



JOINING OUR HOMES AND OUR SCHOOL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Scott Hickling ext. 320 shickling@csce.net

- **Students who are bussed to CCS:** Please be at your designated pick up location 5 minutes prior to pick up time to ensure our drivers can stay on schedule and get everyone to school on time! Thank you!
- **Elementary parking:** Please note again that we are encouraging drop off and pick up in the Emmanuel CRC parking lot. To ensure the safety of all our students, we ask that you NOT have children cross the street as you park along 30 Avenue, even if you accompany them.
- Did you know that if each of our families ordered \$500 in Grocery Cards from our program, the school would earn more than **\$10,000 A MONTH!** And none of us has to do anything except buy groceries...which we all do already! Check out the order form attached, or contact Janet DeGraaff in the Volunteer office to order yours today! Cards are also available at the Business Office and in the Development Office at the Elementary Campus.
- We can now accept payments and donations etc. by debit card in the Business Office.
- We invite all our families and supporters to discover all the ways to be involved at CCS this year - we're concentrating on "engagement" and want everyone to experience the blessings of community!
- Thank you to everyone involved in preparing and participating in all of our events to kick-off the school year. We had a fantastic turnout at the "Twas 4 Nights Before School", Parent Orientations and Dedication Service!
- Thank you also to all who have already volunteered their time to ensure our students have excellent opportunities and experiences - the first weeks have already been full of World Skills for all our Secondary students and Frontier Lodge for the Grade 12 class as well as a variety of other field trips at all grade levels - thank you for giving of your time to help make them happen!
- To finish the storage area at the north end of the Secondary Campus, we need about 30 sidewalk paving stones - please contact Scott if you are able to donate them, we'll even pick them up!



Here we GROW again!

Watch this space for upcoming renovation news and be sure to attend the Fall Society meeting November 19 for all the latest!

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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- Watch for information coming home soon about our year-long effort to **BELIEVE LEARN GROW** at Calgary Christian! We want everyone to get involved somehow - participate, volunteer, contribute - see the rewards of being a part of this amazing community in so many ways!
- Did you know that daily timetables, the Parent Handbook, articles and information, links to other Christian organizations, and so much more than homework can be found on our website? Visit often to see what's happening and let us know if there is something you'd like to see included!
- **Touring Tuesdays!** Once again, every Tuesday is an Open House at Calgary Christian School from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please encourage family and friends that would like to see Christian education in action to visit us or contact Admissions Coordinator Lynn Parkin at 403.242.2896 ext. 312 or by email at admissions@csce.net. Our first evening Open House will be held November 26 at 7:00 pm.
- **Christian Credit Union Student Banking Program** resumed **September 23**. New accounts can be opened at any time throughout the school year; to be involved in this great program, please contact Catherine in the Development Office.
- **CCS School Directory** will be available soon; those interested in advertising in this resource for Society members and staff can contact Catherine for more details!

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2839 49 Street SW
Calgary, AB T3E 3X9

Secondary Campus
5029 26 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T3E 0R5

403.242.2896

CAMPUS UPDATES

ELEMENTARY

- **Wednesday, October 7 is Student Photo Day** at the ES - bring your best smiles!
- **ES Interim Report Cards** will be sent home Friday, October 9.
- Welcome to Kelly Bouwman who will be teaching the full day ECS classes while Mrs. Turner is on maternity leave!
- Plans are being finalized for a new sand area for the ES; donations of pressure treated lumber and play sand are welcome to help complete the project!
- The next ES Chapel is Friday, October 2, at 12:40 pm in the gymnasium. Parents are welcome to join us as we explore the theme of 'Trusting' using the Biblical account of David defeating Goliath.



