Society News + School Wide

Important Dates & Information:

Oct 22: Post Secondary Fair

6:30pm: Secondary School Council at the high school

7:30pm: Family Prayer Night at the high school (after Parent Council)

Oct 24/25: No Classes: PCCE Teacher's Convention

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

Today, Oct 15: There is a memorial service at Emmanuel Church this afternoon that may impact the parking lot at student pick-up. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Chaperones: We are in desperate need of 6 more volunteers for our Grade 9 Learning Experience at the Mustard Seed on Oct 17. This will take the entire school day.

Photo Retakes will take place tomorrow at both the Elementary and Secondary campuses. Elementary retakes require registration, visit this <u>link</u> to complete the form. Please view this flyer for more information!

24/25 Return Student Registration Forms: Please have your students' forms <u>submitted</u> <u>by today.</u> 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 <u>link</u> to complete the form.

Around the World in One Night: Let's come together to learn, share and celebrate! At this time a few families have signed up to take part but we would like everyone to partake in this special evening. 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.

From School Council: The Secondary School Council would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the parents who contributed to the World Teachers' Day potluck! Your generous contributions and thoughtful support made the event a wonderful celebration. It truly means a lot to us and fosters a strong school spirit.

Mark your calendars! The next Secondary School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm in the LINC. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

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 <u>Athletics</u> 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 <u>website</u> 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 <u>website</u> 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 @ 6pm at the Elementary Campus.

IMPORTANT CHANGE - ELEMENTARY OFFICE EMAIL: Due to security protocol and Palliser reorganizing email groups we have a new email address which is info cces@pallisersd.ab.ca. We are so sorry for the inconvenience.

ES Lunch Program Volunteers Needed: All dates for volunteering for the Elementary Lunch Program from September-January have been added to <u>SignUpGenius</u>. 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.

CCS Elementary Hockey program (Gr 1-6): Students are encouraged to play with their friends, in a fun, 'play & pass,' environment. All skill levels are welcome! Due to the popularity of this program and considering the ice sheets available, space is limited and registration caps

will be adhered to. Registration is \$100 with a discount to program volunteers: \$70 (minimum of three ice times - four parent maximum will be accepted). Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis on October 27 at 7am until the program is full, or November 10. Payments to be made after you are accepted into the program.

The dates are as follows:

Jan 3, 10, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, *21, 28 March 7, 14 2-3 pm (Grades 4-6), George Blunden Arena 2:15-3:15 pm (Grades 1-3), Optimist Arena

Equipment needed: hockey stick, hockey skates, shoulder pads, elbow pads, and shin pads, approved helmet with full face protection, neck and mouth guard, athletic cup (both boys and girls), hockey gloves

Email cceshockey@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Keep an eye out on our website for a registration link.

ES Chapel: It is a K-6 Chapel this Thursday, October 17th. Parents are welcome to attend.

Secondary News

Important Dates and Information:

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), CCSS School Council (6:30pm), CCS Community Prayer Evening (7:30pm)

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

Lengthening the school day for the 25/26 school year is in the parent/guardian feedback stage. Please use this <u>form</u> to make sure your voice is heard as we respond to our school division's proposal of adding two 15 minute breaks to our school day.

Performing Arts: Our Annual Induction Ceremony is at 7pm on Thursday, October 17, in the LINC. Parents, Students, and so-on are invited to enjoy some evening snacks at this FREE event celebrating excellence in the Arts Ministry here on campus. This year will feature three professional artists from the wider community, testimonies, and tributes to those

students who have used their gifts wisely and well. Whether you are being inducted, or might one day, or you're just looking to get a sneak-a-peek at this year's CAST LIST for Newsies, we would love to host you. If you've read this message and are connected to other families that might enjoy this evening, please pass the word around for us. Many thanks!



Chef Chris: The Secondary Cougar Bites Cafe hot lunch menu is <u>posted</u> 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!

School Council meets next Tuesday at 6:30pm in the LINC. Come join us as we go through this agenda.

Outcome Based Assessment information can be found <u>here</u>. 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.

Dual Credit information for semester two is now available at www.palliseroffcampus.ca. The online info session is at 6:30pm Tuesday, October 15. You can register here for the info session. Applications will open after the info session and are due November 1.

Missed previous weekly emails? Find them here: Weekly Email