



JOINING OUR HOMES AND OUR SCHOOL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Society Program Fees for 2010-2011: A main goal in setting the budget for the coming year is to keep Christian education affordable. The 2010-11 budget includes some changes to the structure of Society Program fees that will introduce an all inclusive program fee, by student, by grade. What this allows us to do is incorporate all of the grade specific student activities that were paid separately and include them in your donation tax receipt. Fewer cheques, a greater tax deduction and the ability to spread the cost of activities over the 10 months of your Society Program Fee payments. Further details will follow after spring break.

Service Mission Trips: We ask you to keep the students, chaperones and leaders in your prayers and thoughts as they venture to Belize, France/Spain and Greece/Italy.

Spring Society Meeting May 20: Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Spring Society meeting. It will be an opportunity to hear about what is happening at the school, the Elementary Campus renovation plans, the unveiling of the new Society budget and Program Fee structure, the goals for the coming year and for our Society to elect new Board members.

Elementary Renovations for July/August 2010: We are embarking on a series of upgrades to the Elementary Campus that will add to the safety and security of our students, as well as improve our facility overall. We are relocating the library, moving the Administration offices and adding some classrooms and washrooms. More information will follow soon, as well as a "Town Hall" presentation on the coming changes - watch for notices and opportunities to get all the information!

School Council: One of the unique opportunities that we have been given as a school within the Palliser Division is the establishment of our School Council. The Council has openings for parent volunteers who are interested in the well being of the school, in the current events and activities, and being a collaborative, positive influence on issues that face CCS within the Division. If you have an interest, or would like to know more, please contact me at your convenience.

Grocery Program and Parent Action Council: I had opportunity recently to receive some feedback on the Grocery Card program that is alive and well at CCS. Some folks wondered how easy the program was, how the Grocery Cards worked, and if there was any obligation if the cards were not used up each month.

Did you know that you can purchase grocery gift cards directly from the school? Each card you buy works like cash, but returns anywhere from 5-8% of the face value to the school. The card is like cash so it does not have an expiry date, and the balance simply declines each time you buy groceries.

How do you start? Just contact Janet DeGraaff at ext. 338, tell her the dollar amount you would like to purchase, and that's it! You can set it up automatically for each month, or make individual purchases. You still buy your groceries the same as you always have, but a percentage comes right to the school, and allows us to enhance our students' education.



Blessings to you and yours on Easter - "He is risen"!

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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- **Spring Fling 2010:** We are looking forward to Spring Fling on April 30! Reservations and donations can be made throughout spring break by contacting Catherine Feenstra by phone or email. Funds raised at this year's dinner and auction will be directed toward the renovations and upgrades that will be happening this summer! There are great items already received, and we are anticipating many more - be sure to make your reservations soon for this not-to-be-missed evening!
- **Golf Tournament June 18:** Yes, it's that time again...start practicing your swing and getting your foursome together to enter in our 16th annual tournament! This day is filled with 18 holes of great golf at GlenEagles in Cochrane, lots of fun elements and tons of opportunities for sponsorship and sharing the vision of CCS with friends and colleagues. Watch for your registration package in April! If you are interested in being involved in our tournament, please contact Jason Kupery or the Development Office anytime.

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CAMPUS UPDATES

ELEMENTARY

- A big thank you from the ES to Mr. Bonk's HS construction class for building two beautiful hand crafted benches for our library!!
- Join us for our April chapel on Friday, April 16 at 12:40 pm where we will be learning about "Repenting"; living God's way means repenting to God so we can be forgiven when we do wrong things.
- **The Watoto Choir** is coming to the ES on Friday, April 16 at 11:00 am. This is a group of orphaned children from Uganda that sing and dance... a beautiful performance - please join us! Admission is free; donations would be gratefully received to assist with their work of caring and educating orphans in Uganda.
- **Penny Carnival** is just around the corner!! **April 23** is the day our ES students will have great fun building community and raising funds for the *Christian Curriculum Resources Fund* which allows for the development of curriculum resources from a Christian perspective within the Prairie Association of Christian Schools (PACS).
- **ES Music Notes:**
 - The Senior Handbell Choir received another "Superior" rating at the Kiwanis Festival and the Junior Handbell Choir received an "Excellent" rating. Both Bell Choirs performed very well and received wonderful comments from the adjudicator.
 - **Wednesday, April 21:** As a Christian outreach activity, both Junior and Senior Handbell Choir ringers will share their music with patients in the Calgary Hospice Day Program, "Living with Cancer".
 - **Wednesday evening, April 28: CCS Elementary School Easter Concert - 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church. This concert will include ALL students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 as well as our Elementary School Choir and Junior and Senior Handbell Choirs. Each child's presence is critical to the success of their class's performance. Please make every effort to attend. Parents and guests are most welcome.** 
 - **May 4:** Our ES Choir and Junior Handbell Choir will perform for the residents of the Sarcee West Seniors Lodge as their Christian outreach and final, year end celebration of their musical achievements this year.

Congratulations are in order to all the young musicians in our Elementary School Choir and Handbell Choirs. They have worked diligently throughout this year and have made a considerable contribution to the life of our school and community.

