



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ CCS

### SOCIETY BUSINESS OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Over the summer we have limited office hours, which may vary. If you need assistance, it would be preferable to make an appointment (403.242.2896 ext 318/347). Ordinarily we will be open Monday through Thursday, 9am - 3pm.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION PASTOR LAYNE



It's been a great year of learning at CCS! First, special thanks to Mrs. Vandermeer and Mrs. Folkerts for their work with me on the Teaching for Transformation Leadership team. We have inspired teachers and encouraged meaningful connections to the biblical story throughout the entire curriculum and across all grade levels.

Next year, we will continue this emphasis and enhance the Bible program at both campuses. The Elementary will pilot a new curriculum, Telling God's Story. The Secondary will see increased attention as a result of Mr. Boody's student and parent SpeakOut sessions. I'm looking forward to joining teachers in Bible 9 classes and Religious Ethics.

Student feedback also highlighted the need for improvements to chapel next year. So, we've created Faith Formation Friday's and will engage students with the theme: My Story Within God's Story. I'm excited Jay McDonald, a popular speaker at a Chapel last year; Bella Pacchiano, a former CCS Grad (2011); and Michael Prins, an intern from Rocky Mountain Bible College who has been working in our Middle School, as well as our own student interns will participate on our Leadership Team for this! Please check out our [Grad Profile](#), a document some of you as well as some of our students have given feedback on already. We'll pilot this profile next year and I'd love to respond to your feedback via [email](#) or face-to-face.

### SUPPORT AT CCS BE A BLESSING



[Blessings and Burdens](#) is a quiet ministry that serves the school community, when there is a hard time in a family's life or something to be celebrated, Blessings and Burdens is there to acknowledge and support! **We are looking for someone to coordinate for next year.** Please [read THESE](#) kind words from Natalija (Thanks for coordinating this year!) for more information.

### COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

**NEW POSTINGS** - Check it out [here](#) on our website!

### 23rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SUCCESSFUL DAY



Thank you to our sponsors, golfers and volunteers! We are pleased to share over \$19,400 was raised for the athletic programs at Calgary Christian School! You can view all the great photos from the event [HERE](#) on our website.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LEARNING ADVENTURES PRESCHOOL

We have two job openings in our Preschool! We invite you to check out the details [HERE](#) on our website. Deadline for applications is July 15.

### ATHLETICS FOR SEPTEMBER COACHES NEEDED



HELP!! Our MS Athletic Director is looking for coaches for our volleyball season in September, especially for Gr 7. The time commitment is 2nd week of September to the first weekend of November. Typically we practice two times a week. Either morning times from 6:45 - 8:15am or from 4:00 - 5:30pm. Game days are Tuesday or Thursday after school from 4:00 - 5:15 or 5:15-6:30. Ordinarily we have 2 tournament weekends and the championship tournament is the first weekend of November. Please [email Mr. Jonker](#) if you are able to assist.

### PARENT SCHOOL COUNCIL YOUR VOICE

Elementary Parent School Council is looking for a new chairperson. If you're willing to facilitate meetings (4-5x per year) with support of the Principal, please [email Mr. Thiesen](#). What is School Council? Read about their mandate [here](#).

### ELEMENTARY HIKE SAVE THE DATE



September 22, 2017 is the date for our annual Elementary Hike. Watch for sponsor envelopes, volunteer requests, and further details to come your way in the fall. This is always a great day of community building and enjoying God's creation as we work to raise money to help out with specific programs in our school as well as a school in Belize.

### CHECK OUT WEBSITE INFO POSTED

[Elementary School Supply lists](#)

[Secondary School Supply lists](#)

[Calendars and Timetables](#)



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFO



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL

**September 1:** Parent Orientation takes place in the gym 10-10:45am. Be informed about drop offs, volunteering, our new behavioural plan (you can preview [here](#)) and more helpful details to kick off your school year!

