

*It's a long one today, but filled with oh-so-much good information for you! Please read through and let us know if you have any questions!*

## **All Families**

**We hope to see you Thursday evening - there's still space to sign up for our Indigenous Awareness Session!** We're excited to host Holly Fortier of [Nisto Consulting](#), at CCS on March 9 from 7-9pm. [Please RSVP using this link](#). Details and copy of your invitation are [posted HERE](#). Students in Gr7-12 are invited to attend along with their parent(s). The presentation will include:

- A brief history of Indigenous People (pre-contact and after contact)
- Cultural differences
- Helpful "dos and don'ts"
- Working with Indigenous Peoples and Communities
- Holly's thoughts on moving forward
- What can "Reconciliation" look like?

Student banking with the [Christian Credit Union](#) will take place on Wednesday, March 8 and 15.

The **CCS Spirit Wear Store** is open for two more weeks! You can place an order using [THIS GOOGLE ORDER FORM](#), which is also posted on our website using QuickLinks. Sweats, Baseball Cap, Dri-fit shirt and vintage CCS tshirt are all available. Your school cash account will be charged once the store closes on Tuesday, March 21. We anticipate items will be delivered to your child following spring break.

The CSCE Board is asking for your help to identify parents who could serve as a member of our Board. Our next election is in May, and we are looking to fill one vacant position. Details on who can serve and how to nominate can be [found here on our website](#).

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

A reminder there is **no school** on Friday, March 17 as it's a Palliser Division PD Day for teaching staff in Vulcan.

## **Elementary**

The super fun interschool Gr6 floor hockey tournament is happening on Thursday (#GoCougars!). A note about the concession: All students are invited to make a purchase at our concession stand, all items are only \$1 and the proceeds are going to our Faithfulness Campaign! Kindergarten-Gr3 can purchase 2 items, Gr4-6 can purchase 3 items. There will be homemade goodies (including GF options), chips, and candy bags.

CCES 'Just 4 Kicks' Outdoor Soccer Program - We are gearing up and looking forward to this parent-run program being offered again this spring for students in Gr1-6! This program takes place after school on Fridays. It has been a long standing CCS community building opportunity and a great way for kids to be involved in an organized sport with their school friends. *Online Registration will begin on March 15* and forms will be available on our school website. If anyone is interested in assisting with the administrative role of this program, please email [calgarychristianschoolsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:calgarychristianschoolsoccer@gmail.com).

You can read the minutes with [THIS LINK](#) from last week's Elementary School Council meeting that was held on Thursday, March 2.

PLEASE, please for those who drop-off and pick up on 30 Ave - please remember this is a bus zone and you are **not able to stop and/or park here** as it makes it too difficult for buses to drop off and pick up students. Also remember to watch your speed and NO U TURNS in a school zone. Thanks for making our children's safety a top priority.

#### **HOT LUNCH IMPORTANT NOTES:**

The deadline to order for the April 12 Pizza day is before the break on March 22.

Elementary orders in the hotlunches program have been opened up for the April 18 - June 22 order period, [using this link](#). If you haven't paid your balance owing in the hotlunches program, you will be unable to order until that payment is received.

WE NEED YOU! Volunteer Positions are opening up to help run the *Elementary Lunch Program in the 2023-2024* school year, including placing school orders with various vendors, inputting lunch program information as a hotlunches Administrator in the hotlunches program and leading volunteers on lunch days. If you would like to help with one of these positions, please email the Elementary Office ([ccesoffice@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:ccesoffice@pallisersd.ab.ca)). You will be asked to shadow/train for these positions after spring break.

Would you like to join with a consistent small group of volunteers and **help with special lunches each month**? It's an easy and fun task to deliver pizza, and/or other fun lunches, such as booster juice to classrooms for students to enjoy. Maybe gather some friends, or make some new ones - this is a great way to support CCS! Training will take place in April and May. [SignUp here](#) or email ([info@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:info@calgarychristianschool.com)) if you need more information.

#### **Secondary**

**High School SKI DAY** fees will be added to your student's School Cash account in the coming days, for those who signed up to go on March 23 - please stay tuned!

