

# Society News + School Wide

#### **Important Dates & Information:**

Nov 8 & 11: No Classes

Nov 27: Fall Society Meeting (more info coming soon)

**Dec 6:** CCS Christmas Movie Night @ our Elementary School (more info coming soon) **Feb 15:** Alumni Basketball, Pickleball and Volleyball Tournament (more info coming soon)



**Tour Tuesdays:** As enrollment approaches, we are inviting prospective families to visit our Campuses for special tours this November. Know anyone looking for a place for their learners? Encourage them to visit CCS!

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

**Did you know** that CCS is made up of more than 120 Churches and 25 Denominations? To help us love each other well, we have started a section in our library (for students and parents) where we can learn from each other. If you have books or pamphlets that are helpful summaries of your Church, please share them with Pastor Layne. Click <u>here</u> for an example from the Christian Reformed Church.



**\*Postponed\* Around the World in One Night:** The planning team for our November 14 evening, who is part of the Celebrating Cultural Diversity Committee at CCS, has decided it is in the best interest of the event and our efforts to postpone the "Around the World" event due to low participation.

While this is disappointing we are excited to continue to work on a gathering for the CCS Community in the coming year. We ask that if you know anyone who was planning to attend to let them know we'll be moving this into February/March 2025. If you have an idea and/or would want to participate, as a family or group of students, please sign up using this <u>form</u>. We can connect with you once a new date has been chosen. We look forward to planning a fun and engaging event, full of learning and community-building, in the coming year!

**Love Your Neighbour Initiative:** We are collecting mittens at both campuses for Glenbrook Elementary (K- Grade 6). Please have your child bring mittens to their school office.

**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 are tomorrow and November 13.

**CCS Music program** is selling beautiful poinsettias, holiday wreaths and much more to raise money for the Music Secondary School program. You can show your support by ordering via this <u>link</u> before November 25. Pick up will be on December 10 & 11, just in time for Christmas. Thank you all for your support!

# **Pre School News**

Learning Adventures Preschool still has spaces available in both 3 and 4 year old classes. We also want to remind 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 gift card.** Just in time for Christmas! If you have any questions call Susan at 403-242-2896, ext. 2152 for more information.

### **Elementary News**

Friday, Nov 8: No School for Staff or StudentsWednesday, Nov 13: Elementary Spirit Day - Hero DayNov 21 & 26: Parent Teacher Conferences

**Elementary Office Email:** <u>info\_cces@pallisersd.ab.ca</u> (please note that this is different than info@calgarychristianschool.com)

**November Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you! You should have received an email from the elementary office today with instructions on how to sign up for a parent/teacher conference. If you missed this communication, view this <u>link</u>.

**Remembrance Day Chapel:** On November 7, the Elementary School will be holding our Remembrance Day Chapel at Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church at 8:45am. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Outcome Based Assessment**: New Report Card format and dates, and new parent/teacher interview dates! Click <u>here</u> for more information.

**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).

**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. Currently the following dates still need volunteers: November 27, December 18, January 8, 9, 15, 22, and 29.

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 Friday Hockey:** Thank you to all who registered, you will be contacted later this month with more details. Registration is now closed.

**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.

**Afterschool Basketball:** Final opportunity to sign up for after-school basketball. Sign up <u>here</u>! Please note: all students will have the opportunity to come to the first session this Thursday, November 7. We will be splitting the groups up for the remaining Thursdays in Nov/Dec.

**Parenting Course:** Are you interested in joining a faith based parenting course? We are considering offering an opportunity for parents in our community to join together and learn how to parent with confidence and lead with grace. The parent course would be facilitated by Cindy Lerner, our Family School Liaison Counsellor using resources from <a href="https://connectedfamilies.org/">https://connectedfamilies.org/</a>. To express your interest in participating, please fill out this form by November 22, 2024.

# **Secondary News**

Want to go to Argentina? Our <u>Palliser International Exchange Program</u> is looking for students interested in a 6-week exchange with a <u>school</u> in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This exciting opportunity just came up as our Argentinian partner is looking to send their students in late January 2025 for the first leg of the exchange. You would host a student here and then our students will head to Argentina in mid-August and stay until the end of September. This means that students would be working on their class work virtually as they would not be back in Calgary until October. If you're interested in learning more about this possibility, please email Jadan <u>Barthel</u> to get on the list!

Important Info Session - Tuesday, November 12 @ 7pm [virtual link to be added next week]

**Fine Arts Apparel Store:** T-shirts and sweatshirts for all those that support and love the fine arts! Check it out <u>here</u>!

**Chapel:** The Secondary Chapel will be held Thursday November 7th at 1:40pm at Emmanuel Church. This will be our Remembrance Day Chapel Service with guest speaker Kristopher Singer. You are welcome to join us.

**Faith Club:** This is a student led discipleship group for grade 9 to 12 s. This group meets in the Link on Wednesday's over lunch. The kick off is October 23. The students will be doing a 6 week series on **'Confidence in Christ'.** This week they are addressing insecurity. Please be in prayer for these students and encourage your child to check it out.

**Chef Chris:** The Cougar Cafe will temporarily have intermittent concession sales as we are temporarily short staffed. Thanks for the understanding.

The Secondary Cougar Bites Cafe is looking for some regular committed assistance in daily snack sales and POS operation as with the hot lunch service. This could be incorporated as part of the Student work program for Grades 10-12, with the opportunity to earn high school credits. If commercial/production kitchen operations interests you, please see Chef for details!

**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.



**Attention Families of Actors and Performing Artists**: On November 7, at 7-9pm in Room 004 Grade 8-12 students will be auditioning (with live adjudication) for a chance to go as one of the possible twenty students competing at Ambrose University on November 15th for the Southern Alberta Regional Drama STAR Festival hosted by the TAEA. This FREE event requires a reservation of a seat (or two) so please click through the referenced form <u>here</u> for more information and to hold your spot.

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