



Society News + School Wide

Important Dates:

September 22: Lighthouse Praise & Prayer

September 26: Orange Shirt Day Assemblies

September 29: Division-wide PD Day, No Classes

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, No Classes

November 1: Fall Fair

Alberta Student Registration Form (Action Required): Alberta Education requires that we collect a completed registration form for *each student every school year*. We kindly ask that you complete the 2025–2026 Returning Student Registration Form for your child as soon as possible. As part of the registration process, please:

- Review and update any existing information.
- Include at least one emergency contact who is *not a parent* and resides within the City of Calgary.
- Use the email address we have on file to access your account.

[Instructions for Parents](#)

If you are a returning student, please complete the [Returning Student Registration Form](#).

Note: This form does not need to be completed for students who are new to our school this year—you have already completed the registration process.

If you have forgotten your password, please use the "Forgot Password" option on the login page. Please do not hesitate to contact the Elementary or Secondary Office if you have any issues.



Davison Orchards Apples: Davison Apples are now available to order and purchase on the existing [Hot Lunches](#) website until September 24, with pick up on October 7. As it is a new year, registration for this year may be required if your login credentials don't work.

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Fall Fair: Saturday, November 1, 2025, we are looking forward to celebrating the community this autumn at the Calgary Christian School Fall Fair! Please save the date, we would love to see your family and friends at this event.

If you are Interested and able to join the planning committee or booking a table for our Maker's Market? Contact [Niki Brandsma](#) in Development.

Cougar Bites Lunch Program: Lord willing, Chef Chris and his team will be providing lunches at *both CCS campuses* starting October 1. Thank you for your patience as we get the program up and running this year! We are rolling out a new ordering system that is not live yet. Please watch for an email in the coming weeks to get your students registered!

Enrollment Space Available: CCS parents, we are accepting applications for Kindergarten 2026/27! If you would like to apply for your child, or know somebody that would be interested, please email [Tammy Thiessen](#), and she will be happy to assist you.

Student Banking: No account yet, but you would like to start saving and receiving bonuses? Open a youth bank account today! For more information, please contact [Elisabeth Van Borselen](#) at the Business Office. You can enroll at any time during the school year to participate!

Lighthouse Praise & Prayer: Join us from 7pm-8pm in the Secondary LINC for worship and prayer led by our Faith Formation Team. These 'praise and prayer' evenings will begin this Monday, September 22.

Parents who Pray: You are invited to join Pastor Erich and Pastor Rachel weekly on Tuesdays from 8:25am-9:20am at the Secondary as we pray for the CCS community.

Preschool & Early Learning Centre News

We are looking forward to another exciting year at Learning Adventure Preschool and Early Learning Centre! Any questions can be directed to Learning Adventures Director [Susan Ohman](#)!

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Elementary News

Important Dates:

September 19: Spirit Day Sports Appreciation

September 24: Picture Day K-6 Individual and class photos.

September 25: Picture Day for KG Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

September 26: Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

Contact Elementary Office: If you need to contact the Elementary Campus office, the email address is info_cces@pallisersd.ab.ca.

Traffic Safety at CCS: We are looking for volunteer traffic supervisors ! Are you able to come at 8:15am, wear a fashionable orange safety vest, and greet our amazing students as they arrive in the morning? If this is something you might be interested in and can commit to at least one morning a week, please contact our [Elementary Office](#) for more information. Thank you!

Spirit Day - Sports Appreciation: Celebrate sports this Friday September 19 by wearing your uniform, favourite team jersey, or dress as if you are attending a sporting event.

Truth and Reconciliation Assembly: Join us at Emmanuel CRC at 9:00 am on Friday September 26. We invite all in attendance to wear an orange shirt.

Staffing Updates:

Sheila Bettin has moved on to become the new Learning Commons Facilitator at the Secondary school. We are so thankful for her 20+ years at the Elementary, and we will miss her dearly.

You may have noticed a new face in the Elementary Office! We are excited to announce that Kerri Bonk has graciously agreed to take on the Administration Assistant role at the Elementary. Kerri has been a part of the community for many years, and we are blessed to have her on the team in this new role.

Also joining our team recently is Teresa Bestman. Teresa has been helping out at the elementary for a while as a sub EA and also a parent volunteer. We are thrilled to have her in a full-time role, mostly in Division 1. Welcome Teresa!

