May this Christmas be filled with love, joy and hope! Whatever your family may be going through, or if you're celebrating near or far, big or little - we hope you feel the warmth of God's love this season.

All Families

Last day of classes before Christmas break is **Thursday**. See you back at Calgary Christian School on **Mon**, **January 9**.

You can access all Tuesday communications, <u>HERE on our website</u>, under the Parent Tab.

Parents of Returning Students - Start of Year Registration Forms

Each year, all **schools are required by Alberta Education** to have registration forms that parents / legal guardians are required to review and update. Typically these forms are sent to parents in September, however, this year the forms have been delayed with the implementation of our new database.

The registration forms are now available to be completed. Please watch for an email before the end of the week with instructions on how to complete these forms for each of your students. We would *appreciate it if your forms could be submitted before December 31, 2022*.

Elementary News

This week's fun spirit day is **DECORATED DAY** on Thurs, December 22! A perfect way to use up extra tinsel, streamers, and gaudy decorations - maybe some twinkly lights? We look forward to seeing the fun creations!

If you pick up your child in the church parking lot after school please note *this Thursday,* Emmanuel is hosting a funeral and so *the lot may be unavailable for parking or pickup*. Please ensure you make arrangements with your child and allow additional time for pick up as the weather will still be very cold!

Orders on the hotlunches program have now been opened up for the period of January 11 - April 12. We appreciate your support of the hotlunches program which provides us with extra funding for special programs such as SoundKreations and Alien In-Line Skating. You can order with
THIS LINK">THIS LINK for Hotlunches.net.

We're having a Christmas carol sing-along on Thursday morning at 8:50am. Please join us in the gym!

Our Gr3 teacher, Mrs. Hinton is going on maternity leave. We want to thank Mrs. Hinton for her dedication and the excellent work she has done with our students and pray God's best for her. Following Christmas break, *Alyssa Mihai* is excited to join the CCS team. Miss Mihai has a passion for learning, community, and Christ-centred education. Please join us in making her feel welcome.

Thank you staff and students for a beautiful and meaningful Christmas Concert "On the Path to Bethlehem" last Thursday evening. It was wonderful to gather together to celebrate Jesus' birth. You can view the concert on our YouTube channel, <u>linked here</u>.

Secondary News

Spirit days continue - Wednesday is PJ day, Thursday is Ugly Sweater Day.

The **Giving Tree** at our campus is awaiting your generous donations! You can find an ornament on the tree, buy the item, and return the ornament with your item under the tree (unwrapped). It is a simple way to serve those in our community. **Donations are due by December 22!**

This year we are donating to three organizations: The Drop in Centre, The Mustard Seed, and Umojo Community Mosaic. Below are links to these organizations' wish-lists in case you are on the go and don't have time to grab an ornament from the tree!

The Drop In Centre Wish List: https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1G1G5IXZ3HXQP?ref =wl share

The Mustard Seed Wish List: https://theseed.ca/calgary-urgently-needed-items

Umojo Community Mosaic Centre: Crafts for children, \$25 \$50 and \$100 gift cards to Walmart or Superstore, STEM/science supplies

Gr9C Language Arts parents: please complete the film permission form on Edsby that was sent out by Ms.Stewart.

Gr7-9 Thurs December 22 is Cookie Decorating in Ms. Chrest's room during lunch!

Parents, please join us for a *Christmas Chapel on Thursday at 10:55am in the gym*. The Secondary will have a modified schedule for the day, including a locker clean out at 12:40pm.

You can find the January 2023 EXAM SCHEDULE is posted HERE on our website.

Grade 10 -12 Course Change Request - Second Semester Timetables are available for students to view in Edsby. Under the student profile, select 'Classes' > 'Future' (example below).

If students wish to request a course change, please use <u>THIS LINK</u> to submit your request. Students are advised to keep in mind submitting a course change does not guarantee it will be approved. There are a wide variety of factors such as teaching assignments and class balancing that must be considered when completing student timetables. Students will receive a message to their student email account as to whether the change could be completed or not.

