

May 2011



Calgary Christian School Bridges

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
2	3 Touring Tuesday 9-4pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Art Room	4 Student Banking Day MS/HS Chapel 11:25 am ECRC	5 Society Meeting 7:30 pm Secondary	6 ES Chapel 12:40 pm ES Gym	7 8
Grade 9 students to Circle Square Ranch					

- **SOCIETY MEETING MAY 5 at 7:30 pm:** Please make plans to attend the Spring Society Meeting at the Secondary Campus.
- The **ES chapel** will be led by the Kindergarten classes on **Friday, May 6 at 12:40 pm**. Through their curriculum, they have been exploring the topic Beauty-Creating. Come, enjoy, and be challenged to see how you too can be a beauty creator in God's World.
- MS Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are being held next week; appointments will be first made by teacher's request, then open to others who wish an interview. Please contact the Secondary Office for information on available times.
- **Volunteers for Reading and Scribing Provincial Achievement Tests:** required at the Elementary May 17, 18 and June 14, 15, 16 and 17, starting at 8:45 am. Contact Janet DeGraaff for details at 403-242-2896 ext. 338 or by email at jdegraaff@csce.net.
- **CCS School Council:** Please make plans to attend this month's Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm at the Secondary Campus. Your thoughts, input and ideas are important to CCS; all parents of students at CCS are welcome!
- **Student Banking:** for each deposit on May 4, May 18 or June 1, take a guess at the number of Jelly Beans in the jar (one at each campus)! Closest guess takes home the jelly beans and will be entered to win a \$100 term deposit, \$50 or \$25 gift certificates from the Christian Credit Union!
- **ES Garden Day May 17:** Check classroom newsletters for all the info on beautifying our gardens - we'd love to have your help!
- **ES Penny Carnival May 13:** Students at the ES will spend time after lunch having fun and raising funds for Christian curriculum resources; see details in your classroom newsletters and listen to all the fun ideas that your children bring home!
- **Please model punctuality and consideration to your Elementary-aged children by ensuring that you are on time to pick up students at the end of the day; staff are "volunteering" to stay past their scheduled work hours to supervise children and keep them safe when parents are late for pick up.**

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
9 FAC Meeting 7:00 pm SOC Meeting 8:00 pm Secondary Campus	10 Touring Tuesday 9-4pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Art Room SCHOOL COUNCIL 7:00 PM SECONDARY	11 HS Chapel 11:25 am ECRC CDC Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	12 MS Conferences Parent/Teacher/Student 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	13 MS Conferences Parent/Teacher/Student 9:00 am - 2:00 pm MS NO SCHOOL ES Penny Carnival Pre-Kindergarten Developmental Check Ups ES Campus Parent Action Council 12:00 noon ES Campus	14 15

- Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test: Part A of the Language Arts exam will be held on the morning of May 19; students are expected to be in attendance for afternoon classes.
- **Golf Tournament GlenEagles, June 17, 2011:** Now is the time to register to play or arrange for your sponsorship for this great day of fellowship and fundraising in support of CCS. Please visit the website or contact the Development Office at ext. 352/362 or email Catherine or Corrin at cfeenstra@csce.net or cbrouwer@csce.net.

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
16 CSCE Board Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary	17 Grade 3 LA (part A) Prov. Achievement Test Garden Day ES Touring Tuesday 9-4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Art Room	18 Student Banking Day Grade 6 LA (part A) Prov. Achievement Test HS Chapel 11:25 am ECRC	19 Grade 9 LA (part A) Prov. Achievement Test	20 PD DAY - NO SCHOOL ES/MS/HS	21 22

- CCS Maintenance Team is looking for clear containers that can be used to store all manner of bits and pieces and various "stuff"! If you have any clean, clear containers to share, please bring them to either campus. Thank you!
- **Pure Math 30 Diploma Prep Course:** 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, facilitated by ELITE Tutorials from June 4 - 21. The cost for this 37 hour course is \$330 and requires registration prior to May 26. Contact Michael Faragalla at 403-830-8146 / yourtutor@telus.net. Maximum 20 students.
- Keep sharing your pictures with us for this year's **yearbook!** Follow the link on the CCS website and download your digital photos of all the great things happening at and around the school!
- The Government of Alberta is accepting applications for the 2011 Great Kids Award - visit www.greatkids.alberta.ca for all the info!

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23 VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL ES/MS/HS	24 Touring Tuesday 9-4pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Art Room Fine Arts Night K-12 Secondary Campus	25 HS Chapel 11:25 am ECRC	26	27 ES Worship MS Chapel 12:40 pm ECRC	28 29

- **ES Challenge Day Friday, June 3:** watch for information coming home about how you can help make this day a success!
- **International HS Trips 2011/2012:** a number of our High School Students will be traveling to Spain and France in March 2012 and are selling magazine subscriptions (new, renewal and gifts) to raise funds. If you would like to receive a brochure, please contact Janet at 403-246-0986 or you can go on-line at www.ccrp.ca and enter our Campaign Code: AB2599.
- **'Jivin' Java':** Did you know you can order delicious fresh roasted coffee and flavouring syrups from CCS and benefit our Music Program? 'Order forms are available by clicking on the Fine Arts tab on the website and from music teacher Rick VanderWoude at the Secondary Campus.

