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School-wide + Society News

Nod to the Fall Fair To my small but mighty organizing committee and our families, the countless volunteers who signed up, stepped up and stepped in to help, our sponsors, vendors, donors, supporters and the community-at large, a huge **THANK YOU** for helping to make A Nod to the Fall Fair a resounding success! Happy 60th Anniversary CCS!

Stephanie Nabata, Chair

Society Meeting A meeting of the **Calgary Society for Christian Education** will be held **Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM** at the Calgary Christian Secondary School. This meeting is an opportunity for the Board to report to Society members on the successful conclusion of its 2022-2023 fiscal year, as well as update the members on the status and needs of our Secondary Gymnasium Building Project. As the purpose of this meeting is primarily the sharing of information, no official business will be conducted. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during a Q&A period. Members are encouraged to forward questions in advance to the Board at board@calgarychristianschool.com.

Will Clinic on November 30, 2023 @ 7pm in the Link. All attendees will be entered to win an Estate Planning Package from Baruss Legal! A \$650 Value. **Cherie Baruss** will also be in attendance to answer will and estate planning questions from a legal perspective.

Join the [CCS School Council](#). We would be thrilled to have you join one of the committees listed below.

- Staff Appreciation
- Grade 12 Grad Sub Committees
- Parents who Pray
- Love Our CCS Neighbours (**New**)
- Celebrating Racial Diversity (**New**)

By participating on these committees, you can contribute to your child's school community, as well as network with other parents who are wanting to make a positive impact. For more details on each committee, please see the attached committee guideline document or reach out to ccsscouncil@gmail.com with any questions. We would be thrilled to have you join one of the committees listed above.

Re-Enrollment: Watch your Inbox for important re-enrollment procedures for the 2024-25 school year. **Existing families may submit applications for new students between December 4-18.**

As we consider what reconciliation means, consider this **WEBINAR** put on by Ambrose University on Thursday, November 23 @ 6:30 pm might help: **What It Means for Us to Participate in the Work of Reconciliation by Dr. Jen Singh.** Click [here](#) to register, and for more details.

Elementary News

ES Literacy Week: CCS Elementary School will be celebrating Literacy Week next week from **Monday, November 27 to Thursday, November 30**. During this week, students will participate with their class by creating a Mad Lib. They will enjoy a story read to them by Mr. Magnan, Mrs. Jullion or Mrs. Ermter, and they will enjoy a "Forts and Flashlights" activity to end the week. **All Grade 1 to 6 students should bring a LABELLED sheet/blanket and a flashlight on Thursday, November 30 for fort building.**

EAT, PLAY, READ!

This year the library will be raising funds for purchasing new books by hosting our annual Living Books Christian books sale, together with a Library trinket sale & prize raffle. Each class will come to the library, where students will be able to purchase or place orders for items from Living Books. They will also be able to purchase small trinkets (scripture verse backpack pulls, cross bracelets, mini Rubik's Cubes, bubble pop bracelets and much more!) from the library. With trinkets purchased, students will receive entries into the prize raffle according to the [attached table](#) which has been updated.

Raffle Prizes are as follows:

- **Pizza Fun Night for 8 - Thursday, December 7, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm with Mr. Magnan, Mrs. Bettin & Mrs. Thiesen (1 prize to be won)**



Lucky winner and 7 friends will enjoy playing Hide & Seek in the school and free play in the gym with Mr. Magnan. Supper in the staff room will include 3 large pizzas of your choice, chips, lemonade, and ice cream bars.



Small Reading Pillow (1 prize to be won, retail value is \$54.00)



Elephant & Piggie Book Ends (2 prizes to be won, retail value is \$38.00/set)

Raffle entry closes at 1:25 pm on Thursday, November 30,
and prize winners will be drawn and announced before the end of the school day.

**Parents are invited to attend the Book & Trinket sale
between 8:30 - 9:00 am Monday & Wednesday, or 3:30 - 4:00 pm on Monday or Tuesday.
We thank you in advance for supporting our fundraiser so we can purchase many more books
for our students to enjoy in the library!**

ES Lunch Volunteers Needed - One more parent volunteer is needed for tomorrow's Hot Dog Day. There are also many more volunteers needed for future lunch days and we cannot run this program without our volunteers. If you can help, please sign up using the following link: [VOLUNTEER ELEMENTARY LUNCH](#)

TEACHING CHAPEL FOR DIV II - This Thursday morning is a Teaching Chapel for DIV II students. Parents are welcome to attend.

TERM I REPORT CARDS - Term I Report Cards will be emailed home on Friday, November 24th.

Secondary News

Exam Schedule January 2024 for Grade 9-12 can be found [here](#).

Dual Credit applications are due this Friday, November 24. Choose from nearly 50 courses including psychology, medical terminology, animation and business offered by 7 institutions including the University of Calgary, SAIT and Ambrose. The full course list and the online application are available at palliseroffcampus.ca/dual-credit. If you have questions or need assistance, please email Mrs. Foster.

Basketball Tryouts are this week from November 20 to 24. [Tryout Schedule](#)

Basketball Coach Needed We are in need of one coach for the Grade 9 Boys team. Please contact Curtis Smeding (JH Athletic Director), curtis.smeding@pallisersd.ab.ca if you are interested in stepping into these roles - or if you have any recommendations or ideas. Thanks!

Third Thursday Improv Showcase: Free to all! Come be entertained and celebrate the work of our Improv Teams as they “compete” against each other in some spirited theatrical shows made up on the spot. **Thursday, November 23, 2023 from 4:30-6pm in the LINC.**

STARfest Drama Festival A regional theatre festival is an event where students in Grade 6-12 can perform, or participate in workshops and meet and witness the work of other schools’ work in the region. CCS is looking to bring a small cohort of students to the inaugural event for Southern Alberta hosted at Storybook Theatre on November 30th. Only SIX spots left! Sign up using the prs26 accounts: [STARfest Sign Up Form](#)

Giving Tree The Secondary Student Council is excited to announce the donation drive for the Giving Tree, dedicated to supporting various organizations and individuals in need during this holiday season. This year, CCS is extending its support to the Ukrainian immigrant families at Glenbrook Elementary Schools (toys, mitts, gift cards for Walmart, Superstore, and gas stations), [The Mustard Seed](#), and the [Umoja Community Mosaic](#).

Here's how you can participate:

1. Choose an ornament from the Giving Tree located in the Secondary foyer. (Alternatively, you can review the provided lists and send your child to school with a donation.)
2. Purchase the specified donation item(s).
3. Return the unwrapped item(s) along with the ornament, placing them under the tree.

We will be **accepting donations from December 1 to December 15**. Your generosity will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in our community. Thank you in advance for your support!

Advance Notice:

Winter Music Concert: Two Concerts, 1 Night: December 5, 2023 at the Secondary Campus
Concert 1 will begin at 6:00 pm with students in Grade 7, High School Band, and High School Choir performing. *Concert 2* will begin at 7:30 pm with students in Grade 8, Jazz Band, High School Band, and High School Choir performing.

Missed last week’s communication? Find it here: [Parents/Weekly Email](#)