

Dec 12, 2023



## School-wide + Society News

### Stocking Stuffer Ideas- [Check Out the CCS Spirit Store!](#)

**Staff Appreciation** - Christmas Edition December 18th for Elementary Staff and December 19th for Secondary Staff. To show gratitude and appreciation to all CCS Staff who play a key role in educating and shaping our children's future. [Sign Up To Help](#)

**Enrollment:** Existing families may **submit applications for new students December 4-18.**

Do you know of a family who would be a good fit for CCS? Applications are open for new families starting **January 8**, feel free to share [THIS](#) link with them so our Admissions Coordinator can reach out to them.

**Hotlunches.net Orders** - Each Monday, all registered users of hotlunches.net receive an email titled "CCS Lunch Program Reminder". Please review this email to ensure that you have ordered lunches for your children for the following two weeks. If there are no orders showing, you haven't ordered and will need to send lunch with your children.

**Extra Red Poinsettias for Sale** - We still have a couple of red poinsettias left over from the Band Plant Fundraiser. If interested, please send an email to [accountsoffice@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:accountsoffice@calgarychristianschool.com) and e-transfer \$15 to the same email address. Pick-up is at the Secondary Campus. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Prayer Team** - If you would like to join our school prayer team, please email [Pastor Layne](#) with the times you would be available to meet (day and evening).

**Monthly Prayer** - For December, we're asking the entire CCS community to be praying for our proposed Gym build and the fundraising required, and that we can use the diagram below to help us love one another in our Christ-centred theological diversity. Or to put another way, we're asking Jesus to continue to be born in all our lives today.

CCS families belong to more than 120 Churches with differing doctrinal positions

ALL FAMILIES are Trying to Be Faithful to Jesus



#### Goals for our graduates:

Show your biblical work  
Examine your thinking and living in light of Jesus  
Display the fruit of the Spirit in disagreement - Galatians 5:22-23

THE "HARDEST WAY"

## Elementary News

**Christmas Concert Tomorrow** - Please join our CCES Community to celebrate the **Division 1 Christmas Concert: He Came Down That We May Have Love! Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:30-7:30 pm at Bethany Chapel, 3333 Richardson Way SW.**

**ES Lunch Volunteers Needed** - Two more parent volunteers are needed for the December 13th Hot Dog Day and there are also many more volunteers needed for future lunch days. We cannot run this program without you. If you can help, please sign up using the following link: [VOLUNTEER ELEMENTARY LUNCH](#)

**ES Worship Chapel** - It is a DIV II Teaching Chapel on **Thursday, December 14 at 8:45 am.** Parents are welcome to attend.

**Literacy Week Update** - Thank you to all parents and students who attended Literacy Week in the Elementary Library. Your overwhelming contributions to our trinket/raffle ticket sales helped us raise just over \$2000 to purchase new books for the library! Your support for the Living Books sale also helped us purchase new Christian books for the library. We would like to thank **Inglewood Pizza** for their generous donation of delicious pizzas for our Pizza Party prize night. Our Elementary students had a great time making up mad libs in their classrooms, and building forts to sit in while reading books with their flashlights.

**Yarn and Sweater Donations** - On Wednesdays, some of the grade six students are part of a crochet/knitting/sewing club. We are hoping to make scarves, ear warmers and mittens to donate to the Mustard Seed. We would greatly appreciate donations of supplies like old sweaters, thread and needles for sewing, yarn and even knitting needles or crochet hooks. Please bring any donations to Mrs. Gillard in room 103.

**Student Ukulele Package** - Did you know that the CCS Elementary Music Program has "Student Uke Packages" for sale? These complete packages come with a Kala Soprano Ukulele (model 15S), a low G Aquila string installed (so that the uke is set up in the same linear tuning used at school), a clip on tuner, and a ukulele music book. Save over \$20 off the retail prices!

## Secondary News

**Christmas Staff Appreciation** 🎁 The secondary school council has initiated a group gift option that allows you to thank a teacher with a special gift that is made greater by the sum of your efforts. Learn how you can contribute [here](#).

**Stage Production of *Beauty and the Beast*** This Christmas, surprise your loved ones with the perfect stocking stuffer: tickets to the CCS Mainstage Production of Beauty and the Beast! Treat your family to this production on February 7, 8, or 9, as our talented cast brings this beloved tale to life. Ticket information and full performance details will be available in next week's newsletter.

**Entrepreneurship 101 Pilot** Beginning January 31, we are excited to pilot a new entrepreneurship course as we partner with [Boss Club](#). Students will earn high school credits as they participate in this highly engaging, turn-key semester course that helps students design, launch, and run a real small business from a Biblical worldview. This class will be run by Mr. Stoesz during block 1 of quarter 3. If your child would like to enrol or change out of their scheduled class into this one, let [Jadan Barthele](#) know. We only have 15 seats!

**Exam Schedule** for the January 2024 grade 9-12 session can be found [here](#).

**Giving Tree closes Dec 15.** The Secondary Student Council is excited to announce the donation drive for the [Giving Tree](#), dedicated to supporting various organisations and individuals in need during this holiday season. This year, CCS is extending its support to the Ukrainian immigrant families at Glenbrook Elementary School (toys, mitts, gift cards for Walmart, Superstore, and gas stations), Blessings & Burdens, 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.
4. Alternatively, gift cards can be purchased via [School Cash](#).

Your generosity will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in our community. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Gr 9 Immunizations** AHS will be at the school Thursday, Dec 14th to vaccinate Grade 9 students with routine childhood vaccinations. Consent forms went home with students last month, please have your student return their consent form to the office by tomorrow. AHS will only be vaccinating those students with signed consent forms.

**Senior High Mental Health Team** We are building a Lego wall in the Wellness room! Our school community has worked hard to build a safe place for students to go when they are feeling overwhelmed and now we are looking to expand our resources. We are seeking donations of Lego pieces. If you can support our Wellness room project with Lego donations, please drop them off at the secondary office, email [kelly.schmaltz@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:kelly.schmaltz@pallisersd.ab.ca), or call the school at 403-242-2896.

**School Council** We would be thrilled to have you join one of the committees. 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 information reach out to [ccsscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ccsscouncil@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Next Week is Christmas Spirit Week at the Secondary!**

Dec 18 - [Winter Wonderland](#): Wear your winter gear

Dec 19 - [Christmas Characters](#): Dress up as your favourite Christmas character

Dec 20 - [Ugly Christmas Sweater](#)

Dec 21 - [PJ Day](#)

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