Bravo on a job well done!

- Garden Day is coming to CCS in May! Watch your classroom newsletters for details, and plan to join us to help care for our Naturalization Project and all the gardens at the Elementary Campus!

SECONDARY

- **Congratulations** to Grade 8 student Jeremy Ho! He has accomplished his goal, winning Gold certificates for all five of the events he entered in the Kiwanis Music Festival! Jeremy has also won several scholarships and been selected to represent Calgary Kiwanis to compete in the Alberta Provincial Music Festival on May 27 for the Senior Creative Music category. Bravo, Jeremy!!
- **Senior Project:** Have some old books, DVDs or VHS that you don't need anymore? Why not donate them? Amy Tarnowski is requesting the donation of books and movies to sell as a part of her senior project. The proceeds will be donated to promote literacy in foreign countries. Books can be brought to the secondary campus front office or brought to Mrs Lindemulder's room. Please have all donations in by April 19 at the latest to allow for pricing and organization; the earlier the better! Also, don't forget to check out the book sale and participate in other reading week activities happening the week of April 19-23 at the Secondary.
- **Secondary Music Notes:**
 - Senior Band and Choir, as well as a variety of Band 8 and 9 students will be heading out on tour to Lethbridge, AB and Nelson, BC for workshops with Immanuel Christian School and a Music Festival in BC April 21 - 25th. If you would like to sponsor a student or otherwise support this festival tour, please contact Ms. Baldwin at extension 341. Please pray that they have a safe and fun trip, and are able to be witnesses to the other schools they will meet.
 - The year end Band and Choir Concert has been moved to Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm. The concert will include performances by Band students in Grades 7-12, Senior Choir, and several small ensembles. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor concert. Come out and see what our students have learned on tour and enjoy an evening of fantastic music!



- **Pure Math 30 Diploma Prep Course:** Any students interested in tutoring to prepare for the Pure Math 30 diploma exam are invited to participate in a course to be held at CCS and facilitated by Elite Tutoring from May 29 to June 16, 2010. Cost for the course is \$315, and students must register prior to May 19 to confirm by contacting Michael Faragalla of Elite Tutoring at 403-830-8146.
- **Thank you** to the Society for your generous spirit, hospitality and kindness towards the Soshin Girls Brass Band from Japan.
- **EXAM DATES:** **June 18:** second language exams for Grades 7-9; **June 21:** study day for MS students; **Grade 7 & 8 exams: June 22** – Social Studies; **June 23** – L.A.; **June 24** – Science; **June 25** – Math; **Grade 9 exams** are according to the provincial dates on this year's school calendar (posted on our website); **HS exam schedule** will be posted in the May edition of Bridges.

All MS exams start at 9:00 and finish at 10:30. Students may not leave the exam room until 10:30. After that time students are free to go home if they wish, or work at school until the busses pick students up at the end of the day.
- **Grade 12 Graduation Photos** are being taken on April 14-16. Contact Mrs. Bergen at the Secondary office to book a sitting.

COMMUNITY NEWS



- **PIZZA!** Thursday night is Pizza Night for CCS! Howie's Pizza (in the Tri-Glen Plaza on the corner of 26 Ave and 45 Street) is offering a special price on pizza to all on Thursday nights, simply by asking for the "CCS Special" - order any pizza you like by calling 403-240-3228, get a great price, and Howie will donate 10% to the school for every order! See the posters at both campuses for all the details!
- **CCS Maintenance Team:** if you have empty and washed clear jars with lids like peanut butter jars, jam jars, etc., we would love to have them to store hardware and various bits and pieces - please bring them in to either campus anytime!
- **Canadian Red Cross Babysitters Course:** Saturday, April 24, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm at CCS. Cost is \$50 per student and includes manual, certificate and a mini first-aid kit. **Students aged 11+** who are planning to start babysitting will learn basic first-aid and how to respond to emergency situations. They will actively participate in Skills for Caring, Skills for Getting Along, First Aid Skills for choking, burns, cuts & scrapes, etc. Course is facilitated by Faye Grace & Mikayla-Rae Grace. Space is limited, please register by emailing safezone.grace@gmail.com. You will receive confirmation and instructions regarding payment to complete registration.
- **Parents Who Pray:** meets every Tuesday from 9:00 -10:00 am at the Elementary Campus in room 206 - please join us! Prayer requests are welcome at any time by contacting Karen Burgis at 403.247.8627 or kdb1@telus.net. **April 13:** Grade 1 students and teachers Grace Ernter, Bonnie Kissack, Serena Berno; Development Office Catherine Feenstra and Corrin Brouwer; Family/School Liaison Counselor Marcia Hogg; **April 20:** Grade 9 students and teachers Nicki Rehn, Rudy deGroot, Vera Her; MS Teachers Desiree Francisco and Pearl Nieuwenhuis; **April 27:** Grade 6 students and teachers Carrie Vandermeer and Joline Olson; Volunteer Coordinator Janet DeGraaff; Maintenance Staff Arnold Zwart, Rich Stephens, Nico Abma, Andrew Higgins, Ron Dees, Jose Barahona and John Maz.
- **Web Awareness for Parents and Teachers of Children Ages 4 – 12;** Monday, April 12, 4:30 - 5:30 pm. For this webinar, all you need is a computer and a headset! You can participate from home, school, or your office. Once you register online, you will be provided with the login information you require to take part in this learning opportunity. Please log on at 4:00 pm to do your mic and speaker test! Cost: \$20; to register: http://199.216.220.20/ei4/getdemo.ei?id=15022&s=_2440VJFYS.

