

School-wide + Society News

Will Clinic on November 30, 2023 - 7:00pm in the LINC @ the Secondary Campus.

Society Meeting A meeting of the Calgary Society for Christian Education will be held **Today, November 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM** in the gym at the Calgary Christian Secondary School. This meeting is an opportunity for the Board to report to Society members on the successful conclusion of its 2022-2023 fiscal year, as well as update the members on the status and needs of our Secondary Gymnasium Building Project. As the purpose of this meeting is primarily the sharing of information, no official business will be conducted. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during a Q&A period. Members are encouraged to forward questions in advance to the Board at board@calgarychristianschool.com. Please click here for more information and to access the Agenda.

Hotlunches.net Orders - Each Monday, all registered users of hotlunches.net receive an email titled "CCS Lunch Program Reminder". Please review this email to ensure that you have ordered lunches for your children for the following two weeks. If there are no orders showing, you haven't ordered and will need to send a lunch with your children.

Re-Enrollment: Watch your email for important re-enrollment procedures for the 2024-25 school year. Existing families may **submit applications for new students December 4-18**. Do you know of a family who would be a good fit for CCS? Applications are open for new families starting January 8th, feel free to share <u>THIS</u> link with them so our Admissions Coordinator can reach out to them.

Elementary News

THIS WEEK is ES Literacy Week: This week, students are participating with their class by creating a Mad Lib. They will enjoy a story read to them by Mr. Magnan, Mrs. Jullion or Mrs. Ermter, and they will enjoy a "Forts and Flashlights" activity to end the week.

All Grade 1 to 6 students should bring a LABELLED sheet/blanket and a flashlight on **Thursday**, **November 30** for fort building.

CHRISTIAN BOOK STORE at the Elementary Campus - Parents are invited to attend the Living Book sale **between 8:30 - 9:00 am on Wednesday, or 3:30 - 4:00 pm Today**. We thank you in advance for supporting our fundraiser so we can purchase many more books for our students to enjoy in the library! If you would like to preview the books Living Books has for sale, you can go to their website at https://www.livingbooks.ca/products

EAT, PLAY, READ!

This year the library will be raising funds for purchasing new books by hosting our annual Living Books Christian books sale, together with a Library trinket sale & prize raffle. Each class will come to the library,

where students will be able to purchase or place orders for items from Living Books. They will also be able to purchase small trinkets (scripture verse backpack pulls, cross bracelets, mini Rubik's Cubes, bubble pop bracelets and much more!) from the library. With trinkets purchased, students will receive entries into the prize raffle according to the attached table which has been updated.

Raffle Prizes are as follows:

• Pizza Fun Night for 8 - Thursday, December 7, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm with Mr. Magnan, Mrs. Bettin & Mrs. Thiesen (1 prize to be won)

Lucky winner and 7 friends will enjoy playing Hide & Seek in the school and free play in the gym with Mr. Magnan. Supper in the staff room will include 3 large pizzas of your choice, chips, lemonade, and ice cream bars.

- **Small Reading Pillow** (1 prize to be won, retail value is \$54.00)
- **Elephant & Piggie Book Ends** (2 prizes to be won, retail value is \$38.00/set)

Raffle entry closes at 1:25 pm on Thursday, November 30,

and prize winners will be drawn and announced before the end of the school day.

Student Banking Day is tomorrow, **Wednesday**, **November 8**.

Elementary: please bring your banking to the bank machine, now located at the office.

The Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal Informed Consent/Permission Form, will be sent home with your child. **We need it signed and returned by December 1.** One parent volunteer is requested for each Gr. 1-3 class as a chaperone for the Dress Rehearsal. Please let the classroom teacher know if you are available.

ES Lunch Volunteers Needed - Three more parent volunteers are needed for the December 6 Pizza Day and there are also many more volunteers needed for future lunch days. We cannot run this program without our volunteers. If you can help, please sign up using the following link: <u>VOLUNTEER ELEMENTARY LUNCH</u>

ES Worship Chapel - It is a Worship Chapel on **Thursday, November 30 at 8:45 am.** Parents are welcome to attend.

NO SCHOOL on **Friday, December 1** - It is a Professional Development Day for Teachers. See you on Monday, December 4!

Secondary News

Did you know? The Edsby Mobile App is a great way to get up-to-date news and information, it's how we send permission forms for events, and it provides a window into your students' academic progress. If you haven't already, we will happily help you with login and technical support.

Exam Schedule for the January 2024 grade 9-12 session can be found here.

Thursday, November 30th is PJ Day!

Calgary Regional STAR Fest @ Storybook Theatre Thursday: Select students from Grade 9 to 12 are converging with other mid-high schools in the region to celebrate their artistic talents. This is the first time this event has been run in Alberta. Please pray for our safe travel to and from the event and for a rich learning experience for our students.

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Winter Music Concert: Two Concerts, 1 Night: December 5, 2023 at the Secondary Campus *Concert* 1 will begin at 6:00 pm with students in Grade 7, High School Band, and High School Choir performing. *Concert 2* will begin at 7:30 pm with students in Grade 8, Jazz Band, High School Band, and High School Choir performing.

Senior High Mental Health Team We are building a Lego wall in the Wellness room! Our school community has worked hard to build a safe place for students to go when they are feeling overwhelmed and now we are looking to expand our resources. We are seeking donations of Lego pieces. If you can support our Wellness room project with Lego donations, please drop them off at the secondary office, email kellv.schmaltz@pallisersd.ab.ca, or call the school at (403)242-2896.

School Council Meeting The next meeting is Thursday, December 7 in the LINC starting at 6:30 pm. All CCS parents and guardians are welcome to attend. The council invites parents to email ccsscouncil@gmail.com before November 30 with any topics they wish to include on December's agenda. Meeting Agendas and a draft copy of the Secondary School Council's operating procedures on our website! We would be thrilled to have you join one of the committees. By participating on these committees, you can contribute to your child's school community, as well as network with other parents who are wanting to make a positive impact. For more information reach out to ccsscouncil@gmail.com with any questions.

Giving Tree:The Secondary Student Council is excited to announce the donation drive for the Giving Tree, dedicated to supporting various organizations and individuals in need during this holiday season. This year, CCS is extending its support to the Ukrainian immigrant families at *Glenbrook Elementary Schools (toys, mitts, gift cards for Walmart, Superstore, and gas stations), Blessings & Burdens, and the Umoja Community Mosaic.*

Here's how you can participate:

- 1. Choose an ornament from the Giving Tree located in the Secondary foyer. (Alternatively, you can review the provided lists and send your child to school with a donation.)
- 2. Purchase the specified donation item(s).
- 3. Return the unwrapped item(s) along with the ornament, placing them under the tree.
- 4. Alternatively, gift cards can be purchased via School Cash.

We will be accepting donations from December 1 to December 15.

Your generosity will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in our community. Thank you in advance for your support!

Advanced Notice

Please join our CCES Community to celebrate the **Division 1 Christmas Concert: He Came Down That We May Have Love! Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Bethany Chapel,** 3333 Richardson Way, S.W.