



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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There are many things to keep you up to date on this month, and so, in no particular order...

- In a recent mailing, you have had the opportunity to see our proposed Program Fee schedule. If you know of families that are interested in Christian Education, there is no better time to invite them to visit us and share your own personal experiences at CCS.
- We have had the opportunity to appear in feature articles in a number of newspapers and magazines and share the value of faith-based learning and the programs that we offer as Calgary Christian School. Miss Amy Tarnowski was an excellent representative in a recent Calgary Herald article where she shared her thoughts about Christian education and CCS.
- By now all of the tax receipts should have arrived at your home. Our staff has been working diligently to ensure that they were produced in the most efficient, effective manner. This is a huge undertaking each year to gather, tabulate and produce these receipts for our Society, and I wish to recognize the efforts of everyone involved to complete this task.
- We continue to update and improve our website, so please take some time to see what's new! Over the next few weeks, we will be sending home some information and instructions so you and your family can access all the information about our school, calendar events and student homework.
- I am pleased to announce that we are the proud owners of a sports bus for the use of our students and sports teams. This is a welcome addition to our fleet, and will take the pressure off of the need for external bussing.
- Finally, the work of the Advisory Councils (CDC, SLEC, SOC and FAC) has been of tremendous value to me this year. We continue to have productive and engaging meetings on a regular basis. To those of you who have volunteered your time and expertise, my personal thanks for your efforts and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in serving our community in this way; I would be happy to share with you the work that is required and perhaps find a fit for your talents at a Council level.
- Please keep Calgary Christian School in your thoughts and prayers, as we continue to provide for the needs of our community. As our students and staff prepare to go abroad on Service Learning trips to Belize and Italy/Greece, may I ask you to keep us in your prayers for safe travel, servant hearts and voices to share our faith with others!

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Spring Fling March 7 "Let Your Light Shine"

We're looking forward to seeing you next week at this year's Spring Fling! For those who like to "dress the theme"...it's black and white and "light" all over! Seats are still available if you haven't made your reservation yet, and donations are gratefully accepted at the Development Office right up until Friday! Volunteer opportunities are listed in this issue of Bridges on page 3. Please contact Catherine Feenstra in the Development Office to make your reservation and arrange for donations.



Please bring a non-perishable contribution for the Interfaith Food Bank to the event and help us shine our light for the hungry in our community!

- **Golf Tournament June 19, 2009** - Contact Jason Kupery or the Development Office for information and to learn about opportunities for this popular annual event! Committee members, prize donors and sponsors are being sought for our tournament at GlenEagles in Cochrane.
- Annual Drive 2008-2009 comes to a close February 28. Thank you to those who contributed this year to provide funds for much needed upgrades and enhancements to our programs and facilities.
- I am very grateful for the volunteers who lend their time and talents to the community relations department in so many ways, such as assisting with Open Houses, coordinating mail outs and ensuring that our CCU student banking program runs smoothly. I deeply appreciate your assistance in all our fundraising, public relations and community building activities.

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CAMPUS UPDATES



ELEMENTARY

- The afternoon of Friday, March 6 will be a service project time for all students in the Elementary school! Parents are welcome to join their children's chapel team to assist them in whatever project they have chosen. Many teams have already chosen a project - check with your child for details, and watch for any notices requesting supplies!
- ES Report cards will go home on March 13. Student Led Parent/Teacher conferences will be held March 19 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm and March 20 from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Forms to schedule appointments are included with this issue of Bridges.
- Grandparents (and adopted grandparents) are invited to Calgary Christian Elementary School on March 25, at 1:45 pm for a Grandparents Program hosted by the students. Visitors are welcome to tour classrooms after the program.
- The Penny Carnival raised just over \$700 for Christian curriculum resources and was a great time for all involved - thank you!
- The Science Olympics committee wishes to express their appreciation to all the parents who helped to make February 17 such a success!
- Please join us for the Elementary Easter Chapel, Friday, March 27 at 12:40 pm in the gym.

Music Notes



The Elementary School Choir and Handbell Choirs have had an exciting beginning to 2009 with clinicians coming to inspire and teach our young musicians. The Handbell Choirs also had a fun trip down to First Baptist Church to observe a rehearsal of their 5-octave Bell Choir. The students in these extra-curricular groups are working towards many performances in the coming months. Students, parents and guests from our community are encouraged to support the children in these performances by attending the concerts.

