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- All current and new families at CCS will have received the payment schedules for 2009-2010, please note any updates to your information on the forms and return them to the Business Office by June 15 to ensure timely processing for the new year.
- The Elementary gymnasium floor will be resurfaced over the summer, thanks to the generosity of our donors. This is just one of several projects that was able to be scheduled as a result of our Annual Drive. The gymnasium will be unavailable throughout the summer for bookings. The High School gymnasium will be closed for the month of August for maintenance as well.
- Safety for our students should always be a top priority, and as such, we are asking parents to make use of the Emmanuel CRC parking lot for picking up and dropping off students at the Elementary. As there have been several close calls this year, please **do not** stop or park on 30 Avenue, 49 or 50 Street; the potential for harm is significantly increased with students crossing without the patrols and in the presence of school busses and other drivers on 30 Avenue.
- We have limited placements available in most grades for the 2009-2010 school year, and with the reduction of Society Program Fees, there has never been a better opportunity to invite your neighbours, friends and family members to see if Calgary Christian School is the right choice for them! Please encourage those seeking Christian education to call our Admissions Coordinator at ext. 312 or visit us on Touring Tuesdays!
- The Spring Society meeting included the election of two new Board members and we welcome them to their term: Mike Mielnichuk and Lynel Barrow will serve for the next 3 years. Thank you once again to our retiring Board members for their service to CCS. Please join me also in welcoming the newly elected Executive: Jim Zeilstra, Board Chair and Mike Mielnichuk, Vice Chair, with Jerry Borst remaining as Treasurer and Simon Strydhorst continuing to serve as Board Secretary. The CSCE Board of Directors can be contacted by email at board@csce.net.



Please join with the staff of CCS as we honour the achievements of our students at graduation and transitioning celebrations and mark the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year!

Grade 6 - June 26 at 9:00 am in the Elementary Gymnasium

Grade 9 - June 25 at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel CR Church

Grade 12 - June 26 at 3:00 pm at Bethany Chapel

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- **CCS Golf Tournament at the Links of GlenEagles June 19, 2009** - Get your registration forms in, the tournament is just around the corner and there are limited spaces left for golfers! Please consider getting involved by contributing foursome prizes, being a tee sponsor or making a contribution towards this 15th Annual event that supports the athletic facilities at CCS. Please contact Catherine in the Development Office or Jason Kupery at the Secondary Campus for more information.
- Renewal forms for **Supporting Memberships** and **Advocates Circle** participants of the CSCE will receive renewal notices shortly; please return them by June 26 for processing. If you would like to receive a membership form, they are available at calgarychristianschool.com by clicking on the "Documents" tab, under 'Membership Forms' or by contacting the Development Office. We encourage grandparents, alumni and their parents and others who support Christian education to consider this way to be directly connected and involved at Calgary Christian School.
- Information regarding the 2009-2010 school year will be posted on at calgarychristianschool.com over the summer - be sure to continue to visit there often!



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ELEMENTARY



- The final **Flipt Chapel** is on June 5 at 12:40 pm. The flip is "Don't quit - it's worth it." We hope to be challenged to think about how we can get "Flipt" and keep following Jesus even when it's hard. Parents and friends are invited to join us and take up that challenge too!
- **Mathematical Olympiads Grades 4-6** Several students from CCS were among the nearly 150 000 students worldwide to participate this year in the Math Olympiad program. They participated from November to March, under the supervision and assistance of CCS parent Susan Miller. She taught the children to solve unusual and difficult problems and to think creatively! Jeff Lee was recognized with a gold pin for placing in the top 2% of participants! Jeff Lee, Austin Coyne, Hallie Coyne, James Yoon, David Mohr, and Shawn Nystrom all placed within the top 50% and were also awarded. Congratulations to all of our Math Olympiad Participants! Way to go!
- **June 26 Elementary End-of-Year Assembly** will be held in the gymnasium at **9:00 am** and will be a time of worship and thanks as well as a celebration of the accomplishments of our students throughout the school year. We will bid farewell to our Grade 6 students as they make the transition to Middle School! We are also privileged to welcome The Honourable Norman Kwong, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta during this assembly.

