

September 12



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School-wide news + Society Items

Please read the following letter from the Alberta Education Minister, Demetrios Nicolaides. ECA. PhD.
[LINKED HERE on our website.](#)

Important: Friday, September 22 is a PD day - no classes for students.

Here's a [link to the Staff Directory on the website](#), which is currently being updated, including staff bios and their email contacts. You can also view the structure of our Faith Formation team with the chart under both the [Elementary](#) and [Secondary](#) web pages.

Looking for a great activity to do with the entire family on September 23 at 2pm? Come out to watch the Calgary Stampeders at *Faith and Family Day*. And it's a great way to have some fun with other CCS families. 'Calgary Christian School' can be selected from the dropdown menu of churches being supported (even though we're not a church). The organization who sells the most tickets will get to have a post-game photo on the field! Link to [details + purchase is linked HERE](#).

APPLES ARE BACK from Davison Orchards and that's a good thing too because you know - school lunches! Plus they're so delicious. Proceeds from your orders will go to Experiential Learning at our High School! Details and how to order (on hotlunches.net) is [linked here](#).

Did you know we have an online **CCS Community Board** where families can request, share and ask for information. Several families are looking to carpool or willing to pay for driving. [Check it out HERE](#).

SAVE THE DATE: We're **turning 60** this year and want to celebrate with a nod to the Country Fair that CCS used to host *many* years ago! A Maker Market, games, food and fun will be happening. Thanks to those who volunteered to help plan this anticipated event. Everyone, mark your calendars for a fun time to gather on **Saturday, November 18!** Details to follow.

One of the tasks of the Calgary Society for Christian Education (CSCE) is to share our story of learning with our community. Sometimes we include photos of classroom learning and engaging activities on our socials, but please note **we do not include students names or any other personal information**. If you do not want your child to be included, [please COMPLETE THIS FORM](#). If you have any questions, please contact

info@calgarychristianschool.com. Make sure you check out our posts on facebook and Instagram to stay informed and learn more about what's happening at CCS.

Join us in celebrating Calgary Christian School's *remarkable 60-year journey* by **showcasing your unique creations in our Artisan Market** at the Fall Fair event on November 18. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your talents with our diverse audience and be part of our special milestone celebration. Please contact info@calgarychristianschool.com for more information and to reserve your table!

Holly Fortier, will be our guest speaker on September 29 during our chapels for Truth and Reconciliation Day. She will share an age-appropriate story with our students in 3 different groups **at Emmanuel Church** and you are welcome to attend too!

8:45 am Gr9-12

10:00 am Gr5-8

11:00 am GrK-4

Holly is a local Indigenous educator, filmmaker, and president of [Nisto Consulting](#) who attends Westside King's Church.

Orange shirts are still available in support of **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** so order today, Adult sizes available too! You can pay directly [on our new site with a credit card or paypal](#). The beautiful artwork, used with permission, is from Indigenous artist Michelle Stoney and once again, proceeds from the shirts will be donated to the [Legacy of Hope Foundation](#).

CSCS Staffing Update: September is full of "beginnings" for many, it's also a change of seasons. This is the case for our Organizational Communications Coordinator, Leona Schaap, who is moving on from CCS. During the transition period, Leona will continue to support the Development Department. Please forward any communication inquiries to Marianela, Director of Development via email: mdamen@calgarychristianschool.com. We are currently reviewing the position requirements in anticipation of a future hire. Join us in thanking Leona for her service, wishing her well, as she is sure to be a blessing wherever she may go.

Missed last week's communication? It's posted as a PDF on our website: [Parents/Weekly Email](#)

Elementary News

ES Picnic and Meet the Teacher is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 13. Meet the Teacher takes place in your child's classroom between 5:30 - 6pm, with a picnic to follow (outside) from 6-7pm. Please **bring your family's meal and also chairs/blankets** to sit on. A dessert treat (popsicle/ice cream bars) will be provided. It's a great time to meet new families and say hello to old friends too! This is weather permitting, so please watch our social media for updates.

Parents are invited to the K-Gr6 Worship Chapel this Thursday at 8:50am in the gym.

ES photo volunteer, [SignUp HERE](#) if you can assist our Office Admin Assistants on Sept 20/21. Thank you for considering! Photo day is coming soon! September 20 + 21 - [Click HERE](#) for what you need to know!

