

Dec 6, 2022

All Families

Last Friday was the first time - ALL CCS Staff participated in a PD together! Maintenance staff, Educational Assistants, Principals, Society staff, Teachers, Counsellors, Administrators and Board Members were together on Friday for a session "Creating a Culture of Belonging" led by Tia Gaines from [UnifiEd](#). We're excited to continue learning and growing together.

Christmas plants will be ready on Thursday, please choose your pickup time with [THIS SIGNUP link](#)! We raised **\$1,242.04** for the Secondary music program, thanks for your support!

CSCE Staffing Announcement - Today marks the end of an amazing term of service for our Alumni Coordinator, *Karen Dees*, who performed this role for more than 10 years. Not only helping connect new grads to the greater alumni community, or planning volleyball tournaments and helping with reunions, she has also lent her eye, voice and touch to our social media posts and CSCE publications. On behalf of a grateful school and alumni community - thank you Karen for all you've done to keep us connected, informed and thriving!

Admissions to CCS for next school year has opened and Teena, our Admissions Coordinator, is very busy processing applications! If Calgary Christian would be a good fit for a family you know, please pass along Teena McAuley's contact: admissions@calgarychristianschool.com

CCS Families, if you need to withdraw a student for September 2023 or would like to apply to add a student, please use the form [LINKED HERE](#). A reminder, enrolment for next school is automatic and **your payment of a non-refundable commitment deposit of 10%** is scheduled for February 1, 2023. Please notify us of a student withdrawal prior to January 20, 2023. More [info HERE](#) on our website.

Please read [THIS NOTICE](#) from the Palliser School Division for preventing the spread of illness - in school learning is our priority!

Last day of classes before Christmas break is **Thurs, December 22**.

You can access all Tuesday communications, [HERE on our website](#), under the Parent Tab.

Elementary News

Thank you for helping to create a safer environment for our families by choosing safety over convenience.

We have seen an increase in unsafe driving practices around the Elementary campus before and after school. We are asking all parents who drive students to school to use extreme caution when in the school zone. CCES staff and students are working hard to ensure student safety at crosswalks. It is very important to watch for patroller signs and when they are held out, please stop immediately. Please proceed through intersections slowly and carefully, avoid U-turns and pay attention to patrollers.

Literacy Week was a huge success! Our Author & Illustrator Presentations were exciting and engaging for our students as they learned firsthand about the writing and illustrating process from Teachers in our very own community. Our Book Sale was the most successful to date. Thanks to the support of students and parents, we were **able to raise over \$2000** to purchase new books for our library. One of our first purchases, is Mrs. Groot & Mrs. Reitsma's lovely book, [When Little is Big](#).

It's a Div 2 Teaching Chapel on Thursday morning at 8:50am. You are welcome to attend.

It's Pizza Wednesday for hot lunch! You can place orders using: [Hotlunches.net](#). Next week is a special McDonald's day and also hotdogs.

"The Path to Bethlehem" our Div II Christmas Concert is taking place on Thurs, December 15 at 6:30 at Bethany Chapel (3333 Richardson Way SW). The concert will be recorded and shared on our YouTube channel the following day!

Secondary News

Now open to ALL CCS Secondary Parents - your family is invited to a Bible Study Tools session on December 13 at 7pm. Please [RSVP with THIS LINK](#). You can [contact Pastor Layne](#) if you have any questions. This session touches on our goals to support families and to be relational, rigorous, and rooted in God's story.

Chapel takes place this Friday at 10:10 at Emmanuel, parents are welcome to attend.

Third Thursday Theatre:

In the new year, CCS would like to host an evening of theatrical delight on the Third Thursday of each month. Early dreams for how it might go include sharing food, conversation, and a seat in the audience while students and staff celebrate the creative work going on in our hallowed halls. For example, one Thursday might include showcasing our Jazz Band, Choir, or Drama students.

To support the event, a Theatre Club, open to any student Grade 7 - 12, would meet once a week, after school, to prepare, practice and hand out roles. Students participating consistently would be awarded hours toward their Educational Theatre Association Troupe membership (EdTA Troupe) as well as a chance to perform for our community.

Like a sports-team, students require support and mentorship from those of us who have a passion and interest in the Arts Ministry. If you have ideas, skills, and energy for working with us as we step forward on this new adventure please consider joining us on **Wed, December 14 from 3:45-4:45pm in RM 004**.

The 2022/23 Parent & Student Handbook has been updated for this school year. You can view it under the Secondary Tab on the Parent page, [linked HERE](#).

The January 2023 EXAM SCHEDULE is [now posted HERE](#) on our website.