schedules but we're working as fast as we can to learn about the new software so we can share it with you. Instructions will be emailed next week for how students will receive their schedules. Please note: **we will ensure your teen knows where to go** on the first day of school! Staff will be on hand to direct students to their classrooms and maps will be available to help them find their way around the building! *Thank you for your patience.*

Please note: our office staff have returned but are not answering phones until later this week. You can leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we're able! Look for details and helpful information [on our website](#)! Thanks for your understanding as we work through a lot of tasks and requests.

Gr7-9 students, your Homeroom Welcome emails will be sent on Friday!

VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS start next week! The [tryout schedule is linked HERE](#) and starting on August 30 all details will be posted on the Athletics tab on the CCS website.

Gr10-12 students interested in traveling with CCS and EFT Tours to Italy in March 2023 - [click HERE for information](#) and call the phone # listed in the link to register!

Staffing updates for the Secondary Campus:

- **Rachel Wuetherick** is new to us this year as the new band teacher. She will also be teaching a section of English 7 and some Health 7. Welcome, Rachel!
- **Curtis Smeding** is new to us this year to teach Gr7-9 PE and to help with the duties of athletic administration for our Gr7-9 sports. Welcome, Curtis!
- **Whitney Klassen** will be new to us this year and will be teaching Social 7 and PE 7. She will also be assisting with the start of our new wellness program. Welcome, Whitney!
- **David Westra** is returning to us this year to teach Gr10-12 Math and Physics. Welcome back, Dave!
- **Paul Verhoef** will be teaching a new religion course entitled, *Jesus, the Word Made Flesh*. This course will count towards satisfying the graduation requirement of taking two religion courses throughout the course of their high school career. Welcome, Paul!
- **Mark Jonker** will be shifting into Gr10-12 PE and athletic administration as **Steve Ward** is moving back into the classroom to be a Gr7 homeroom teacher. He will teach Math 7 and some options to Gr7.
- **Kevin Stoesz** will be shifting into Gr9-12 and will be teaching Math 9, Math 20-2, and Math 30-2.
- New educational assistants will be hired at the end of the week and we are excited to have them join our team as well!

Other News:

- Palliser School Division will no longer be using PowerSchool. Edsby is the application that will serve as PowerSchool's replacement. We are hoping for details on how parents and students can login to Edsby by the end of this week.

Important dates:

Friday, August 26 Gr8-12 New student tours, 10:30am to noon, [RSVP required HERE](#).

Friday, August 26: Elementary Welcome Letters emailed out - includes your child's start date!

Tuesday, August 30 - Classes for ES (first group staggered), Gr8-12

Tuesday, August 30 - Gr7 Orientation for students and Parents (6-7pm for students with last name A-I, 7-8pm for students J-Z) at the Secondary Campus

Wednesday, August 31 - Staggered entry for ES Students, all Gr7-12 attend class

Wednesday, August 31 - Gr7-12 Opening Chapel at Emmanuel at 10:15am

Thursday, September 1 - ALL Gr1-6 Students attend classes, staggered entry for Kindergarten

Thursday, September 1 - Elementary Opening Chapels Gr4-6 (8:50-9:20am) and GrK-3 (9:30-10am)

Thursday, September 8 - Elementary Back to School Picnic 5:30-7pm

Tuesday, September 13 - Secondary Orientation and Meet the Teachers

Link to school supplies list, [posted HERE](#)

2022-23 Theme Verse:

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)*