



JOINING OUR HOMES AND OUR SCHOOL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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- **Tell a Friend!** Now is a great time to tell family and friends about the faith-based programming at CCS and invite them to visit us and find out how we can be a part of their educational journey. As a token of thanks to all who send new students our way, we are reinstating (from May 1 to September 30) the Recruitment Recognition Program that was trialed last year.

Student Recruitment Recognition 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. The new family gives 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, 2010.
5. \$500 recognition award can be applied to referring families Society Program Fees or donated to further the Mission and Vision of Calgary Christian School.

Spring Society Meeting

Thursday, May 20 7:30 pm Secondary Campus

Election of Board Members, presentation of the budget and 2010-2011 Program Fees, audited financial statements, renovation plans, Parent Survey results and future goals will all be presented and we value your input and participation.

Childcare is available upon request; please RSVP with the number and ages of children requiring care to 403-242-2896 ext. 352 or by email to calgarychristianschool@csce.net

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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- **Christian Credit Union Student Banking:** Remember to bring in your deposits on banking days to be eligible for the great bonus offered by CCU to every student who achieves their savings goal for the month! Each deposit in May also gives students the chance to guess the number of jellybeans in the jar displayed at each campus for a chance to win prizes...and the jellybeans!
- **Golf Tournament June 18:** Registration forms have been mailed and are being accepted by the Development Office now - get yours in early to be sure of a spot! Sponsorships and prizes are very welcome and can be arranged by contacting Secondary Vice Principal Jason Kupery (Golf Tournament Chair) or the Development Office at any time.
- **Annual Drive:** Sincere thanks are given to all who have contributed to this year's Believe, Learn and Grow campaign! We have raised more than \$95, 000 for a variety of projects and programs, including the renovations and upgrades that will begin this summer. Opportunities to contribute to the work of the Calgary Society for Christian Education are ongoing, please visit the Donations tab on our website to view our "Gifts 2010" catalogue and see where your donations can make a lasting impact to the Vision and Mission of CCS!

Tuesday, May 25 Dinner at 6:30 pm CCS Secondary Campus

Be sure to join us in celebration of our Grade 12 graduates, enjoy the artwork on display from all students from ECS to Grade 12 and enjoy a time of fellowship to celebrate the end of the school year!

All families are welcome to enjoy dinner, then view the Senior Projects to see how our graduates are living out their faith and learning in our community and appreciate the creativity of all our students with the Fine Arts displays.

RSVP is not required, but is appreciated for planning purposes by May 21 to Catherine Feenstra in the Development Office at 403-242-2896 ext. 352 or by email at cfeenstra@csce.net

God's Children Making the World a Better Place

Elementary Campus
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CAMPUS UPDATES

ELEMENTARY

- Join us at the **ES chapel** on Friday, May 7 at 12:40 pm in the gym, where we will be learning about "Faithfulness"; living God's way means being faithful to do what we say we will do.
- **Garden Day, Wednesday, May 26:** we will be spring cleaning our beautiful gardens from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and we would love to have parent volunteers helping out as each class is being assigned specific tasks. Mrs. Ina Kitchener has once again been very gracious in offering her expertise and assistance during that day. Please let us know if **you** can help. Just fill out the form that is being attached to your child's classroom newsletter and return it to school. THANKS in advance for participating in this enjoyable experience!
- **CCS Challenge Day:** On **Friday, May 28**, ECS to Grade 6 students will participate in a Challenge Day that includes a 5 km fundraising hike, the proceeds of which will go primarily towards library and technology enhancements. Please consider being a part of this fun-filled day! More details will be sent home with classroom newsletters. Any questions or comments may be directed to either your child's teacher or to the Hike Committee by calling the ES office.
- Mark your calendars for **Sports Day** at the ES on June 25! More details to come!
- **Reading and Scribing** volunteers are needed, please see the details in the Volunteer Opportunity section of this edition, or visit the website under "Volunteers" for dates and times.
- **Congratulations** to the Senior Handbell Choir for their performance at the Kiwanis Festival where they were presented with the Florence Morris scholarship for concert class!
- **CCS Hockey:** Thank you to all the ES and grade 7 hockey parents for another really great year. You all just came in and did what needed to be done, and therefore made this a very successful year. We really enjoyed ourselves. **FOR NEXT YEAR:** At this time no one has come forward to take over this program, and ice needs to be booked in May...with a few parents this could be done so easily, and is a very short time commitment. Please consider doing this, as there will be many sad kids without this program! Any questions? Call Ken and Deenie Bouwman anytime at 403-242-7590.
- **THANK YOU** to Ken and Deenie and all the parents who help facilitate the Hockey program from the students and parents who participate. Your time and dedication is much appreciated!!
- **Congratulations!** Bryan Ho, a grade 6 student in Mrs. Olson's class, recently participated in an open badminton tournament for Calgary elementary students. Bryan won first place and a gold medal in an individual event and third place in a team event.
- **Birthday Giving - Relief 4 Haiti:** "God's children making this world a better place" is our vision at CCS. It's happening here in big, small and always amazing ways. A grade one student just recently celebrated a birthday with his classmates. He and his family had been praying for Haiti and were convicted of their desire to help this needy country in some small way. On his birthday invitation, he asked that his guests bring a small donation instead of gifts. This young boy and his family, on behalf of these grade one boys, will be sending \$679.00 to Samaritan's Purse, who will use it where needed most! Thank you Lord for using Grade One children to do Your work in this world.