SECONDARY

- **Sky High Experience** On September 23 Cerah Dube and Janeva Deslippe, two of our Grade 10 students, participated in a live link conversation with Dr. Robert Thirsk, the Canadian astronaut on board the International Space Station. The girls were selected to be a part of this experience after their submitted questions for Dr. Thirsk were chosen last spring. Palliser is the only school division in Canada that was chosen to participate in this event. Cerah and Janeva have posted their thoughts on the experience at www.calgarychristianschool.com, see the link on the homepage!
- **HS Spring Trips** This year our High School students will have an opportunity to participate in three trips over the Spring Break. Students in grades 10 - 12 will travel to Belize to work with a Christian school, an orphanage and YWAM (contact Phil Bonk or Scott Hickling and see details below). Students in grade 11 have an opportunity to travel to France and Spain with EF Tours for a language/cultural experience (contact AmyLou Boonstra) and students in grade 12 can travel to Italy and Greece for a biblical/cultural experience (contact Mike Chrest).
- **MS Parent Teacher Conferences** Parent teacher conferences will be held on October 28 and October 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and October 30 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Please contact the Secondary school office to book your appointment.**
- **UNBELIZABLE April 5 – 12, 2010: Student meeting: Wed. October 7 at lunch in the shop (for confirmed trip members); Parent Info Meeting: Wed. October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Secondary Commons** *Students wishing to go on this trip are required to submit a written letter of application outlining why they feel this trip would be of benefit and what they expect to learn from mission and service work. Leadership & Construction students have the first opportunity to attend the trip and then it will be opened to other students, based on space availability.



- ~ **Deadlines:** Grade 12 students \$200 deposit by Sept 18; Grade 11 students \$200 deposit by Sept 22; Grade 10 students \$200 deposit by Tuesday, Sept 29. Each student will need to make an additional \$300 deposit by October 16.
- ~ **Fundraising:**
 1. We will be starting HOT LUNCHES on Mondays & Wednesdays. Our team would really appreciate both donations (of 'pre-cooked' hamburgers, buns etc...) and extra hands to help cook and serve. Please contact Mr. Bonk.
 2. The Construction class will also be building sheds again this year. If you or anyone you know would like a shed here is your opportunity to get one! The shed is 8 feet by 8 feet at a cost of \$1800.00, with all profits directed to this Service Learning trip.
 3. Bottle Drives, Coco Brooks Pizza, CCS grocery coupons and other activities are all fundraisers that will be available for the students to be involved with to help defray costs.

- **From Jason Kupery:** Each student in **Grade 12** will have an individual meeting to go over their transcripts, discuss possible Senior Project ideas and talk about post secondary aspirations. The main purpose is to ensure that students have all the required courses they need to graduate in June. Meetings will begin on Monday, September 28 and a list will be posted at the office. Parents are welcome to join if they wish to be a part of this process.
- **The University of Calgary** is holding an open house on **Saturday, October 24**. Students who may be interested in attending the U of C next year should plan on dropping in for a visit. It is a helpful tool to discover more and ask questions about specific programs offered at the U of C.
- The annual **Christian College** Fair is coming to CCS on Friday, November 6 from 10 - 11 am. The fair is a "one stop shop" and provides a wealth of information about the various Christian post secondary options that are out there. Colleges include Calvin, Dordt, Kings, Redeemer, Trinity Western and others. Parents are welcome to come and listen in as well.
- **Welcome to Gammagirls!** A Canadian, Christian program (www.gammagirls.org) designed to engage teenagers in conversation with adult mentors about the real life issues that they face each day. The curriculum provides tools and information to meet the challenges through which they must navigate on their way to adulthood, to help young women understand who God created them to be and to remain strong and focused in the midst of peer pressure. This program, facilitated by Marcia Hogg, our Family School Liaison Counselor, is open to **Grade nine girls only**. Limited space of 12 spots are available and a nominal fee of \$15 is payable to Calgary Christian School to cover the cost of supplies. Gammagirls will meet weekly from 3:30 – 5:15 pm on Mondays for ten weeks, starting October 19. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 5. Interested students and parents may contact Marcia Hogg at 403-242-2896, ext. 345 or 403-771-4365, or by email at marcia.hogg@pallisersd.ab.ca

