

May 14, 2024



Learning Adventures
PRESCHOOL

Society News + School-wide



A Legacy of Faithfulness: A Musical Tribute to Calgary Christian School's 60th Anniversary: Tonight is the night! We are so excited to celebrate 60 years of God's faithfulness with you all. If you have yet to reserve your ticket, it is not too late. They are \$0 with a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds will go towards the Faithfulness Campaign and advancing fine arts programs at CCS. Grab your tickets [here](#), all are welcome to attend!

The Annual General Meeting of the Calgary Society for Christian Education will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the CCS Secondary Gymnasium. The meeting notice, agenda, reports and other materials, including the biographies of vetted nominees for election to the Board, are available on our website [here](#).

CONNECT: The Spring 2024 issue of the [CONNECT](#) magazine is out now. Make sure to check out the cover and articles by the Grade 6 Reporter Team! They did such an amazing job.

Prayer Nights: Tuesday, June 4 at 7pm in the High School LINC will be the final prayer night before the end of the school year.

Prayer Team meets each Wednesday at 8:40 - 9:30 am. Currently, we are using the [discipleship dialogue diagram](#) to launch our prayers. Email [Pastor Layne](#) for more details.

Student Banking: The remaining banking days for 2023/24 are May 15 and June 5 & 12, 2024.

Safety is Paramount: Help us keep CCS'ers safe at school. Our bus drivers have reported a few issues lately. Please take a look at [this](#) traffic tip sheet for a brush up on our parking, pick up and drop off protocols. Thank you!

Blessing the Visser Family: A Cougar Cafe Bolognese Sauce Menu has been set up through the hot lunch program. If you feel called to support the Visser family, please order fresh made Bolognese from the secondary lunch program. All the net proceeds from the sales will go to the Visser family. Please order [online](#) here, by May 22, for Pickup on Friday May 31. The Go Fund Me page supporting the Visser Family can be found [here](#).

Counsellor's Corner: Are you looking for ways to help your child manage their feelings and stress? Parents and caregivers can help them by introducing healthy [coping strategies](#).

For more information about the Family School Liaison Program at CCS, please contact [Cindy](#) (Elementary Campus), [Kelly](#) (Secondary campus), or [Leah](#) (Making Connection Worker at CCS).

Pre School News



*click the image for more information!

Elementary News

Parking announcement: Thursday PM, a service at Emmanuel Church will occupy the parking lot and it will not be available for CCS families beginning at noon. Please make other arrangements for student pick-up. Thank you!

ES Lunch Volunteers Needed: Please sign up to volunteer if you can! Many more volunteers are needed for May 15, 22, 23, 29 and June 5, 6, 12 and 19. You do not need a Police Clearance to volunteer for our lunch program. We cannot run this program without you! If you can help, please sign up [here](#).

Elementary Sports Day: We'd really appreciate your help with our Sports Day in June. Please watch for dates, times and activities as well as an upcoming SignUp for volunteers. Due to the nature of this day, it's not recommended that younger children accompany the volunteers. Thanks for your understanding.

Taco in a Bag Lunch: We are excited to announce a "Taco in a Bag" hot lunch on June 10! It's a friendly competition between us and the Secondary Campus. Please order now using your hotlunches account and support the 6SG Flex Project. Money raised will go to a new outdoor learning space! We are looking for 4 volunteers, please sign up [here](#)!

Division 2 Outdoor Ed: Please take note of this updated schedule:
Group ONE: May 27 (Make-up excursion for cancellation due to cold weather)

We have a few spaces left in Kindergarten! If you know of someone who would be a good fit for CCS and they are still looking for a kindergarten placement, please have them inquire by filling out [this](#) form so that our admissions coordinator can reach out to them.

Secondary News

June Exam Schedule is available [here](#).

2024/25 School Calendar is available [here](#).

Cougar Bites Cafe: The fresh smoothie extravaganza kicked off last week! Secondary students get not one but two smoothies for no cost! Swing by Cougar Bites Cafe on weekday mornings or after the main lunch service to grab yours. Limited availability, so first come, first served! Once you've slurped up your freebies, snag more for \$5 each. Just remember, teachers must give the green light for smoothie-sipping in class. Daily preorder sign up is available, so sign up early as there are limited spots available each day...like 35....

The final hot lunch lineup is out! Place your orders for next week and on before the clock strikes midnight on Wednesday. New additions like pizza by the slice and hot dogs join the classics, so hop [online](#) to sign in and order your favorites! If you've got a snack attack or need a cool ice cream treat, we've got you covered with walk-up options too. Bon appétit!

What are you Thinking? The Secondary School Council is pleased to present, "What are you Thinking?!? A 101 to the Teenage Brain" by Dr. Deinera Exner-Cortens on Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in the Secondary Campus LINC. All are welcome to attend! Dr. Deinera Exner-Cortens is an Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair (Childhood Health Promotion) in the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Work, and is jointly appointed to the Department of Psychiatry, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. She is also the scientific co-director of PREVNet, Canada's healthy relationships hub. She holds a PhD in Developmental Psychology (Cornell University) and a Master of Public Health (Boston University). Dr. Exner-Cortens' research focuses on 1) evaluating healthy relationships resources in school and community settings, 2) developing and evaluating implementation support tools for school-based mental health service delivery; and 3) prevention of adolescent dating violence and suicide. In her work, Dr. Exner-Cortens collaborates with a number of community and research partners both provincially and nationally.

Assessment Change Parent Coalition: As our school division looks to shift towards [assessment practice](#) that is consistent with current research, we would like to create a parent coalition to learn about the concerns of any potential change while building understanding about the suggested shift. If you're willing to partner with us to ensure a successful transition, please let me know by emailing me [here](#). We'll look to meet in May to start the process.

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

UPCOMING:

May 17 & May 20 (Victoria Day) - No Classes for students

Tuesday, May 21: CSCE AGM

May 29 & 30 - Secondary Celebration of Learning

June 12 & 14 - Elementary Sports Days

June 20 - Kindergarten Graduation

June 24 - Grade 6 Celebration

June 26 - Grade 12 Graduation