Next week is **Third Thursday** already on March 16 and we're hosting a Talent Show! Join us in the music room at 6:45pm for a great time of performances. Students have the opportunity to receive professional coaching on their talent before the show, thanks to Ms. Wuetherick for her work on this evening,

We are also preparing for our Evening Dinner Theatre on April 20. Students interested in being part of the performance piece continue to meet each Monday between 3:45 and 5pm to prepare - open spots are available so please feel welcome to come join the club!

Note to any and all Gr10-12 students interested in the Performing Arts: There is space available on the May 17-18 trip to Drumheller/Rosebud to be part of the ACSI Drama Xchange. Reach out directly to Mr. Currie or drop into room 004 Tues/Thurs Block 4 to find out more. This is a \$55 off campus trip to take part in workshops, and be part of a one-act play on the Rosebud Stage. For more: <https://www.acsiwc.org/events/2023/drama-xchange>

HighSchool students are invited to learn from the professionals! Hmm... what about after High School? Gr10-12 are invited to join Ms. Stewart's Calm Class in the first block to hear presentations from an *ER travel nurse*, *Gord Gillies*, *Broadcast Journalist from Global News*, a *Civil Engineer* and several more! Details are posted on Edsby!

**We're planning and looking at scheduling for next school year! Students currently in Gr9, 10 and 11:**

A paper copy of the course selection form for (next year) Gr10, 11, and 12 will be coming home with your students this week. ([PDFs are posted HERE on our website](#)). Please take some time with your student to mindfully select which courses to take next school year (2023/24). In the next couple of weeks students will be provided an opportunity to attend a grade specific session for selecting their courses. Our staff will walk them through how to do so on EdsebliConnect and can answer any questions they have. Dates for these sessions will be provided shortly.

**Skilled Trades and Internship Fair** - High school students can gain valuable work experience, get paid and earn credits this summer through a paid internship. Attend the Careers Internship Fair to learn about career opportunities and meet potential employers from 6-8:30pm Wednesday, March 22 at Notre Dame High School. Details and registration at [careersnextgen.ca/events/skilled-trades-and-internship-fair](https://careersnextgen.ca/events/skilled-trades-and-internship-fair).

Badminton season is coming, Gr7-9 students are invited to SignUp today ([with this link](#)) to participate and High School students can sign up with [THIS LINK](#). Tryout schedule is [linked here](#) and also on our website under the athletics tab.

Gr12 parents - following up to our email with graduation details, please send a baby (or toddler!) photo to Ms. Wolff [sigora.wolff@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:sigora.wolff@pallisersd.ab.ca) so we can start preparing for our celebrations.

Students ages 13-17 have an exciting innovation and entrepreneurship conference on March 18 - [TKSummit 2023](#). The event is led by successful entrepreneurs, who have built and sold companies, and have advised Fortune 500 CEOs around the world. They're bringing industry experts, CEOs, and venture capitalists to speak. The venue will be at Platform Calgary, which is centrally located downtown. Event Information & application: [www.tks.world/calgary-summit](https://www.tks.world/calgary-summit)

*We are very excited to announce that a long-awaited project has opened. Over the years there has been a lot of discussion, planning, and dreaming of creating a space for students to access when they are feeling stressed, anxious, overwhelmed, etc. We are pleased to share with you that the WELL is a room students can access throughout the day*

*if they need a space to regulate their emotions. There will be a variety of calming exercises and activities students can utilize. This room will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and will be supervised by the FSLC/MCW.*

*Throughout scripture, the WELL is a significant place where people came to. In John 4 the WELL is the place where Jesus was blessed by the Samaritan woman and where Jesus said, "whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again" In Isaiah 12 we are told that, "with joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation" In the same way it is our deep hope that students feel the invitation to come to the WELL when they need.*

*If you have any questions about the WELL please feel free to call our Family School Liaison Counsellor Kelly Schmaltz at 403-771-4250. Also, we are looking for donations such as Lego, colour card stock or scrapbooking paper, Sketchbooks, and art pencils. We are excited to offer this type of support to our school community in support of our mental health initiatives.*