VOLUNTEERS Janet DeGraaff ext. 338 jdegraaff@csce.net

- **Volunteer Opportunity Forms** were sent home September 4 and to date only 15% of our families have returned their completed forms. Please review the form, indicate the areas you are interested in and return as soon as possible. If you have already committed to volunteering in an area not listed, please inform the volunteer office by phone or email. Additional forms are available at either office or at www.calgarychristianschool.com on the 'Volunteer' tab and following the link where you will also find all the current volunteer opportunities.
- With all volunteers having the potential to supervise and interact with children at CCS, we require everyone to have a current **Calgary Police Service Security Check and an Intervention Record Check for Alberta Social Services on file**. Please contact the office for details.
- All volunteers are reminded to sign in and obtain your Volunteer Identification tag at the office.
- The **Elementary Hot Lunch Program** started Sept. 23, but ten more volunteers are required to create a full rotation that will allow for a commitment of only one Wednesday a month for each volunteer from 11:00 am - 12:45 pm.
- **Paper & Cardboard Recycling** Every Thursday is recycling day at the Elementary School. Volunteers are needed to pick up the recycling from the school on a Thursday afternoon or Friday and bring it to the local recycle bins. Students will assist with loading it in your vehicle.
- **The Elementary School Music Program** would like some assistance with organizing music duotangs.

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. **Oct 6:** High School Peer Advisory Groups and their teachers Christa Andreason, Christine Bakker, Dionne Simmonds, Danielle Wineberger, Elissa Strem, Gwen Uittenbosch **Oct 13:** No prayer meeting; Professional Day **Oct 20:** ECS students and teachers Maureen Tarnowski and Kelly Bouwman; ES Resource staff Marliss Eklund, Wendy Abma, Karen Arndt, Kerri Bonk, Sarah Clarke, Kim Cyr, Ann DeGelder, Karen Meyer and Tanya Montague **Oct 27:** Grade 8 students and teachers Rob Oostenbrink, Pamela Zuidhof and Brittany VanderLeek; MS Resource staff Cheryl Armstead, Sherrie Knight, Ruby Tiemstra and Fran vanSloten.



- **Each month, Bridges, teacher communication and many other pieces of information are conveyed by email from CCS; if you are not receiving these communications, please contact us.** Some email providers, such as Yahoo and Hotmail, do not usually accept our Society-wide emails; if you have an alternative account, please contact the office with the details!



- **Sigmund Brouwer is coming to CCS!** Alberta native Sigmund Brouwer is a novelist and children's book author with close to three million books in print. On November 2, 2009, he will be presenting at both the Elementary and Middle Schools. It doesn't matter where you come from; it's where you decide to go in life that's far more important. Because of this, Sigmund Brouwer encourages students to reach for their dreams, giving them fun and practical advice for the reading and writing skills that are a foundation for future success. Watch the next Bridges and check www.calgarychristianschool.com for the latest details on times and locations of presentations. Check out Sigmund Brouwer's website at www.coolreading.com to find out about his books and more!

- Shannon Foster is the Career Counselor for Grade 9 students at CCS and she is available to meet with students and parents on Fridays. Please call 403-771-4391 or email shannon.foster@pallisersd.ab.ca with any questions or concerns or to make an appointment. See the newsletter and other details about the services offered on the CCS website under Documents - Articles and Information. **Scholarship Workshop:** A scholarship workshop will be held on October 1, 2009 from 3:30 until 5:00 pm at Heritage Christian Academy. Please contact Shannon to register and reserve a space. Open for all parents and students.
- Marcia Hogg, Family School Liaison Counselor, offers great advice on students who may be experiencing difficulties with the start of a new school year. You can find the article with tips and practical advice at www.calgarychristianschool.com on the Documents tab under Articles and Information. Marcia can be contacted by email at marcia.hogg@pallisersd.ab.ca for information or appointments.

