

Oct 8, 2024



Learning Adventures
PRESCHOOL

Society News + School Wide

Important Dates & Information:

Oct 14: Thanksgiving Day. There is no school for staff or students.

Oct 22: Family Prayer Night

Nov 14: Around the World in One Night: 6-8pm @ our Secondary School

Photo Retakes will take place on October 16, 2024 at both the Elementary and Secondary campuses. Elementary retakes require registration, visit this [link](#) to complete the form.

24/25 Return Student Registration Forms: Please have your students' forms submitted no later than October 15, 2024. As a reminder, this is a mandatory form that must be completed each year for every student. It's important for the school to have accurate information for funding purposes. Visit this [link](#) to complete the form.

Around the World in One Night: So far we have 5 families participating and we would like a lot more! Let's come together to learn, share and celebrate! Do you have a cultural dance to share, perhaps a language lesson, traditional clothing you'd like to display, maybe photos or other artifacts showing your heritage, or special cultural foods that people could try? We'd love to hear from you! Use this [link](#) to sign up to share and/or to attend. If you have an idea for us or a question, please email [Niki Brandsma](#) or [Leona Schaap](#). We're excited to unite to celebrate the cultural diversity at Calgary Christian School on November 14!



Prayer Team: If you can, please join other parents and staff every Tuesday at 8:30 - 9:15 am at the Secondary Campus.

Apple Pick-Up: Davison Orchard Apple Orders will be available for pick up tomorrow, Wednesday, October 9th. If you haven't signed up for a pick-up slot please check your email for information or visit [this sign-up](#). Thank you again for supporting student activity at CCS!

Parent Opportunity - Love Your Neighbour Initiative: Each Tuesday, we send students to a local Elementary School to volunteer. If you would like to chaperone our students to this school on Tuesdays from 11:45 - 12:50, please email [Pastor Layne](#). That school is also in need of additional field trip volunteers. If you have time to help, and a completed CCS police check, please email [Pastor Layne](#) for more details. The next trips that require more supervision are October 22 and 23.

Cougars Team Gear: Thank you to everyone who placed an order for Cougars Warm-Ups, they are on the way. We now have a year-round Cougars Athletics Store, visit the Athletics Tab on the website to shop for your team gear to rep the Cougars in the stands or on the court, field, gym, pitch, track, course, etc.

Student Banking: Did you know that CCS partners with the Christian Credit Union as part of their Student Banking Program? Visit our [website](#) to learn about the incentives offered to account holders and how to open an account. Upcoming banking deposit days: October 16 & 23, November 6 & 13.

Pre School News

Welcome Back - Learning Adventures Preschool is underway and we offer ongoing registration. We are reminding everyone of our "Refer a Friend Program" to our preschool. If you refer a family to our program and they register, you will receive a \$200.00 gift card just in time for Christmas! If you have any questions call Susan at 403-242-2896, ext. 2152 or visit our [website](#) for more information.

Elementary News

ES Lunch Program Reminder: Please remember to always read the "CCS Lunch Program Reminder" email that arrives in your inbox each Monday morning to confirm that you have ordered lunch that week for your child(ren). If there are no orders listed, please make sure that you send lunch with your child(ren).

Elementary School Council: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at the Elementary Campus.

ES Lunch Program Volunteers 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! A police clearance is **not required** for this volunteer position, however, it is appreciated. Please sign up today! If we do not get enough volunteers each week, we may have to cancel lunches.

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 and outdoor recess equipment.

ES Library: We are holding a used book sale during Literacy Week to raise money for new books for the library. If you have any Kindergarten-Grade 6 books in good condition that you would like to donate, could you please bring them to the Elementary library at morning drop-off or after school pickup? It would be greatly appreciated! Donations will be accepted until November 21.

Student Recorders: Grades 4 & 5 will be learning to play the recorder in the spring. All students are required to have their own "German fingering" recorder. If a recorder is needed, please pay \$11.00 at the office and your student will receive it prior to starting the recorder in the spring. If finances are an issue, please reach out to [Mrs. O'Brien](#).

Grade 3 Thanksgiving Food Drive: 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 neighborhood. The students suggested this idea as a way we can tangibly practice "justice-seeking" in our community.

Please bring your donation and place it on the tables outside of the staffroom until Tuesday, October 15.

Suggestions for food and supplies currently needed:

- *pasta sauce, pasta, and noodles*
- *canned soup*
- *rice, lentils*
- *canned fruit, canned veggies (e.g., beans, corn)*
- *tea, coffee, juices*
- *personal hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bar soap)*
- *peanut butter, jam, Nutella, Cheez Whiz*
- *school snacks for children*
- *canned meats of any kind*

Thank you again for your support in this work of love, Grade Three

ES Chapel: It is a K-6 Thanksgiving Chapel this Thursday, October 10. Parents are welcome to attend.

Secondary News

Important Dates and Information:

Oct 10: Parent/Teacher Interviews & Senior Night

Oct 11: No Classes for Grade 7 & 8/Online P/T interviews for Grade 7/8 Parents

Oct 17: Grade 9's to the Mustard Seed for "A Day in the Life" (email to parents coming soon)

Calgary Prayer Breakfast (students from Grade 6-12 attending with chaperones)

Performing Arts Induction Ceremony (7pm-8:30pm)

Nov 14: Around the World in One Night: 6pm-8pm

Oct 22: Post Secondary Fair (11am-1pm) & CCS Community Prayer Evening (7pm)

Lengthening the school day for the 25/26 school year is in the parent/guardian feedback stage. Please use this [form](#) to make sure your voice is heard as we respond to our school division's proposal of more break time in a school day.

Feb 11 & 12: Grad Photos (grade 12's save the date, more info to follow!)

Friday Morning Hockey has started! Come join us every Friday morning at 6:45am across our street at Optimist Arena. This opportunity is available to graded 8-12 students to start. If you're a CCS parent/guardian and want to join us, you're welcome to come as well. Interested adults need to send \$100 to accountsoffice@calgarychristianschool.com with a note that includes your name along with Friday Morning Hockey. Kids skate for free.

Calgary Leadership Prayer Breakfast: We are able to take twelve students to the annual prayer breakfast on Thursday, October 17. If your child is interested in attending please have them email or talk to [Ms. Springer](#) by Monday October 7. The event is from 7 AM to 9 AM at the BMO Centre. If you would also like to attend, you can register online at [eventbrite](#).

Senior Night: We look forward to hosting our Grade 12 students and their parents for an evening of information sharing and fellowship on October 10 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. The evening will include a general information session about graduation celebrations, Senior Project, and graduation requirements.

Performing Arts: Auditions for our Mainstage Production of *Newsies* finish up this week. The cast list will be announced at our Annual Induction Ceremony on **October 17** at 7pm in the LINC. This FREE event celebrates excellence in the Arts Ministry here on campus and this year will feature three local artists, testimonies, and tributes to those students who have used their gifts wisely and well.



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!

Outcome Based Assessment information can be found [here](#). This document is meant to support anyone interested in learning more about what this practice is about. It is meant to be responsive to student/parent feedback and will be updated throughout the year.

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