

Sep 26, 2023



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## School-wide news + Society Items

**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.

As a special part of the Fall Fair, we are inviting members of our community that create handmade goods or gifts to participate in an Artisan Market, sure to be a highlight of the event. As we are excited to partner with local small businesses, the table rental fee has been kept very low. For more information and to fill out the application form please [click here](#).

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

8:45 am [Gr 9-12](#)

10:00 am Gr 5-8

11:00 am Gr K-4

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

Remember to wear your **orange shirts** as we will also recognize Orange Shirt Day on Friday. Need a shirt? It isn't too late to pick up a CCS orange shirt featuring artwork by Gitksan artist, Michelle Stoney and proceeds benefiting Legacy of Hope. Purchase your shirt [here](#) while supplies last. Order by Thursday at noon for pick-up Thursday afterschool.

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

Pastor Layne wants to extend a special **Thanks** to all those families who were able to attend the Stampeders Faith & Family game Sept 23 - it was great to see you there!

Student banking for September will take place September 27 and 28. October's banking days will be October 4 and 11th. Learn more about our partnership with the Christian Credit Union [on our website](#).

## **Elementary News**

Choir Club for Gr3-6, [SignUp HERE](#)

We are excited to be using the PowerSchool Registration portal once again for our Returning Student Registration online form. This process replaces the Edsembli online form from last year and we hope that it will be an easier and more straightforward process. You will receive an email later today with instructions on how to complete the registration form. You must create a **new** account as your old account will not work. We ask that you **complete this form for every returning student in your family by September 28** so we can have the most up to date information as soon as possible. If your child(ren) is a new student to Calgary Christian Elementary School this year, you are not required to complete this form. Please contact our front office admin assistant, Joanne VanderPlaat, via email at [joanne.vanderplaat@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:joanne.vanderplaat@pallisersd.ab.ca) if you did not receive your online registration form by Thursday or if you have any questions.

*Hot lunches + Volunteers!* **Important note:** the deadline for all lunch orders is two week prior to each lunch date.!

If you're *willing to volunteer* for lunches, please add your name [on THIS SIGNUP](#). We appreciate those who all contribute to this important fundraiser for the Elementary Campus.

**A note from Grade Three:** Grade three is excited to be leading a Thanksgiving Food Drive (non perishable, dry goods only) this fall as our service project. The goods we collect as a school will go to the Food Pantry operated by Emmanuel Church next door. These items will then be distributed to families needing assistance in our neighbourhood. The students suggested this idea as a way we can tangibly practice the through-lines, "justice-seeking" and "servant-working" in our community.

**Please bring your donation and place it on the tables outside of the staffroom by Tuesday, October 10th.**

Suggestions for food and supplies currently needed:

- pasta sauce, pasta, rice, noodles, lentils, dried or canned beans
- canned fruit, canned veggies (e.g., tomatoes, green beans, peas)
- tea, coffee, juice boxes
- healthy snacks for school lunches
- peanut butter, jam
- canned meats of any kind
- canned soup
- personal hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap)

## **Secondary News**

We've added additional volunteer dates for scanning books in the library. If you're willing to help out, please [SignUp HERE](#).

We have an adjusted schedule (posted below) for Friday, September 29 as we are attending chapels for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Click [here](#) for more information about the event.

**Return to School Package** - Thank you to the many families who have completed and submitted their Returning Student Verification Forms. If you have not completed your students' registration forms for the 2023/24 school year please do so **no later than September 30th**.

[Returning Student Verification Form Link](#) (use your parent email as your username)

\*For detailed instructions on how to complete this form click [here](#)

**Third Thursday Opening Ceremony** - September 28, 2023 at 7pm here in the Secondary LINC. Come FREE OF CHARGE to celebrate Theatrical Arts Guild award recipients, Annabelle and Jude, as well as several of our new Junior recipients, Jordan H, Chase, Kiera, Jora, Gavin, Rebecca, Kaitlyn, McKenzie W, Caelyn, Bryson, and Madison M. We will be discussing our year ahead, including Festival, the Performing Arts Program, and Third Thursday and if all goes to plan we will be releasing the CAST LIST for this year's production of BEAUTY & THE BEAST.

**Beauty and the Beast** - Auditions wrap up this week and then we are well into the thick of it. Kathy Eberle, Rachel Wuetherick, Janelle Reitsma, and our student stage manager, Jimin Park have been working tirelessly to build and design this production. Stay tuned, and stay in touch for opportunities to serve in this arts ministry. Special thanks already due for Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre in Bragg Creek for contributing to our stock of incredible costumes for this production.

**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.

\*School Council Meeting on Thursday, October 26 at 5:30pm

\*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.

## National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - September 29, 2023

	7/8	Friday
1	8:25 - 9:05	Block 1
2	9:10 - 9:50	Block 2
-	10:00 - 10:45	Chapel
-	10:55 - 11:20	Debrief
3	11:25 - 12:05	Block 3
4	12:10 - 12:45	Block 4

	9-12	Friday
-	8:45 - 9:30	Chapel
-	9:40 - 10:05	Debrief
2	10:10 - 11:00	Block 2
3	11:05 - 11:55	Block 3
4	12:00 - 12:45	Block 4