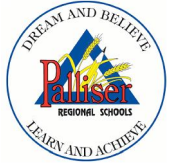
PARENT NEWS - PARENT ACTION COUNCIL

- So you think you can't dance? Come and join other CCS parents as we learn to dance! We will be meeting at the Secondary Campus on Saturday evenings from 8 - 9:30 pm starting on Saturday, September 26. Cost is \$80 for 6 lessons and space is filling up! Please email leannetiberio@shaw.ca, or register at the door.
- **Parent Action Council Welcome Back Meeting** Please join us on Wednesday September 30 at 1:30 pm at the Elementary Campus. We would love to meet some of our new families and we promise we won't make you sign up for anything! Children are welcome. Agenda items include the purchase of recess sports equipment and a new family event in early 2010!
- **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!** As a group of CCS parents we want to make sure this council is serving your needs. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please don't hesitate to contact co-chairs Leanne Tiberio or Leanne Shannon by emailing parentcouncil@csce.net. We'd love to hear from you!
- October's meeting will be held Wednesday, October 28 at 1:30 pm - mark your calendar now!








October 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 2 Sigmund Brouwer at CCS
- Nov 4 Student Banking Day
- Nov 6 MS/HS Photo Retakes
- Nov 6/7 CCS Varsity Volleyball Tourn.
- Nov 12 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 16 CSCE Board meeting
- Nov 17 ES Book Week begins
- Nov 18 Student Banking Day
- Nov 19 ES Photo Retakes
- Nov 19 Fall Society Meeting**
- Nov 20 ES Report Cards
- Nov 20/21 Varsity Volleyball Zones Tourn.
- Nov 24 MS Report Cards
- Nov 26 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 26 Open House 7:00 pm
- Nov 27 ES NO SCHOOL**
- Nov 27 ES Parent Teacher Conferences

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
			1	2	3/4
				ES Chapel 12:40 pm ES Gym	
	5	6	7	8	9
Deadline for Gammagirls registration	Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES	ES Student Photos  Student Banking Day  Belize student meeting Secondary Shop; at lunch		MS Chapel 12:40 pm Emmanuel CRC ES Interim Report Cards 	10/11
	12	13	14	15	16
NO SCHOOL  Happy Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL Professional Day				MS Chapel 12:40 pm Emmanuel CRC
	19	20	21	22	23
Gammagirls begins (10 weeks) CSCE Board of Directors 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES	 Student Banking Day	NO SCHOOL CEA Teachers Convention	NO SCHOOL CEA Teachers Convention	24/25
	26	27	28	29	30
	Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES	MS Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 4-7 pm Parent Action Council Meeting 1:30 pm ES	MS Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 4-7 pm	MS NO SCHOOL MS Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 9am-2pm	31

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



FundScrip

Gift Cards



It's as simple as this...

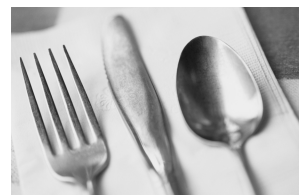
1. Find the stores you shop at on the back of this page.
2. Complete the order form and forward to either school office.
3. Orders will be processed October 2, 16 and 30. Cards can be picked up the following Friday.
4. Shop with these cards or give them as gifts.
(it's the perfect solution for birthdays or Christmas!)




Calgary Christian School
receives 1-10% for each card
purchased



Contact Janice Sirois at wjsirois@shaw.ca for more information



Name	Authorized to pick up order	Telephone
Payment Method	Delivery Option	Order Cut Off
Cheque (payable to):	Hold for pick up	
	Release to authorized person	