Hot lunches + Volunteers!

We're kicking off hot dog day at the end of this month, so please get your orders in!

Important note: the deadline for September lunches will be one week prior, however, after that, the deadline for all lunch orders will be two weeks prior!

If you're *willing to volunteer* - all the dates for hot dogs and special lunches are now posted [on THIS SIGNUP](#). Thank you, thank you to those who all contribute to this important fundraiser for the Elementary Campus.

The Student/Parent Handbook for the Elementary Campus is posted on our website: Parents/Elementary/Parent/Student Handbook. It is also [linked HERE for your convenience](#).

Art classes afterschool @ CCS with *Young Rembrandts* on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:45 - 4:45pm. Register today, visit www.youngrembrandts.com/southernalberta.

Secondary News

Volleyball tournaments and practice schedules are linked on our website under the ATHLETICS tab, which is also [posted HERE](#).

SAY CHEESE! Picture day is on Thursday, September 21. Gr9 students are away but will have their photos done on retake day which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25.

Beauty and the Beast is coming to CCS next February!! Planning for this musical is already well underway. Students who MAY be interested in being involved with this production in any capacity are invited to a meeting on THURSDAY, September 14 after school: 3:45 - 4:15 pm in the LINC.

Improv/Drama Club will begin again with Chef Chris and Mr. Currie after school on Mondays in RM 004. These are open to all students from Gr7-12 and are on a drop-in basis. Monday, September 18th is our kick-off rehearsal. The more you attend, the more opportunities there are for performing at a CCS Third Thursday event and first-dibs on sign-ups for trips and events through the year.

Third Thursday will be starting Thursday, September 28 at 7pm here on campus. This family friendly event celebrates the art and artists here at CCS. The first event features our *Induction Ceremony to the Theatrical Arts Guild* for two Alumni, and a slate of our Junior Members. There will be an open sign up for students interested in auditioning for November's Drama Festival at Storybook Theatre featuring a keynote address from our past mayor, Naheed Nenshi and workshops by local industry professionals. Have more questions about the performing arts? Contact Mr. Currie via email: thomas.currie@pallisersd.ab.ca

From Mr. Barthel: *"Get ready to rethink your approach to choosing your career. Learn Hint's step-by-step methods for understanding which career fits you and creating an effective career plan. This will **help students understand themselves and their career options better** so their career choice is one that they'll enjoy for years to come with less debt and time spent in education. In this course, your instructor will help guide you in learning about your goals and personality, match you with relevant careers, and help you*

discover which careers are your best fit. Even if you already have a career in mind, you'll learn more about your options and be able to set achievable goals using an easy to understand career plan." The pilot will run on Tuesdays during FAST for 10 weeks starting on October 3. It is open to current Gr11-12 students. Students and parents can email jadan.barthel@pallisersd.ab.ca if they are interested in signing up! [Read more on this PDF.](#)

The **Secondary Student and Parent handbook** is posted on our website under the parents/secondary tab and [also linked HERE](#) for you.

The School Council at Calgary Christian School is committed to enriching and enhancing the student experience, as well as promoting meaningful parent engagement. Throughout the school year, there are many opportunities for families, School Council and community members to participate. In addition, or as an alternative to regular council meetings, there are other activities that result from our work that you may be able to help with. The ASCA Grant allows our council to sponsor workshops on topics of interest for parents. We value your feedback regarding the upcoming engagement session and are interested in how you would like to be involved at our school.

Kindly *take a moment to complete* [this short survey](#). The survey will remain open until September 20. Please contact ccsscouncil@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

IMPORTANT: Does your secondary student have a **life threatening medical condition** that we need to be aware of? Fill out this [Medical Alert Form](#). This information will be posted on the Secondary Campus office bulletin board with the student's emergency medication (if applicable).

Advance Notice for October 26 / 27:

*Gr12 parents + students: You're invited to a **Gr12 Reception** on Thursday, October 26 from 7-8pm, more details to follow.

*Social Media Presentation by Mr. Barthel on Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8pm, details to follow.

*Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming Thursday, October 26 / Friday (all Secondary, in person) from 4-8pm and Friday, October 27 (all Secondary, virtual) from 9am- 11:30am.

*No school for Gr 7-12 on Friday, October 27 due to Parent/Teachers and Staff PD.