Week 5

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30	31 Touring Tuesday 9-4pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Art Room	June 1 Student Banking Day MS/HS Chapel 11:25 am ECRC	June 2	June 3 ES Challenge Day	June 4 June 5

- **ES Sports Day June 24:** mark your calendars! Sports Day is a great way to promote team building and friendly competition and we need many volunteers to be a part of it! More details will be found in your classroom newsletters; contact Janet DeGraaff for volunteer information at ext. 338.
- **Ambassador Family Program** is looking for 10-15 parents to help welcome and connect with new families. Each Ambassador is assigned 2-4 families that are new to Calgary Christian, ideally with children in similar grades. You will be given lots of support so you can offer your assigned families information and encouragement throughout their first year in our school. More details can be found on our website under the 'Volunteers' tab. Please contact Corrin in the Development Office to sign up or find our more at cbrouwer@csce.net or ext 362.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE: Diploma Exams are marked with a **D**. Morning exams (**AM**), students to be in their designated room at 8:45 am; afternoon exams (**PM**), students to be in their designated room at 12:45 pm. Students are required to remain in the exam room for at least half of the allotted exam time. Most exams are scheduled for 2 hours; some diploma exams may be longer.

MON JUNE 13	TUES JUNE 14	THURS JUNE 16	FRI JUNE 17	MON JUNE 20	TUES JUNE 21	WED JUNE 22	THURS JUNE 23	FRI JUNE 24	MON JUNE 27
AM English 30-1/30-2 Part A (D)	AM Social 30-1/30-2 Part A (D)	AM English 30-1/30-2 Part B (D) ELA 20 PM Social 10	AM Social 30-1/30-2 Part B (D) ELA 10 Bio 20	AM Social 20 PE 30 PM Science 10	AM Math 10C PM Chem 20	AM Bio 30 (D) Pure Math 20 Applied Math 20	AM Pure/Applied Math 30 (D)	AM Chem 30 (D)	AM Physics 30 (D)

CCS Community: Parent Action Council and Blessings and Burdens



Did you know that in the last four months, the new **Blessings & Burdens** ministry, as part of the Parent Action Council, has provided support and encouragement to 22 families, staff members and students?! We have celebrated a number of new babies and major personal achievements as well as provided meals and gift cards during illness, hospital stays and financial crisis.

We have been able to come alongside staff and CCS families when a bit of extra support has been needed - it has been amazing. If you or someone you know within CCS could benefit from Blessings & Burdens, or if you are interested in helping by preparing meals/baking or making a contribution to groceries, gas, or gifts of congratulations, please send us an email: blessings@csce.net. All requests are confidential.



From a B&B recipient: "Our family has been so incredibly blessed by the wonderful ministry of 'Blessings and Burdens'. Every time we receive a delicious meal or yummy baking it reminds us of the wonderful Christ centered community that CCS is. Being supported by such a loving school family has certainly made the "harder" times that much easier to bear. Thank you immensely!"

Every parent is automatically part of the PAC, and invited to join in at any time.

This is a group of parents who are passionate about blessing and supporting our school community in a variety of ways and living out their vision of 'CCS Parents Making God's School a Better Place'!

Please join us on Friday, May 13 at 12:00 noon at the ES campus for our next fun, productive and child-friendly meeting. You can contact your PAC anytime by emailing parentcouncil@csce.net

Upcoming Events - June

June 3	ES Challenge Day
June 8	HS Awards Assembly
June 10	Stampede Breakfast
June 14, 15	Grade 3 and 6 Prov. Achievement Tests
June 15	HS Study Day
June 16, 17	Grade 3 and 6 Prov. Achievement Tests
June 17	GOLF TOURNAMENT - GlenEagles, Cochrane
June 22, 23, 24	Grade 9 Prov. Achievement Tests
June 24	ES Sports Day
June 24	Grade 9 Transition Celebration
June 27	Grade 9 Prov. Achievement Tests
June 28	Grade 12 Graduation

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Before long the end of the year will arrive and we will be in the thick of exams, end of year events and preparation for summer holidays. As this year has been full of activity, change and growth I just wanted to share with you what has been happening in and around the school.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

Alberta Education has been consistent in the past year about reductions in funding for all schools. I'm sure you have been hearing about the cutbacks, increased class sizes, reduction of teaching positions and posturing from a number of sources. Over the next 12-18 months this will be our reality in education, so as a school, we will remain diligent in working with Palliser and our Senior Administration team to find ways to continue the delivery of education as we have always done. There are a number of changes to the Education Act that will be presented shortly, so please make a point of visiting the Alberta Education website and plan to attend the School Council meetings at CCS for further details and input.