**September 5:** First day of School, Opening Chapel at 9am.

**September 7:** Back to school social, weather permitting. Bring your picnic dinner, dessert treats will be supplied, and get to know the CCES Community from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK, MR. THIESEN



### Staffing Update

With the end of the school year, we will be saying goodbye to some staff members and hello to new people who have been hired. The following is a summary of the changes:

- Mrs. Marcie Howey, who has been a grade two teacher at our school for a number of years, will be taking a maternity leave for 2017-18. We wish her all the best as she spends time with her new baby.
- Mrs. Jahnaya Johnson, who taught grade three at CCES this year, and grade one for a number of years before that, will also be taking a maternity leave for 2017-18. We wish her all the best as well as she spends time with her new baby, the first for her and her husband.
- Mrs. Maureen Tarnowski, who has taught grade two, grade two music, and many years of kindergarten at our school, will be retiring. We wish her all the best as she enters this next stage of her life. We are fortunate that she will be subbing at times, so we will still get to see her here at CCES.
- Mr. Carl Price, who worked this year as an Educational Assistant, is retiring (again). We wish him all the best as he spends time with his family.
- Ms. Sharon Bolink, who taught grade three this year, but has taught grade two at CCES for many years, will be returning to grade two.
- Mrs. Rebecca McMillan, who has taught grade two at Trinity Christian School, a Palliser School Division school, for a number of years, will be transferring over to CCES. As some of you may know, TCS is part of the same association of schools as ours, the Prairie Center for Christian Education. As such, she is very familiar with, for example, Teaching for Transformation.
- Mrs. Rebecca Parkin, who has been teaching grade one half time and French halftime this year, will be teaching grade three next year.
- Ms. Rachel Bock, who has been teaching a whole range of classes in Division 1, including half time in grade 1 this year, will be teaching grade five next year.
- Mrs. Ouwerkkerk, who is presently teaching grade five, will be teaching grade three next year until she leaves on maternity leave.
- Because there are a number of part time positions in Division 1, two people have been hired part time for next year to teach the range of classes that Ms. Bock taught this year. Mrs. Glenda Jullion, who many people are familiar with because she has worked in various capacities for a number of years at both the elementary and secondary campuses, will be teaching some Kindergarten, and some grade one. Ms. Julie Kandalaft, who is a recent university graduate, will be teaching some Kindergarten, some grade one, some grade two, and some grade three. While at university Julie won the Jason Lang and James McKenzie Andrews scholarships. She has been working as a summer intern with elementary age children for a couple of years at Centre Street Church here in Calgary, so some families may know her from there.
- Mrs. Monika Pagenkopf, who has been working as a Literacy Instructor at CCES this year, will be teaching grade one half time next year. She will be joined by Mrs. Darlene Dykstra, who will also be half time, and who has subbed extensively at our school this year. Their class will be called 1PD.
- Mrs. Kelly Smith, who has taught Division 2 French at Trinity Christian School for a number of years, as well as Division 2 French as part of a Distance Learning program for Edmonton Public Schools, will be teaching Division 2 French here at CCES. This is a half time position, with the language taught in the Division 2 students' home room classes.

Whew! That is quite a few changes! I am glad to be a part of such a capable group of returning and new teachers here at CCES.

### Class Placements

In the past, letters stating what classes children are in have been mailed out to parents sometime in August. Due to the nature of the postal system, this has resulted in families receiving this information at various times throughout the month. CCES has been emailing report cards to parents throughout the year this year, with great success, and so will utilize the same process regarding informing families about classroom placements. Consequently, on Tuesday, August 29 in the afternoon, letters regarding the 2017-18 grade 1-6 classroom placements will be emailed to the families of those students. This will ensure that CCES families will get this information within a few hours, at most, of each other.

### Thank You!

I want to thank the staff, students and families of CCES for making this first year at the school a very positive experience, indeed a blessing, for me. Learning about the practices, policies and procedures of a new school, new school division, and new province has required long hours this year, but working with such a wonderful group of staff members, students and parents has made it a labour of love. I am very grateful to everyone for the patience they have extended to me as I have endeavoured to learn faces, names, and where the different parts of the school are. :-)) I look forward to next year, and am eager to get to know everyone better. (I just found out about a room off the stage last week, and am quite sure I know where every room in the school is now.)

# SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO

## MUSIC PROGRAM

### THANK YOU



Thanks to all the parents who helped chaperone and organize music events this year. Without this help, the school could not do nearly as much as it does now. It is truly appreciated.

Note to 2017-18 Grade 7 band students and parents: the list of class and instrument assignments is listed on the Grade 7 CCS website page. It will be updated as more enrollment forms are returned.

## MISSION TRIP 2018

### BELIZE



Mr. Bonk has updated the Belize webpage with photos, information on their last trip and details to be part of next year's travels! Read all about it [here on our website](#) and see if this would be a good fit for you!

## DETAILS FOR FALL IMPORTANT INFO



**August 31:** Grade 7 family BBQ at the Secondary Campus from 6-9pm

**September 1:** MS Homeroom assignments will be emailed to families on Friday, September 1 in the afternoon.

**September 1:** HS Staggered Entry: Gr10 at 9:30am, Gr 11 at 10:15am, Gr 12 at 11am.

**September 5:** School starts at 8:45am, \*MS Opening Chapel at 10am, \*HS Opening Chapel at 11am (\*Chapels take place at Emmanuel Church: 3020 51st SW)

**September 11:** Teacher Introductions/Parent Orientation in the LINC at 7pm.

## GRADE 12

### FALL 2018



On the first day of school, you're off to Frontier Lodge for a great team (class) building experience! We've posted the [itinerary here](#) so you can plan ahead over the summer.

## SECONDARY PRINCIPAL, MR. BOODY

It has arrived! School is done, the tests are completed, reports are totaled and sent, and summer beckons. Congratulations to our students - especially the Grads - for their learning and achievements this year. Congrats to you parents; your determination and guidance, the choices to push or support, and your encouragement and cheerleading have been great investments. To our staff of teachers, education and admin assistants, and the Society members who make up the broader CCS team - thank you. It has been a pleasure to work with you as together we invest in these students and their families, knowing that we share in leading this chapter of God's children making the world a better place. Building relationships with this team while we integrate faith and learning in the process of striving for excellence has been a career highlight for me. Thank you to all who have been supportive partners with us in this ongoing process.

Looking ahead, we will welcome back students in September following Labor Day. High School students can connect on Friday, September 1 during our staggered entry to check on schedules, meet their friends, and visit prior to our first day on September 5. But that is looking too far ahead, at this point. What we need to focus on next is getting outside, away from the routines of school. Find other challenges and ways of learning. Be active - expand your personal green footprint to include our trails, the wide spaces and water of our beautiful province, and breathe in some air from higher than 1500m elevation. An essential step for next year's success is the change of routine that summer brings, so dive in deep: play, work, read, rest, sleep, celebrate, travel...

To our departing students - we wish you all the best, and know that God goes with you in your next steps. Congratulations to those who graduated and now turn their eyes to a new horizon and the excitement of scripting a future. You can do all things through Christ's enabling; so go out confidently and discover what He has in store for you.

We also say farewell to some staff who will not be back. Mr. Abma is not planned to return as his family continues to face the health challenges ahead. He has our prayers and gratitude for his friendship, his teaching and investment in our students and staff over these past 32 years. Alumni will remember the pig days - activities chosen on days when the principal was not in the house. - sort of like the mice will play when the cat's away. His sense of humor is memorable - acerbic, dry, succinct - might have been past you before you caught up to it on the rebound. Fare thee well, good friend and teacher; rest in our Father's loving arms.

Mrs. Hofer will be adding the next lad to their family circle. May she enjoy the days leading up to that, and then the discovery of who the next Hofer boy will be. We are so grateful for her work with a broad array of students this year, with very short notice last fall as she re-connected here at CCS. Finally, Mr. Elenko will be moving on to teach math at Prince of Peace Lutheran School in the fall. We appreciated his passion for math and students, and know his sense of humor and drive will connect him quickly and help establish another set of relationships that will equal success and good times (did you catch the math jokes in that?).

Well done, CCS staff and students - enjoy the summer. God be with you till we meet again.