Secondary News

Important Dates:

September 17-19: Grade 9 Circle Square Ranch

September 26: Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

October 3: Photo Retake Day

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Staffing Updates:

We are happy to welcome two new staff to the Secondary team.

Ralph Iluis is our new Bible 8, Homeroom and Health teacher. He comes to us as a Heritage Christian School graduate and an experienced youth minister. We are delighted to have him on our team.

Christina Braes has joined our student support team as an Educational Assistant. Christina is an experienced educator teacher who cares deeply about supporting students and working with a team to personalize learning for grades 7-12 students.

Welcome back Michelle Barnett to our Secondary front desk as one of our two Administrative Assistants. We are thrilled to have her back with us after parental leave.

Schedule Update: The Secondary campus and schedules are in full swing with students now settled into their options classes. Our LAST period of the day has now been locked in to support students with more consistent instructional time in core classes. In some circumstances, students will have opportunities to leave their last class of the day for additional study support. Additionally, students will be supported in leaving this period early when they are enrolled in Palliser off campus experiences or parallel on-campus programs.

Students who appreciated the flexibility of visiting other teachers in the last period may seek additional support from teachers in the following ways:

1. Email or message teachers on Edsby and request additional support.
2. Talk to them in core classes and request meetings for support outside of class time.

Teachers are available to meet with students in the morning, after school and throughout the school day depending on their individual schedule. Our teachers are committed to supporting students in preparing for exams and assignments, and to provide additional instructional support as needed.

If a student has questions about their schedule, we ask them to reach out to our administrative staff for support. If you have inquiries about your child's specific schedule, please contact:

Junior High - [Mr. Tom Currie](#)

Senior High - [Mr. Phil Bonk](#)

If you have questions about Palliser Dual Credit or Off Campus Experiences, University or Graduation requirements, please contact [Sheila Bettin](#).

If your child, or your child's classes are not visible in Edsby, please contact one of our Administrative Assistants using our Secondary Office [email](#).

The Secondary School Council: We invite all parents to attend our first School Council meeting on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 pm in the LINC. School Council is a great way to stay

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connected, share your voice, and be part of the conversation about how we can best support our students and school community. A copy of the agenda can be found [here](#). Parents are also invited to [email](#) any topics they'd like to see on the October agenda.

Your perspective matters! Kindly take a few minutes to fill out the [parent engagement survey](#). Your feedback will guide our discussions and priorities for the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there!

Message from Mountain West: The online gallery from Picture Day is now live!

- Please visit this [link](#) to access the gallery.
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- Your order deadline is: September 30, 2025 (*after the deadline a late fee is applicable*)

Missing your login code? No problem! Visit this [link](#), enter the information required and your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? Retakes are offered for expression, poor posture, or head tilt; not for personal style changes (ie: change of clothing or hair). Please note all glass glare is removed on final prints. Retakes will be on October 3, 2025, [click here](#) to sign up. The cutoff to sign up is October 1, 2025.

Please be reminded that Mountain West provides one ID card per student. If you attend the Catch Up photo session and have already been photographed on the original photo day, you are required to turn in your ID card at the camera.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494 or [email](#) with questions.

Volleyball: Use the [volleyball tab](#) on our website to view the gym and tournament schedules.

Palliser Scholarships: Applications for scholarships are open now! Some scholarships are only open for students to apply until mid-October. Don't miss out, [view information and apply today!](#)

Collegetrackr Canada: [Register](#) for free to join upcoming online presentations and to attend the Calgary Global post Secondary Event to meet universities from Canada, US, UK and Europe.

From Ambrose University: Come learn more about your Christian university! Our Fall Open House is October 18th from 10am-2pm. Join us on campus to learn more about our programs, attend helpful info sessions, and picture yourself here at Ambrose. Get a \$300 scholarship for visiting all the event areas and apply for free. [Register here!](#)

Book a Virtual or In-Person visit at my Bookings link here: [Ambrose Campus Tour - Glendon!](#) Check out our full events calendar and campus visit options [here](#).

EducationUSA: If you are interested in an online session from EducationUSA regarding the U.S. college application process, please email [Sheila Bettin](#) before the end of September.

Missed previous weekly emails? Find them here: [Weekly Email](#)

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