VOLUNTEERS Janet DeGraaff ext. 338 jdegraaff@csce.net

- **Spring Fling April 30:** A number of volunteers are needed to help with Our Annual Dinner and Auction:
 - Auction item set up and/or décor Friday morning (meet at CCS, set up at MacEwan Hall)
 - During the event we will also need assistance with the following:
 - Registration: 5:15 to approximately 6:45 pm
 - Live Auction Spotters
 - Cashiers
 - Assistance with packing and loading at the close of the event



- **Readers and Scribes May - June 2010:** Please consider assisting our students with their Provincial Achievement Tests and end of term exams by volunteering to read and/or scribe. Please contact the Volunteer Office or check the website in mid-April for dates and details.

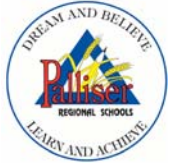
PARENT NEWS Parent Action Council parentcouncil@csce.net

- **Next Meeting:** Friday April 16, 12:00 pm at the Elementary Campus. Please bring your lunch and any ideas/suggestions/questions as we begin planning for next year. An area of focus for this meeting will be preliminary planning for a back to school event as well as discussion about the CCS Ambassador Program (welcome to new families).
- PAC would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who make huge efforts. We would like to thank the following volunteers for some outstanding work over the past few months: Allene Hus and Monique Vanderveen - Staff Appreciation; Stephanie Nabata, Terri Filipski, Kathy Rhebergen, Janet DeGraaff, Susan Hibbert, Catherine Feenstra and Scott Hickling - Cabin Fever Day
- Be sure to check out the **Grocery Card and FundScrip** programs outlined on the attached pages! Everyone needs groceries...pick up your gift cards from the school for the shopping you are going to do anyway, and the retailers make a donation to the school. The full value of the gift card is yours to spend when you need it. You can pick up your cards at either campus on your way to the grocery store, or order them to be ready for you automatically every month. Friends, neighbours, grandparents...everyone can use the cards (they are exactly like the ones you'd purchase directly!) and help provide funds that are used to provide "extras" to our students like recess equipment, library books and additional supplies for the classrooms. Any questions can be directed to Janet DeGraaff in the Volunteer Office at ext. 338 or by email at jdegraaff@csce.net. The other programs listed on the grocery bag that went home recently are also simple and 'no-fundraiser' ways to help our students!
- Remember PAC is here for you - don't hesitate to get in touch with any of us at any time!



April 2010

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3-6 Grade 9 Class Trip
* NOTE DATE CHANGE
- May 5 Banking Day
- May 6 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- May 7 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- May 7 MS NO SCHOOL
- May 11 Grade 3 PAT (LA Part A)
- May 12 Grade 6 PAT (LA Part A)
- May 12 Grade 9 PAT (LA Part A)
- May 13 Grade 6 PAT (Math Part A)
- May 13 Grade 3 PAT (Math Timed Facts)
- May 19 Banking Day
- May 19 Band and Choir Concert
- May 20 Spring Society Meeting
- May 21 ES/MS/HS NO SCHOOL
- May 24 ES/MS/HS NO SCHOOL
- May 25 Senior Project/Fine Arts Night
- May 28 ES Challenge Day

PAT— Provincial Achievement Test

ES—Elementary School (ECS-6)
MS—Middle School (Gr. 7-9)
HS—High School (Gr. 10-12)

CDC—Community Development Council
SOC—School Operations Council
SLEC—Student Life and Education Council

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
			1	2	3/4  Happy Easter!
5	6 	7	8	9	10/11
Spring Break March 26 - April 12, 2010					
12 SLEC/School Council Secondary Campus 4:30 pm	13 Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES SOC Meeting Secondary Campus 7:00 pm	14 HS Chapel 11:25 am Emmanuel CRC CDC Meeting Secondary Campus 7:00 pm	15 FAC Meeting Secondary Campus 7:00 pm	16 Watoto Choir Concert ES 11:00 am PAC meeting 12:00 noon ES ES Chapel 12:40 pm MS Chapel 12:40 Emmanuel CRC	17/18
19 CSCE Board Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	20 Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES	21  Student Banking Day HS Chapel 11:25 am Emmanuel CRC	22 HS Parent Teacher Conferences	23 ES Penny Carnival MS Chapel 12:40 pm Emmanuel CRC	24/25
26	27 Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES	28 HS Chapel 11:25 am Emmanuel CRC ES Div II Easter Concert 7:00 pm Emmanuel CRC	29	30 SPRING FLING FUNDRAISING DINNER AND AUCTION 6 PM, U OF C 