CCS SCHOOL COUNCIL

I recently had the opportunity to attend the School Council annual general meeting in Edmonton with another Council member, and continue to marvel in the size and pull that this organization has with the Ministry of Education. Parents from across Alberta are coming together to share ideas and to learn about best practices of other Councils, all to the benefit of our kids. It truly is all about them! School Council is the place to share ideas about the CCS, engage in conversations you would like to have with our Principals and discuss activities around the school in general. Almost every month, on the second Tuesday evening at the Secondary, we get together for about an hour to share, learn and grow in what is happening around CCS. **Please accept my personal invitation to come and participate.**

AROUND CCS

Our **Teaching for Transformation** program is well underway! If you get the opportunity to wander through each campus, you will notice the Through Lines that reflect on the teaching in this program. By using the biblical story of Creation-Fall-Redemption-Restoration in each of the key messages taught in each unit studied, we can deliver a more powerful message of God's sovereignty over all. The messages that we all are "earth-keepers", "justice-seekers" and "image-reflectors" play big picture roles in the transformational worldview encompassed in our biblical way of living.

Have you heard of "**Blessings and Burdens**"? The Parent Action Council has taken the knowledge that we are all part of the family of God and grown it into a full fledged program of support for those who celebrate and those who are in need within our school community. Please feel free to learn more by attending a PAC meeting or visiting our website to see how it works.

Our school grew almost 100 students this year and provided us with some challenges in the process. An additional 50 students at each campus brought new meaning to the word "space" and how we made best use of it. There were some obvious start up costs associated with the growth, but the overall benefit has been tremendous to the school and staff. We continue to expand our support for technology, developing expansion plans, deciding on space utilization and staffing. Thank you for your patience as these all come to fruition. Your support has been a blessing to us, and your kind words have been appreciated.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we look to September 2011 and the start of a new school year, our excitement is growing for the changes this summer around our facility. Last summer, we took on a massive change within the Elementary Campus and managed to open just prior to the start of the school year. This summer will be less adventurous! We plan on resurfacing the gym floors at both schools, replacing the steps down to Emmanuel's parking lot, realizing some minor classroom upgrades and some changes on our landscaping of the old skating rink by the Preschool portables. The usual cleaning from top to bottom will occur and the summer maintenance program will have its regular schedule and the Business Office will have some well deserved down time as well. By keeping in touch with our website you can stay current on the activities at the school during the summer months, please visit often!

Our annual Referral Program will be in place from May to September, with details found on the reverse. This is a tangible way for us to say thanks to all of you that share your experiences at CCS with others and encourage them to join our community by enrolling their children; we appreciate your trust and enjoy welcoming new families to our school!

'Where did **you** see God today?' That is a question that I pose to all ages, from Kindergarten students to our Administration staff. Try asking someone today - you'll be amazed by the answers.

Blessings,

Scott Hickling

Executive Director



Calgary Christian School Recruitment Recognition

May 1, 2011 to September 1, 2011

As parents and supporters, you understand the value of having your children enrolled in Calgary Christian and know that it is important for us to all be involved and engaged in all aspects of our school. We are pleased and thankful that many of you regularly refer and encourage your Christian friends to choose CCS for their children's education. Hearing from our families is the best way for others to know and learn about the importance and worth of faith-based learning and the partnership between home, church and school.

As we have for the past two years, there will be a recruitment recognition process that awards our families a \$500 Recognition of Recruitment for every referral from Grade 1 to Grade 12 that results in a new family enrolment and student attendance at CCS.

We are happy to provide you with any tools you request (brochures, DVD, admission information and packages) that will help you to invite others to visit us and find out if CCS is right for their family. Information about CCS can be found on our website as well, at www.CalgaryChristianSchool.com.

Simply follow the directions below, and we will look after the rest. Thank you for your ongoing support of Christian Education, and this exciting way to help promote our faith-based program!

CCS Recruitment Initiative Process

- 1. Tell others about the blessing of Christian education at Calgary Christian School, and invite them to visit us to see for themselves.**
- 2. Email or call our Executive Director, Scott Hickling, and let him know that you have referred a family to CCS (403-242-2896 ext 320 or shickling@csce.net).**
- 3. Have the new family give your name as a referral during the admissions process, no later than the interview with the Principal and Executive Director.**
- 4. New students must be enrolled and attending classes as of September 30, 2011.**
- 5. \$500 recognition award can be applied to the referring family's Society Program Fees or donated to further the Mission and Vision of Calgary Christian School.**



Calgary Christian School Preschool NEW PROGRAM FALL 2011

Beginning in September, CCS will offer a new, two-day class for 4 Year Olds as part of our Preschool programming. This class will incorporate, in a concentrated manner, all of the material to properly prepare your child for Kindergarten, as well as maintaining the play-directed elements of the current classes and lots of FUN for our littlest students!

There are limited spaces available for this Tuesday-Thursday class; please contact Lynn Parkin, Admissions Coordinator, at 403-242-2896 ext. 312 or by email admissions@csce.net for further information. Registration packages are available at both campus offices and by visiting our website at CalgaryChristianSchool.com.

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Parent Action Council Grocery Card Order Form 2010-2011

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Kelsey's Restaurant- Kelsey's, Harvey's, Milestones, Montana's, Swiss Chalet	2.0	25			Sears	3.0	25		
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Pizza 73	10.0	25			Shoppers Drug Mart	2.0	25		
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