

Sep 17, 2024



Learning Adventures
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Society News + School Wide

A Message from the Board of Directors: By way of update, the Board had the first meeting of the academic year last night. In our conversations with Society, we have heard your concerns around transparency and communication. In response, we are going to pilot a communication update the day following our Board meetings. The intention will be for us to provide a video summary of the issues discussed at the meetings and updates to the Society. We ask for your grace as we pilot this communication summary. Sharing informational videos from the Board is the plan going forward and you can expect to hear more from the Board soon regarding frequently asked questions and clarifications from the CCS Board of Directors. We look forward to communicating with the Society about what we are working on.

Click this [link](#) to view the video update from the Board of Directors.

Thank you to the families that attended last week's Meet the Teacher Events at both campuses. It is wonderful to get to know the CCS Community and partner together for education!

Photo Retakes will take place on October 16 2024 at both the Elementary and Secondary campuses.

Orange Shirts: K-12 Students are encouraged to wear an Orange Shirt to School on Oct 4. **CCS Orange Shirts** are now available via Hot Lunches and will be available for pick-up/delivery on September 26. In honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, orange shirts featuring artwork used with permission, from Indigenous artist Michelle Stoney, for \$25. Once again, proceeds from the shirts will be donated to the Legacy of Hope Foundation.

Parent Session & Student Assemblies: We are very excited to be hosting two very special guests as part of our school's commitment to building relationships that reflect our Christian values and to honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation and continue to cultivate a culture of love and respect within our school community. We are also thrilled that one of our parents, Shannon Sutherland-Souster, will MC these events!

We invite you to click [here](#) and submit questions for our speakers by Sept. 27, ahead of the family event in the evening on Oct. 3. This is a unique chance to inquire about anything you might have wondered about or even wrestled with in your personal journey for understanding. How do Christian teachings align with Indigenous ways of knowing and being? Why is there sometimes tension between Indigenous communities and Christian communities? We welcome all questions. Follow the links below to learn more about our Indigenous Christian speakers:

- [Adrian Jacobs](#)
- [Dr. Craig Ginn](#)

Maarsii and Hiy-Hiy!

- Maarsii comes from the Michif language, which is spoken by the Métis people, and it means "Thank you."
- Hiy-Hiy comes from the Cree language and also means "Thank you."

The **Prayer Team** meets every Tuesday morning to pray for our students, staff and families. If you would like to join, come by the Secondary offices on Tuesdays at 8:35 am.

Important Dates and Information:

Oct 3 - Family Night with our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Speakers


Oct 4 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Assemblies

Nov 14 - Celebrating Cultural Diversity Family Night @ CCES

Hot Lunches Student Class Update Needed: A system reset of all student classes (homerooms) needed to be completed, and as such, all parents need to login to their hot lunches [account](#) and update their student's class/homeroom information. If you already did this at the start of the school year, it will need to be updated again. Thanks for your understanding.

Davison Apples Fundraiser: We are happy to be offering our Apple fundraiser again! Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to support student initiatives at CCS. Orders can be placed under your hot lunch account and will be accepted until September 25th for pickup on October 8.

We've created a form for selling apples to friends and family without access to HotLunches. Click this [link](#) to learn more. Thank you for supporting CCS!

A graphic with a light orange background and a white semi-circle at the bottom. The text is centered and reads: Canadian Dental Care Plan, Régime canadien de soins dentaires.

Canadian Dental Care Plan
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Click [here](#) for a message from the government of Canada regarding its new dental care plan.

Please take a moment to view [this](#) letter from the Minister of Education.

The Threat Assessment Fair Notice Letter which is sent to families by school sites each school year has been updated. You may access it here: [Threat Assessment Fair Notice Letter](#).

Student banking with CCU: Is your student banking with Christian Credit Union? Please join us this Thursday, September 17, at 7:30 pm in the LINC at the Secondary Campus for an info session about their new Calgary branch.

Pre School News

Welcome Back - Learning Adventures Preschool is underway although we offer ongoing registration. If you have any questions call Susan at 403-242-2896, ext. 2152 or visit our [website](#) for more information.

Elementary News

New Contact Info: Our Office Administrators have a new email address. Please use ccesoffice@pallisersd.ab.ca to report absences or lates. The former email address will no longer work.

Early Pickups, Student Messages or Other Pickup Changes: Please email the Elementary Office at ccesoffice@pallisersd.ab.ca for any early pickups, messages etc. **prior to 3:00pm**. If you are picking up your child(ren) early, pickup must be **no later than 3:10pm**. Thank you for your understanding.