SECONDARY CAMPUS

Secondary Music Notes



- Please join the students of CCS **TONIGHT, May 29** at the Rozsa Center on the **University of Calgary Campus from 7:00 to 9:00 pm** for our **Spring Band Concert**.
- The Senior High Choir and Band had a successful trip to MusicFest in Markham, Ontario. This festival showcased the top 10% of schools with music programs and we witnessed some exceptional performances. Our band received a bronze medal and our worship team received a gold medal. The students also experienced many of the sights (Niagara Falls, Wonderland, CN Tower, Hockey Hall of Fame, Medieval Feast) and sounds (Sound of Music production) of Toronto. Best of all, the students of the band and choir were a blessing to the audiences of TDCH, HDCH, Holland Christian Homes, and the congregation of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Caledon, Ontario.
- The Grade 7, 8, and 9 bands performed at the Alberta Band Association Festival of Bands in Red Deer.
- A big thank you to all the chaperones who helped with the music trips this month - Mr. Wright, Mrs. Dyckerhoff, Mr. Tiberio, Mr. Bowen, Miss Zwart, Mr. Janz, Mrs. Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Fisico, Mrs. Constantinidis, Mrs. Bjorndahl and Mrs. Kuhn.
- Planning is underway for **Service Learning Trips for 2009-2010**: Belize for Leadership and construction students (Mr. Bonk); France/Spain for students in grade 11 (Miss Boonstra); and Italy/Greece for students in grade 12 (Mr. Chrest). Please contact the teachers for further information and watch for details in the fall!
- Congratulations to Danielle Barthel and Ben Wineberger who were married on May 16!
- The grade 9 classes at CCS have Career and Academic Counselor, Mrs. Foster, to guide them as they enter into High School. Grade 9 students and parents are invited to book appointments on Fridays to meet and gather information. Check Bridges and calgarychristianschool.com (under 'Articles and Information' on the "Documents" tab) for career and academic information and events!

CCS Cougars

- Congratulations to Katie Bakgaard who was chosen to be a member of Team Alberta in volleyball!
- CCS track athletes competed at the CISAA Track Meet and had 9 students advance to the City Zone Challenge Meet on May 30; cheer on these Cougars to encourage them to advance to the Provincials in June!
- The two CCS Soccer teams are playing Mondays and Wednesdays at the Westside Recreation fields from 4 - 6 pm and would love to have you on the sidelines showing your support as they defend their championship titles.
- **All Coaches and Sponsors for 2008-2009**: Join us for KFC and a game of baseball at CCS on June 17 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm as we thank you for your gifts of time and talent to the athletic programs! We sincerely hope all can attend; RSVP to Mr. Bonk (phil.bonk@pallisersd.ab.ca) or Mr. Francisco (kevin.francisco@pallisersd.ab.ca) by June 12 and don't forget your glove!

Please note the following upcoming important dates:

- **Stampede Breakfast June 26 from 8:00 to 9:30 am** at the Secondary Campus - all are welcome to attend!
- **Middle School Awards chapel June 26 at 11:00 am** at Emmanuel CRC
- **High School Awards chapel June 10 at 11:30 am at Emmanuel CRC - please note this is a change from the calendar!**
- MS report cards go home on June 26
- **Grade 9 Celebration** June 25 at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel CRC
- **Grade 12 Graduation** June 26 at 3:00 pm at Bethany Chapel





Scheduling and academic counseling with Mr. Kupery for High School students and parents of will take place in June, with the week of June 8-12 reserved specifically for students (and parents) that are entering Grade 10 in September. The weeks following will be open to all parents wishing to discuss academic courses, planning for graduation and/or planning for post secondary education. Please call the Secondary Office as soon as possible to make an appointment.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- **Readers and Scribes:** Please consider assisting our students with their Provincial Achievement Tests and end of term exams by volunteering to read and/or scribe. We are looking for approximately 35 additional volunteers for the following dates:
Elementary Campus - June 16, June 17, June 18, June 19, June 22
Secondary Campus – June 17, June 18, June 19, June 23, June 24
- **Sports Day:** 8 more volunteers are needed for Sports Day on June 5 at the Elementary Campus. Please send in the volunteer form that was included in your child’s classroom newsletter last month or contact Janet.
- **CCS Golf Tournament June 19:** Volunteers are needed prior to and during the event. Come out and enjoy this fun-filled day!
- **Green Thumb Families:** If your family would be willing to commit one week this summer to water and weed in the gardens at the Elementary Campus, the “green” things would be most appreciative! Instructions and tools provided. Please see the note in the Elementary classroom newsletters, or contact Janet DeGraaff for details and schedules.

**Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Janet DeGraaff at 403-242-2896 ext. 338
or jdegraaff@csce.net to volunteer or get further information.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **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. **June 2:** Administrative Staff Scott Hickling, Harry Fritschy, Glenda Jullion, Gwen Uittenbosch, Jason Kupery. This will be the last meeting for the 2008-2009 school year. Thank you for your continued prayers for our staff, students and community.

COUNSELOR’S CORNER **Marcia Hogg, Family School Liaison Counselor 403-771-4365**

From School to Summer: Recognizing What Your Child has Accomplished This Year

Children put a lot of effort into learning. They’re more likely to keep up that effort if you recognize their accomplishments. Awards and celebrations mark the end of the year, and you can celebrate at home, too! When this school year ends, take time to talk with your children about the growth you have seen in them, encouraging them to self-reflect. Help them to assess the gains they have made, looking at both social and academic progress. To do this:

- Pick a time that’s not hurried to talk.
- State a fact about one of your child’s gains, such as, “This year you really improved at speaking in front of your class.”
- Ask a question that encourages self-assessment, like, “How do you think that happened?”
- Calmly listen. Be prepared for you child to say, “I dunno”, and be ready to rephrase your question.
- Give your opinion about the process. “I think it might be because you practiced more at home before you presented.”
- Ask your child to evaluate your hunch: “What do you think?”
- Reaffirm your child’s learning. “I learned you do much better when you build up your confidence by rehearsing.”
- Springboard into the summer and even the new school year by capitalizing on your child’s accomplishments, resources, and resiliency.



In addition to talking with your kids about their progress over the last school year, celebrate with a fun activity of their choosing, focusing on who they are outside of their academic accomplishments. Make it a yearly tradition!

GOD’S CHILDREN MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

We are pleased to announce that Grade 12 Ben Parkin will be included in the Class Act feature in the Calgary Herald in the month of June! Teachers and administrators felt that Ben’s participation and contribution to a variety of programs such as athletics and fine arts, as well as his academic record, made him a great representative for CCS as the city celebrates graduating students of 2009!

Thank you to **all** our graduating students for their contributions, both large and small, to the community of CCS throughout their years of study here. The presentations of their Senior Projects are a testament to their faith and dedication to learning and growing as they build their relationship with God.

We wish all our graduates well as they continue to be “God’s Children Making the World a Better Place”, and continue to pray for God’s grace and guidance in their lives.

PARENT ACTION COUNCIL (PAC)

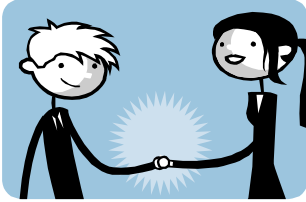
**'Twas FOUR nights before school, and all through the halls
Every family was present, new class lists on the walls**

**There are treats to be had, with friends old and new
The new school year's beginning, and we're inviting you!**



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 27 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at the Elementary School – and **don't eat dessert** before you come! You will definitely want to attend this evening dedicated to welcoming new families and re-connecting with friends after the summer break. This will be the **first** opportunity and the premiere showing of the class lists and homeroom assignments for everyone as well. We hope you will join us to ensure that all the new students and their families are welcomed and everyone is ready for the first day of classes on Monday, August 31!

CCS Connections – Ambassador Families Needed!



Do you remember when your family first came to CCS? Do you remember all the questions you had and how you wished your child had a familiar face to look for on the playground on the first day of school?

The Parent Action Council is launching a program for the 2009/10 school year to welcome new families to our community. We are looking for 'ambassador families' who could welcome new families to the school. The hope is that the families can connect before the start of the school year, providing information and support for these newcomers. There are approximately 50 new families starting at

Calgary Christian this fall, so we hope that many of you will sign up to be an 'ambassador family'.

The time commitment for this program will not be onerous and will depend on the needs of each of the new families. A contact before school, being available to welcome new families the evening of August 27 (see above!) and keeping in touch with these new folks in the fall is all that will be involved.