Retail Partner	%	\$	Qt	Total	Retail Partner	%	\$	Qt	Total
Grocery					Other Retail Partner				
Metro Group* A&P, Dominion, The Barn, Ultra Food & Drug, Metro (Ontario)	3%	25			Cadillac Fairview (Shopping Card) \$25 + \$1.50 fee	3%	26.50		
		50							
Loblaws* Extra Foods, Loblaws, Fortino's, Maxi, Maxi & Cie, No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, Valu-Mart, Your Independent Grocer, Zehr's	3%	10			Canadian Tire (includes gas)	4%	10		
		25					25		
		50					50		
		100					100		
		250			Chapters - Coles - Indigo	3%	5		
Longo's	3%	20					10		
		50					25		
		100			Cinéplex Odéon, Famous Players, Galaxy SilverCity, Coliseum	4%	10		
M&M Meat Shops	3%	10			Coast Mountain, Sport Chek	4%	25		
		25			Future Shop	1%	25		
Safeway 	3%	10					100		
		20			Gap	5%	25		
		50			Giant Tiger	3.5%	25		
		100			HBC Group* TheBay Home Outfitters Zellers	3%	10		
Sobey's* IGA, Price Chopper's, Foodland (Ontario Only)	3%	10					25		
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		50					100		
Gas									
Esso	2%	25			HMV	2%	5		
		50					10		
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Petro-Canada	2%	25			Home Depot	2%	25		
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Ultramar	2%	10			Home Hardware	3%	25		
		20					100		
		50			LaSenza & LaSenza Girl	7%	25		
		100			Magic Lantern, Rainbow Cinemas	5%	10		
Restaurants & Coffee Shops					Mark's Work Wearhouse	7%	25		
Cara Group* Harvey's, Montana's, Kelsey's, Milestone, Swiss Chalet	2%	25					50		
		50			Old Navy	5%	25		
Darden Restaurants* Olive Garden, Red Lobster	5%	25			Payless	5%	25		
Pizza Pizza	10%	25			Pier I Imports	5%	25		
		100			Shoppers Drug Mart	2%	25		
Prime Restaurants* Casey's, East Side Mario's, Bier Markt, Prime Pubs	5%	25					100		
		50			Rona / Réno-Dépôt / Totem Building Supplies	2%	25		
Sir Corp* Jack Astor's, Alice Fazooli's, Canyon Creek Chop House, Toronto Signature Restaurants	5%	25					50		
		50			Rogers Video	5%	10		
Starbucks	5%	5			Roots (all banners)	7%	25		
		25					10		
Subway	3%	25					25		
		50			Sears	2%	50		
The Keg	5%	25					100		
		50			Staples	3%	25		
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Other Retail Partners					Sunglass Hut	5%	25		
Aldo	10%	25			Toy R Us	2%	25		
Banana Republic	5%	25			WaySpa	7%	25		
Best Buy	1%	25					50		
		100			Winners HomeSense	5%	10		
Best Western	5%	50					25		
Blockbuster	5%	10					50		
Body Shop	5%	25							
Total of this order:							\$		

\$10,000 +

Did you know that if each of our families ordered \$500 in Grocery Cards from our program each month, Calgary Christian School could earn \$10,000 each month?

Participating stores are Co-Op, Safeway, Sobeys and SuperStore

Check out the order form on the reverse or contact Janet at 403-242-2896 ext. 338

We think you'll agree that this is a very easy way to bring extra funds to our school!

NEED GROCERIES?

...OF COURSE YOU DO!



Parent Action Council Grocery Card Order Form 2009-2010

Return this form to either ES or Secondary Office Date _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please find cheque(s) payable to CCS enclosed _____
 OR Please charge my Visa/Mastercard _____

Cardholder name _____

Card number _____ expiry date _____

Automatic Monthly Order

Please issue the following on the ^{1st} ^{15th} of each month beginning _____ and ending _____
(circle one)

<p style="text-align: center;">Safeway 8%</p> <p>_____ x \$20 = _____ _____ x \$50 = _____ _____ x \$100 = _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Total \$ _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sobey's 7%</p> <p>_____ x \$50 = _____ _____ x \$100 = _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Total \$ _____</p>
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One time order

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Return this form to either ES or Secondary Office

Please hold my order for pick up at the Elementary Office _____
 Secondary Office _____

OR

Please send my order home with my child _____

Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Credit Card payments are subject to a 2.75% surcharge
 to cover costs from the credit card companies which can be receipted as a donation
 Please check here if you would like to receive a tax donation receipt for this fee _____