ES Lunch Program: The ES Lunch Program has been opened on the hot lunches website [here](#). If you are brand new to the school, please register for an account and add your children to your account to be able to place orders. All parents, please be sure to update your child's grade and homeroom. You will only be able to place orders for **September-January** lunches at this time. February-June will be opened at a later date. If you would like your child to have a hot dog lunch next week, September 25th, you must order by the end of the day **TODAY**.

ES Lunch Program Volunteer NEEDED: All dates for volunteering for the Elementary Lunch Program from September-January have been added to SignUpGenius. We cannot run this program without your help, so please sign up today! Did you know that all funds raised from our lunch program go towards special events such as "Alien In-Line Skating" and "SoundKreations". The funds are also used to purchase items such as our Gaga Ball Pit.

Other Volunteer Opportunity: One volunteer is needed to help take covers off of new Word Books, laminate the covers and reassemble the books. We would like this to be completed within the next two weeks. If you are available, please SignUpGenius. The link can be found on the Calgary Christian School website under "Quicklinks".

ES Chapel: It is a K-6 Chapel on Thursday, September 19th. Parents are welcome to attend.

Elementary Helpful Hints is linked [HERE](#) has information that is helpful for new and returning parents and students.

Secondary News

Important Dates and Information:

Oct 10 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Chapel: All family members and friends are welcome to participate in this upcoming chapel Friday the 20th at 10:10am to 10:55am at Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church. Mrs. Rachel Sutherland along with some Sr. High students will be leading us in worship. Two grade 12 students will be sharing about the powerful impact Jesus is having in their life. Be prepared to be inspired and encouraged.

Spain/Portugal: There are only 8 spots left for this amazing opportunity! Email any questions to lauren.monson@pallisersd.ab.ca. The deadline is **September 27!**

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SPRING BREAK 2025

For students in grade 10, 11, & 12 in the 24/25 school year

Enroll online at www.cftours.ca/27560055N

Enroll over the phone by calling 1-800-263-2806 (open Monday-Friday from 9am-5:30pm EST)



School Council: Join us for the first school council meeting of the year at 6:30pm, on September 19, in the music room at the secondary campus. All CCS parents and guardians are encouraged and welcome to attend. The school administration will share a range of updates, and the School Council will outline various opportunities for parental involvement. Parents are also invited to email any topics they'd like to see on the October agenda to ccsscouncil@gmail.com. You can check out the agenda [here](#) but we're looking for feedback on assessment reporting and shifts in the 25/26 school timetable. As part of the School Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing our school community and ensuring we meet the needs of all our families, we are conducting a brief engagement survey. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete, but your responses will provide us with insights that will guide our efforts moving forward. **Survey Link:** [Parent Engagement Survey](#)

New, new Contact Info (Yes, you read that right): Our Administrative Assistants have a new email address. Please use info_ccss@pallisersd.ab.ca to contact the Secondary office. The former email address will no longer work. Absences and lates are still to be submitted via Edsby.

Early Pickups, Student Messages or Other Pickup Changes: Please email the Secondary Office for unscheduled early pickups, emergency messages for students, or similar requests **before 3:00PM**. The office is often very busy at the end of the day and we may not be able to deliver messages if contacted later. We also appreciate it if parents can finalize after-school plans with their students before school. Thank you for your cooperation!

Edsby Attendance Notifications: To receive notifications about your student's [unexcused absences](#), you can adjust your settings in Edsby. Please watch [this video](#) for a step-by-step guide on how to do this.

Cougars Athletics WarmUps: Dri-fit warmup shirts are available to order now. The shirts come in short or long sleeve, in a variety of cuts and make excellent warmups for our volleyball and basketball players to wear at practices, workouts and during game warm ups but are available for anyone to purchase! Visit the athletics page of our website, [here](#), to place your order.

Chef Chris: The Secondary Cougar Bites Cafe hot lunch menu is [posted](#) and active with menus available up to December break... and stay tuned for some exciting new items that Chef Chris has in mind for daily walk up sales!

Do you want to help your child think about life after high school? We are excited to offer the [HINT course](#) again this year for grade 10-12 students. This course helps students take the stress out of choosing and preparing for their career using real-world exploration and planning. Our goal is for students to rethink their approach to careers from a Biblical perspective. Students will gain insight into how to explore careers that match their personality, interests and talents, network with industry experts, and what steps to take after high school. If students already have a career in mind, they'll gain valuable insights, discover the right college and career path, and learn how to get experience in their chosen field.

[HINT Video Link](#)

[Course Overview](#)

[Syllabus](#)

Email Jadan Barthel [principal] at jadan.barthel@pallisersd.ab.ca to reserve your spot!

Our Secondary **Helpful Hints document** linked [HERE](#) has an abundance of information that is helpful for new and returning parents and students.

Missed previous weekly emails? Find them here: [Weekly Email](#)