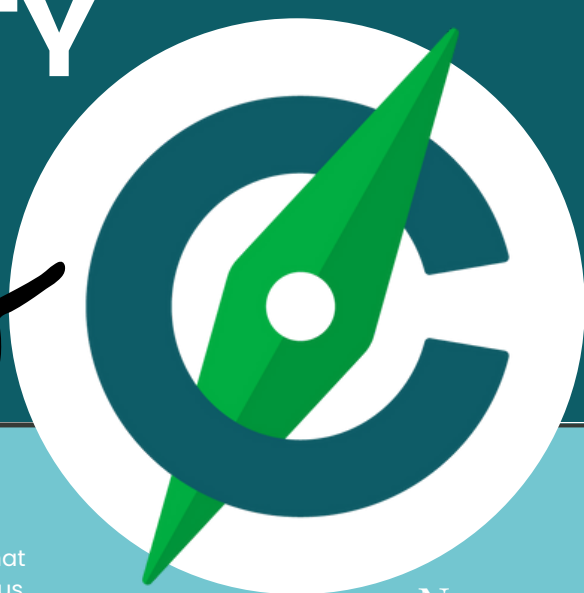


# CCS COMMUNITY Compass



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## Welcome to the CCS COMMUNITY COMPASS

Our purpose is to share stories and experiences about staff and students, letting parents and caregivers know what is taking place at CCS! Do you have suggestions for what you would like to see covered in this publication? Email us at [info@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:info@calgarychristianschool.com)

### TACO-bout a Challenge!

Grade 6 and 9 students got involved in the CCS Faithfulness Campaign via a creative and zesty fundraising competition. The classes competed to sell more Taco-In-A-Bag lunches at their respective campuses! Want to know who came out on top and how much the students raised in total? [Click to find the results](#) along with some images from the Elementary lunch.



### CCS Remembers

Remembrance Day was commemorated at both campuses with beautiful and moving chapels. **The Elementary** heard poetry, a choir presentation and words shared by special guest, and CCS parent, Mr. Jeff Groenenberg from the Canadian Armed Forces. In addition to their chapel, students from **the Secondary** collected food donations for the Veteran's Food Bank and took in a special presentation with Holocaust survivor, Fanny Wedro, and "Here to Tell" exhibit curators, earlier in the week. [Take a look](#) at some of the ways that students recognized the important day.

### The Faces of CCS: Parent Ambassadors

This year, our Parent Ambassadors have attended events such as the Elementary picnic, Meet the Teacher, Soup and Pie Potluck, and more, representing CCS. They've given tours and answered many questions at Open Houses and Info Nights. Thank you to these dedicated families for also interacting with our social media and spreading the word about CCS in their communities. If you'd like to hear more about the Ambassador Program, please reach out to [info@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:info@calgarychristianschool.com).



#### A note from Admissions Coordinator, Teena McAuley:

Recently, CCS held two information sessions for our upcoming enrolment season- one at the Secondary for grades 7-12, and one at the Elementary, targeting Kindergarten enrolment. One of the things that I loved about both of these sessions was the involvement of our parent ambassadors. They did things like greeting prospective families, visiting and answering questions, giving them tours, and speaking during the presentation time about their parent experience - talk about a feeling of community and relationship building.

### Introducing:

#### Welcome to CCS, Alcantara Family!

[Read more](#) about this excellent foursome who are new to Calgary Christian School (both campuses!) for the 2022/23 school year.



### Secondary Music Program Update

There are 230 students participating in music this year in a variety of programs and classes! We're so excited for this program to continue to grow and create fun and amazing opportunities for our students to learn new skills and showcase their talents. The Band and Choir are making plans to travel in the coming year and are thrilled for the experience of performing. You can help make this a reality with your support of our Christmas plant sale. Details and links to order are linked [HERE](#). Delivery/Pickup is December 8 at the Secondary Campus. Also, exciting news- Secondary Music will perform a winter concert in early 2023.

A list of music classes offered currently at CCS: Band 7, Band 8, Band 9-12, Choir 9-12, Jazz Band 7-12, Praise and Worship 7-9

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## Society Scoop

- You're Invited:  
CSCE Fall Society Meeting  
**November 22 @ 7:00pm**  
Secondary Campus LINC  
[View the meeting package here](#)
- We're excited to host Tia Gaines, from UnifiEd in Philadelphia. The Parent Lecture on how to cultivate communities of belonging will take place on **Thursday, December 1 at 7pm**, Elementary Campus. For more and to RSVP [visit this news item on our website](#).
- Our [CCS Faithfulness Campaign](#) is ongoing, an increased emphasis on fundraising will help us achieve our building and improvement goals. The easiest way to understand this is: program fees should cover all our operating expenses, and fundraising should help us take our school to the next level of program enhancement and facility expansion. In the coming weeks, technical drawings for the new Secondary gymnasium facility will be created and exciting developments are in the works. Further information will be shared at the Fall CSCE Meeting.

## The Kindergarten Experience

### What is special about Kindergarten at CCS?

- **God at the Centre of all learning, following the Alberta curriculum**
- **Smaller class sizes**
- **Hands on learning**
- **Full day advantage**

If you, or someone you know, has a child entering Kindergarten, we invite you to learn more about what makes the program at Calgary Christian School great. The Admissions page on [our website](#) contains information, an opportunity to make contact with the Admissions Coordinator, as well as the application procedure. Our Kindergarten teachers share details and explain what they love about CCS [in this video](#). about Enrolment for 2023-24 will open on to the public on December 1, 2022.



### Precious Cargo

115 CCS'ers rely on the school bus each day to take them to and from Calgary Christian School. [Take a look at this map](#) that shows just how many stops that our buses make and outlines all of our busing information. As such, the bus drivers that service these routes are key pieces to the puzzle of learning at CCS! Recently, CSCE hosted the drivers for an appreciation breakfast and opportunity to connect with both Society staff and principals. The drivers and riders also took part in important safety exercises to ensure that everyone continues to arrive safely each morning!

## Giving Thanks

What are CCS Elementary students thankful for? [Check out](#) this highlight video from the Elementary Thanksgiving chapel.

As is Thanksgiving tradition, Grade Three students facilitated a food drive for the Emmanuel Church Food Pantry. Learn more and get a glimpse of the students at work [in this gallery](#).



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