

Dec 17, 2024



Learning Adventures  
PRESCHOOL

## Society News + School Wide

### Important Dates & Information:

**December 20-January 5:** Winter Break, No School

**January 6:** First Day Back to School for Students

**Jan 14:** Dr. Madigan on how to help your child manage stress and anxiety - 7pm Linc

**Feb 5-7:** Newsies Jr. (get tickets [here!](#))

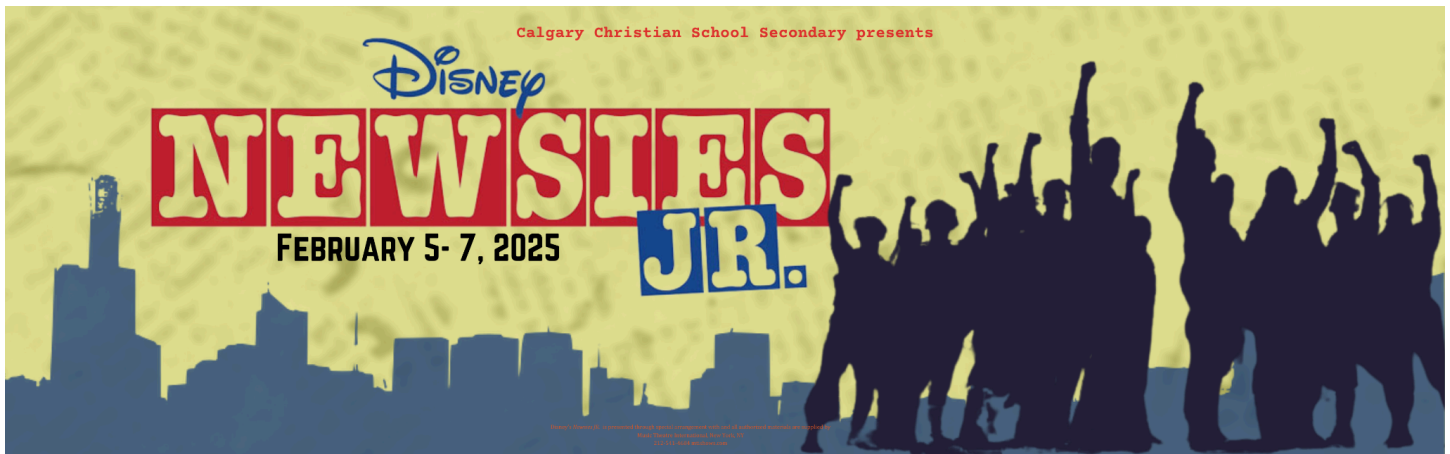
**Feb 15:** Alumni Basketball, Pickleball and Volleyball Tournament (sign up [here!](#)).

**Please fill out your re-enrollment form for the 2025/26 school year, if you have not done so!**

[CCS Family Re-enrollment Form 2025/26](#) Deadline is January 20, 2025.

**CCS Christmas Concerts:** A HUGE thank you to our volunteers, staff, and teachers that made our Christmas concerts a success this year. We could not have done it without you!

**Alumni Tournament:** Our Alumni Tournament will be taking place on February 15, 2024. There will be volleyball, basketball, and pickleball brackets. You are welcome to sign up for more than one sport. Whether you are a current staff, student, or parent, or a previous staff, student, or parent, you are invited to join in on the competitive fun! This will come up quickly after the break so if you are wanting to get signed up don't wait to claim your spot. Click [here](#) to sign up!



**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!** Hot off the press! *Newsies the Musical* is comin' to town! Catch the action February 5 through 7, 2025, 7 pm sharp at Emmanuel Church. [Tickets](#) are on sale now, don't miss out!

**Prayer Team:** Join other parents and staff every Tuesday at 8:30 - 9:15 am at the Secondary Campus. The prayer team is now fasting and praying for the school each Tuesday - watch here for ways you can participate in the New Year!

**Continued Prayer for Mr. Jonker:** Mr. J is asking that we pray for strength in the new valves, and that he can go home from hospital soon. Please keep all this and his family in your prayers over the Christmas break.

Watch for an invitation to **pray and fast for CCS** in the new year. If you want an introduction, check out [The Fasting Practice](#) on RightNow Media. Email [Pastor Layne](#) for a login if needed.

*\*Because we are a diverse Christian community, CCS does not explicitly endorse any one video on RightNow Media.*

**Spring Fundraising Event Planning Committee:** If you would be interested in supporting our school by taking part in a planning committee for our spring fundraising event, please contact Niki in the Development Office at [nbrandsma@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:nbrandsma@calgarychristianschool.com). Thank you!