An e-mail with this information, inviting you to participate in this program was sent out earlier this week as well. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming involved, please contact: Leanne Shannon, PAC Member at leashan@telus.net or by phone at 403-241-3627.

PAC Projects

Don't forget to order your CCS sweatpants when you return your payment schedules - this is a new offering this year in response to many students and parents requesting suitable attire for outside PE classes and teams. All orders will be processed over the summer and available to students at the start of the new school year.

Grocery Cards and FundScrip Program

We are in the process of revamping the grocery coupon program for the fall – watch for details in September. There is the potential to make well over \$100,000 from this easy fundraiser, with no additional costs to any of us! Be sure to get your current orders in with the order forms attached to this issue of Bridges.

Calling All Parents!

Please consider attending the last Parent Action Council Meeting of the year, **Tuesday, June 9 at the ES at 1:30 pm**. We have lots on the go right now and would love to hear your thoughts as we put plans in place for the next school year. Our Council is a small group of fun people and we definitely have some empty chairs we'd like to see filled! It would be great if more than 6 or 7 parents would attend to help us to make plans that affect every family at CCS. Your suggestions and opinions are absolutely welcome!



June 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 27 “Twas Four Nights B4 School!”
(see page 4 of Bridges)
Aug 31 First day of class Gr. 1-12
 Sept 7 Labour Day—NO SCHOOL
 Sept 8 MS/HS Parent Orientation
 Sept 9 ES Parent Orientation
 Sept 9-11 Gr. 12 to Frontier Lodge
 Sept 21 Prof. Day—NO SCHOOL

High School Exam Schedule

Students are to be in their exam room at 8:45 am for all AM exams; at 12:45 pm for all PM exams. Students are required to remain for a min. of 1/2 the allotted exam time; most exams are scheduled for 2 hours.

June 15 **AM** English 30-1/30-2 part A
 June 16 **AM** Soc Studies 30/33 part A
 June 18 **AM** Pure Math 30 part A
 Applied Math 30 part A
 English 20; Science 14
 PM Pure Math 30 part B
 Applied Math 30 part B
 Social 10
 June 19 **AM** Biology 30 part A
 English 10
 PM Biology 30 part B
 Social 20
 June 22 **AM** Physics 30 part A
 Science 10
 PM Physics 30 part B; Bio 20
 June 23 **AM** Chem 30 part A
 Pure Math 10
 PM Chem 30 part B
 Chem 20
 June 24 **AM** Pure Math 20
 June 25 **AM** English 30-1/30-2 part B
 June 26 **AM** Soc Studies 30/33 part B

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun	
	1	2	3	4	5	
		Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES SLEC Meeting 4:30 pm Secondary Cam-	Banking Day		ES Sports Day MS Chapel 12:40 pm Emmanuel CRC	6/7
	8	9	10	11	12	
		HS Spanish Oral Final Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parent Action Council 1:30 pm Elementary Campus CDC Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	HS Awards Ceremony 11:30 pm Emmanuel CRC SOC meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	FAC meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus		13/14
	15	16	17	18	19	
		Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Grade 3 PAT; LA Part B Grade 6 PAT; Social Studies CSCE Board Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	Banking Day Grade 6 PAT; LA Part B Grade 9 PAT; Social Studies Grade 7/8 Social Studies Final HS—NO SCHOOL	Grade 3 PAT; Math Grade 6 PAT; Math Part B Grade 8/9 Spanish/French Final	Grade 9 PAT; LA Part B Grade 7/8 LA Final CCS 15th Annual Golf Tournament GlenEagles, Cochrane	20/21
	22	23	24	25	26	
	Grade 6 PAT; Science	Grade 9 PAT; Science Grade 7/8 Science Final Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm	Grade 9 PAT; Math Grade 7/8 Math Final	Grade 9 Celebration 7:00 pm Emmanuel CRC	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Noon Dismissal Pancake Breakfast, Secondary Campus 8:00 am ES Assembly 9:00 am, ES gym MS Awards Assembly 11:00 am Emmanuel CRC Grade 12 Graduation 3:00 pm Bethany Chapel	27/28
	29	30				
		Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm				

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

FAC—Finance Advisory Committee
 PAC—Parent Action Council