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| Tuesday morning, March 3: | Junior and Senior Bell Choirs to the Kiwanis Music Festival |
| Friday, March 13: | Choir to Southern Alberta Choralfest at Knox United Church |
| Wednesday, March 25: | Grandparent's Day program in the Elementary School gymnasium |
| Friday, March 27: | Elementary School Easter Chapel in the Elementary School gymnasium |
| Wednesday, April 22: | CCS Spring Choir and Handbell Concert at Emmanuel CRC with ES/MS/HS Choirs and both Handbell Choirs |
| Wednesday, April 29: | Elementary School Choir and Handbell Choirs to the Jesus Loves You Society |

SECONDARY CAMPUS

- Please pray for our HS staff, students and parents who will be traveling to Belize, Italy and Greece over the Spring Break.
- MS Term 2 report cards will go out on March 13. Please email teachers if you have any questions or concerns.
- HS Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on April 23 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Parents may call the HS office after April 14 to book appointments.
- Please check www.calgarychristianschool.com for all upcoming events and a updated year calendar. Please note the following changes from the original calendar: HS Awards Assembly will be June 10 at 11:25 am; HS Year End BBQ will be June 12 at 1:00 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Board Nominations** - The Board of the Calgary Society for Christian Education consists of nine members who serve a three year term. Elections are held at the Spring membership meeting, scheduled for May 7, 2009. This year, we have three vacancies to fill. If you have a passion for helping to achieve and develop the vision and mission of the school or know of someone who does, we would really like to hear from you. Time commitment is a minimum of 80 hours per year. If you would like further insight into Board functions and role, or to submit potential names, please email board@csce.net.
- **HS Construction class is selling split firewood for \$15.00 a bundle to raise funds for their Service Learning trip to Belize. Please contact Phil Bonk to arrange for pick up at the Secondary Campus!**
- **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. **March 3:** ECS students and teachers Maureen Tarnowski, Glenda Jullion; ES Resource Marliss Eklund, Shannon Foster, Karen Arndt, Sarah Clarke, Kerri Bonk, Kim Cyr, Wendy Abma **March 10:** Grade 8 students and teachers Rob Oostenbrink and Pamela Zuidhof; MS Resource Bernice Rutley, Serena Berno, Cheryl Armstead, Ruby Tiemstra, Fran VanSloten; Family Liaison Counselor Marcia Hogg **March 17:** Grade 5 students and teachers Dave Vriend, Krista Wilson; Administrative Support Colleen Southgate, Elsa Bergen, Sheila Bettin, Joanne VanderPlaat **March 24:** Grade 11 students and HS teachers Christine Bakker, Jadan Barthel, Brittany Rook, Kevin Francisco, Emmy Meetsma, Rick Vanderwoude

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Spring Fling, March 7 Secondary Campus

Our Annual Dinner and Auction is fast approaching and we are looking for a number of volunteers to assist.

Food preparation, set up, serving and clean up all require many hands to make light work. Please call if you can assist in any of these areas on the morning of Friday, March 6, or on Saturday March 7 (morning, afternoon and evening shifts required).

During the week of **March 2**, we will need a number of volunteers to count and pack dishes at the Elementary Kitchen

Friday, March 6 9:00 am 15 volunteers to assist with set up and decorating

Many of the tasks required at the event would be very suitable for those who are attending, requiring a minimal time commitment. Please consider lending a hand even if you are coming to "Let Your Light Shine"!

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am 10 volunteers to help with final set up

5:30 pm 8 volunteers for the registration table

6:00 pm 4 volunteers to operate the refreshment area

8:30 pm 10 volunteers to assist with highlighting and collecting bid sheets

9:00 pm 6 spotters for the Live Auction

9:30 pm 6-8 volunteers to facilitate check out

Monday, March 9 9:00 am volunteers to assist with take down and clean up to prepare for gym classes

Grandparents Program, March 25

The ES requests two parent volunteers to act as "hospitality coordinators". They would assist/supervise students welcoming the grandparents, assist grandparents to the gym, direct our guests to classrooms etc. Volunteers would need to arrive at the Elementary School at 1:15 pm. Our program will begin at 1:45 pm, and then guests will be welcome to visit the classrooms.

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









March 2009

“God’s Children Making the World a Better Place”



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 14** First Day of Classes
- Apr 14 SLEC Meeting
- Apr 14 CDC Meeting
- Apr 15 Banking Day
- Apr 20 CSCE Board Meeting
- Apr 22 Spring Choral Concert
- Apr 23 HS Parent Conferences
- Apr 23 'Money Matters' info night

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat/Sun |
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| | Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES SLEC Meeting 4:30 pm Secondary Campus |  Banking Day | | MS Chapel 12:40 pm Emmanuel CRC |  |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Parent Action Council Meeting 1:30 pm Elementary Campus | HS Chapel 11:25 am Emmanuel CRC SOC Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus | FAC Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus |  ES/MS Report Cards MS Chapel 12:40 Emmanuel CRC | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| CSCE Board Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus | Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES CDC Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus |  Banking Day Main Stage Production “Little Women” Elementary Campus | Main Stage Production “Little Women” Elementary Campus | ES Student Led Parent/Teacher Conferences ES NO SCHOOL Main Stage Production “Little Women” Elementary Campus | Main Stage Production “Little Women” Elementary Campus |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
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|  <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Spring Break March 29 - April 13</p> </div> | | | | | |

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