**Student Banking: Tomorrow** is your last chance to deposit your banking envelope for December at the Elementary Office or the Business Office at the Secondary Campus. 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.

## 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!

Learning Adventures is launching a new full day program beginning in February. View [this](#) document for more information!

**Hiring:** Learning Adventures is now looking for a part time staff member to work from 8:00am-12:15pm Monday through Friday. They will be required to have their Early Childhood Education Level 1 (Child Development Aide). This person will be in charge of assisting the teacher in maintaining classroom atmosphere and policies, setup of the crafts, snacks and cleanup. They will be responsible to help create open communication with all parents, children and other colleagues in the program.

Send resumes to Susan at [sohman@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:sohman@calgarychristianschool.com) by Monday, January 6, 2025. If you have any questions about the new program, or job posting, call Susan at 403-242-2896 ext. 2152 for more information.

## Elementary News



**Elementary Office Email:** Please use [info\\_cces@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:info_cces@pallisersd.ab.ca) for all absences, lates or early pickups, along with other questions etc. Please take note that this email is different than [info@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:info@calgarychristianschool.com) that does not reach the ES office.

**ES Chapel:** It is a K-6 Christmas Chapel on Thursday, December 19th @ 8:45 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

**ES Christmas Spirit Day:** On Thursday, December 19th, come to school with a funky Christmas hat, socks, or head-to-toe outfit!

**Outcome Based Assessment:** New Report Card format and dates, and new parent/teacher interview dates! Click [here](#) 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).

The **February-June orders are now open** for ordering on the [hotlunches.net](http://hotlunches.net) website.

**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. Currently the following dates still need volunteers: **Jan 9, 15, 22, and 29**. We have also opened up volunteer opportunities for the rest of the school year (February-June).

All funds raised from our lunch program go towards special events such as “Alien In-Line Skating”, “SoundKreations” and Author Visits during Literacy Week. The funds are also used to purchase items such as our Gaga Ball Pit and outdoor recess equipment.

**Literacy Week Author Book Purchases:** We were blessed to have two authors visit us during Literacy Week, Yewande Daniel-Ayoade and Trina Rathgeber. Books by these authors are available to purchase as follows:

- **Yewande Daniel-Ayoade:** The Little Regent (\$20), What’s the Worst that Could Happen (\$15) and Sade: We’re Moving to Canada (\$15). These books are available to purchase in the Elementary Library until Thursday noon by cash, cheque payable to Yewande Daniel-Ayoade, or by e-transfer to [contact@ydaniel-ayoade.com](mailto:contact@ydaniel-ayoade.com).
- **Trina Rathgeber:** Lost at Windy River, A True Story of Survival (currently \$18.15 on Amazon using this [link](#)).

## Secondary News



The Christmas season is the perfect time of year to show how grateful we are for the amazing CCS teachers, staff, and administrators for the wonderful learning opportunities they provide to our

children every school day. **To show some festive appreciation to CCS Secondary staff** click [HERE](#) for more information!

**Chapel:** Join us for our next chapel service Thursday, December 19th at 2:35pm at Emmanuel CRC. January 10th we have guest speaker CCS alumni Pastor Justin Menzies from First Love Church who will be helping us set the tone spiritually for the new year.

**Final Week for The Giving Tree:** This is the last week to make a difference through our Giving Tree campaign! We're collecting donations for Glenbrook Elementary & Umoja Mosaic to bless families in need this season. Please consider contributing **pasta, rice, tuna, hot chocolate, gift cards, or card games** by the end of day on Wednesday. Thank you for spreading love and kindness in our community! ❤️

**Chef Chris-Cougar Cafe:** Chef Chris will be away for the holidays after today. Miss Patricia will be here joyfully serving your students. Another reminder to get your January to February orders in so you don't forget over the holidays!!!! Service resumes on January 8 with the order cutoff being midnight on January 1 and each Wednesday at midnight or the following week.

**Basketball season** is underway! Double check your practice times and locations [here](#) and visit the Athletics tab of our website for spiritwear purchases and more info! Scorekeepers are needed for home games, students can [volunteer here](#).

**Save the date!** CCS Secondary Council is thrilled to welcome Dr. Sheri Madigan on Tuesday, January 14 at 7 pm in the LINC. Dr. Madigan will be sharing valuable insights on how to help your child manage stress and anxiety. This event is open to everyone, and we kindly ask that you [RSVP](#) to attend.

**Bible Recommendation:** Are you looking to purchase a bible for your teen? The New Living Translation is a great translation for reading through the Bible. It's tough for memorizing scripture as it's wordy, but for reading chapters, it's Miss Springer's top pick for teens.

**January 2025 Exam Schedule** can be found [here](#).

**HS Ski Trip in March:** Details [here](#)!

**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](#)