

August 18, 2022

CCS Families, welcome to a new school year!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer. Much has happened at our campuses over the last two months, including facility improvements and lots of maintenance. We're also in the process of transitioning to a new student information system - EdSembli. Thanks for your patience as we get everything set up for staff and students to be ready for the start of school. *(this means you may be receiving this in error, please bear with us as systems are being updated!)*

2022-23 Theme Verse:

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)*

Important dates:

Friday, August 26 Gr8-12 New student tours, 10:30am to noon, [RSVP required HERE](#).

Friday, August 26: Elementary Welcome Letters emailed out - includes your child's start date!

Tuesday, August 30 - Classes for ES (first group staggered), Gr 8 -12

Tuesday, August 30 - Gr7 Orientation for students and Parents (6-7pm for students with last name A-I, 7-8pm for students J-Z) at the Secondary Campus

Wednesday, August 31 - Staggered entry for ES Students, all Gr7 -12 attend class

Thursday, September 1 - ALL Gr1-6 Students attend classes, staggered entry for Kindergarten

Link to school supplies list, [posted HERE](#)

All Families

Please email the school office to let them know if your child will be late or absent using the links set up here on our website: [Absent or Late Notice | Calgary Christian School](#). This also connects you to the helpful Admin Assistants at each campus!

We have an ONLINE CALENDAR for school wide activities (pd days, etc) [linked HERE](#) and the school calendars and timetables are posted [HERE under the Parent tab](#) on the website.

We will be offering **Hot lunches** at both campuses in September, please watch the weekly email and social media for when that will happen. Hot dog day, pizza day take place on Wednesdays at the Elementary and Chef Chris will be back in the Secondary kitchen! This software program will also be used for fundraising and spirit wear purchases. You can set up an account here: [Hot Lunches - Calgary Christian School](#)

To inquire about your program fees or transportation requests, please email Elizabeth in the Business Office: accountsoffice@calgarychristianschool.com

Did your family have something to celebrate or maybe had a tough experience this summer? We encourage you to reach out to our parent-led group [Blessings and Burdens](#) who would like to offer support. You can also reach out to participate in this special ministry!

If you're interested in participating with the parent-led group, [Parents Who Pray](#), please email Pastor Layne: layne.kilbreath@pallisersd.ab.ca.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Orange Shirt Day, is September 30. Orange shirts (limited stock available as t shirts have been pre-ordered) will be ready for families to purchase starting August 23 using [Hot Lunch](#) software. Indigenous artist, Michelle Stoney, has granted us permission to use her art for these shirts and all proceeds will be donated to the [Legacy of Hope Foundation](#).

Spirit Wear Store and CCS Swag (crewneck sweatshirts, warmup shirts, t-shirts and ball caps) are available for purchase [HERE on our website](#) until Sept 16. Orders are then printed and shipped to CCS for distribution.

Each Tuesday the Weekly Email is sent to our families, it will also be posted on our website for easy reference. www.calgarychristianschool.com/parents/weekly-email

Elementary News

Do you know that the start/end of school times have changed?!

8:15am first bell with 20 minute window for drop off

8:35am school starts

3:38pm school ends

12:45pm Friday early dismissal

Parents are invited to attend our **Opening Chapels on September 1**: Grade 4-6 (8:50am-9:20am) and Grade K-3 (9:30am - 10am).

We're excited to invite you to our **Back to School Picnic/Meet the Teacher** from 5:30pm-7pm on Thurs, September 8. It's a great time to meet your child's teachers, visit classrooms and connect with other families. This is weather permitting, with a back-up date for September 15.

Secondary News

Gr7 students and parents: We're happy to host your orientation on Tues, August 30. Students with the **last name beginning with A to I are to attend at 6pm**, those with the **last name beginning with J-Z should arrive at 7pm**. Students in Gr7 will have their first day of class on Wed, August 31.

Gr10-12 students who haven't filled it in or want to submit a more updated version for their course selection please do so ASAP as schedules are currently being created. **COURSE SELECTION FORM**, [CLICK HERE](#). Gr10-12 Parents, please check with your teen as they need to complete this in order to know where to go on the first day of school!

Gr8-12 NEW STUDENTS - if you would like a tour of the building and meet with some staff, please [RSVP and SignUp HERE](#) for a time slot on Fri, August 30.

Instructions will be emailed next week for how students will receive their schedules. Staffing updates for the Secondary Campus will also be shared at that time.

Parent Orientation and Meet-the-Teacher Evening will be held on Tues, September 13. New to CCS are invited at 6:30pm for orientation, with Meet the Teacher/visit classrooms beginning at 7pm.

Please note: We've been instructed from the City that paving and construction is commencing August 22 in front of the Secondary Campus until September 15. Be mindful of this and allow for safety and extra time when coming to the school.

Opening Chapel is 10:15am on Wed, August 31 @ Emmanuel Church (just west of the Elementary Campus) and parents are invited to attend too.