SECONDARY

- **MS Parent Teacher interviews** are May 6 and 7. Please call the Secondary office to make an appointment.
- **Creation in Action: An Evening of Photography & Theatre:** Join April Bowen and Carmen Nieuwenhuis as they present their Senior Projects on May 7 from 6:30 pm in the Secondary Commons. Browse through a photo gallery and snack on some tasty treats, and starting at 7:30, watch a collection of theatre works organized by Carmen Nieuwenhuis. Come and celebrate the creativity God has given us!
- **Senior Projects and Fine Arts Night on May 25:** this is an evening to celebrate our graduating students and the gift of creativity and will include a dinner for CCS families and guests prior to the presentations and displays, be sure to join us!
- **Italy/Greece trip 2011:** This year's trip will be a combined grade 11 & 12 trip to Italy and Greece. An information evening will be held on **May 4 at 7:00 pm** in the High School Commons for all interested parents and students.
- **Congratulations!!!**
 - ★ To Jeremy Ho who continues to win music scholarships, accolades, and medals for his excellent piano performances and compositions.
 - ★ To Jillian Rogers who is the 2009 Governor General's Medal award winner!
 - ★ To Anna Jean Ellergodt for representing CCS at the CanWest Spelling Bee regional finals! Anna Jean placed 11th of 52 contestants at the U of C in March!
- Any students interested in preparing for the **Math 30 Diploma Exam** are invited to participate in a course to be held at CCS and facilitated by ELITE Tutorials from May 29 to June 26, 2010. Cost for the course is \$315 for a total of 37 hours, and students must register prior to May 19 to confirm by contacting Michael Faragalla of ELITE Tutorials at 403-830-8146. The maximum is 20 students.



VOLUNTEERS Janet DeGraaff ext. 338 jdegraaff@csce.net



- **Readers and Scribes:** Please consider assisting our students with their Provincial Achievement Tests by volunteering to read and/or scribe. Dates for the Elementary Campus are: May 11, 12, 13 and June 15, 16, 17 and 18 starting at 9:00 am (time commitment would be from 1 - 3hrs depending on the exam). Secondary Campus dates are June 15 (9:00 am), June 22 (1:00 pm) and June 24 (9:00am). Additional dates are still being determined and will be posted on our website and in the June Bridges.
- **Senior Project and Fine Arts Night May 25:** Volunteers would be appreciated to assist with food preparation in the afternoon, oversee the buffet during dinner or clean up after the event.
- **ES Garden Day May 26:** Join us for weeding, pruning and general cleanup of the gardens at CCS! Each class will be assigned a garden and a task and volunteers hands would be most welcome throughout the day.
- **CCS Challenge Day May 28:** Students from ECS to Grade 6 will be taking part in Challenge Day and a number of volunteers are needed to assist with walking with the children, assisting at a checkpoint or cycling the route, see your child's classroom newsletter for the details!
- **CCS Golf Tournament June 18:** Would you like to spend a day with 144+ fun people, and enjoy great views? Consider helping out at the Golf Tournament!
- **ES Sports Day June 25:** Sports Day is a great way to promote team building and friendly competition and we need many volunteers to help make this day a success, details will come home in your classroom newsletters.

PARENT NEWS Parent Action Council parentcouncil@csce.net

- **Back To School 2010-2011:** Do you like to have fun and help organize fun events? Would you like to be part of welcoming new families to CCS and helping current families to re-connect? Email parentcouncil@csce.net to find out how you can be a part of the Back To School fun!
- **Parent Action Council Meeting, May 14:** at 12:00 pm at the Elementary Campus. Join us as we make plans for the fall and discuss transitioning needs. Executive Director Scott Hickling will be bringing a model of the Elementary Campus renovations for review. All parents are automatically part of this Council, so please join us!
- **Ambassador Program:** More families are needed to be CCS Ambassadors. The time commitment is very minimal, and you can really help a new family's transition into our school to be a positive experience. Essentially, you are paired with new families and asked to introduce yourself as a resource and be available for questions. If you would like to get involved with this program, please contact Leanne Shannon at 403-241-3627 or email parentcouncil@csce.net.



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!



- **Parents Who Pray:** meets every Tuesday from 9:00 -10:00 am at the Elementary Campus in room 314 - please join us! Prayer requests are welcome at any time by contacting Karen Burgis at 403.247.8627 or kdb1@telus.net. **May 4:** Secondary teachers and their Peer Advisory Groups Mike Chrest, Kevin Francisco, Linda Delaney, Kelsey Baldwin, Margaret Lindemulder, and Emmy Meetsma; **May 11:** Grade 2 students and teachers Bina Billington, Susan Bowen, Adrianna deBoer; Transportation Coordinator Winnie Smith and Wilco bus drivers; **May 18:** Calgary Society for Christian Education Board of Directors and Palliser School Division trustees, superintendents and staff; **May 25:** Grade 3 students and teachers Sharon Bolink, Jane Nieuwenhuis and Ruth Reitsma; IT support Jim Belyea and Scott Newman; **June 1:** Administrators Scott Hickling, Harry Fritschy, Glenda Jullion, Gwen Uittenbosch and Jason Kupery; **June 8:** Year end social for members of Parents Who Pray.

- **Thank you** to everyone who has contributed to the mission work of Peter and Teena Oudman in Mexico as they minister to families and children in the Puerto Vallarta area, and work towards the building of CASA Connor. "May God bless you all this summer!"
- Justice Film Festival presents: "Consuming Kids: The Commercialization of Childhood" on May 11 at 7:00 pm, River Park Church. See the posters on the CCS bulletin boards or visit www.justicefilmfestival.ca for more details.

Mark your June calendars!

June 11 Stampede Breakfast

June 18 Golf Tournament

June 21 Grade 9 Celebration

June 25 ES Sports Day

Grade 12 Graduation

June 28 MS Awards Assembly Chapel

ES Year End Chapel and Grade 6 Celebration

See the High School exam schedule on the calendar

