

CHCS ROUNDUP

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College Heights Christian School

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A Truly Remarkable Lady

On August 1st, 2020, I stepped into my new role at CHCS as the principal with feelings of excitement and apprehension. I had just spent the last 19 years of my career as a teacher, growing through many years of success through the graces of God. I knew my job, I knew how to do it well, I loved my students and I knew how to motivate them, challenge them and how to lead them to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Now, during the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, I felt inspired to answer the call to lead the school. Through my smiles and the outward appearance of confidence, I was terrified. There were just so many unknowns about this change in my career. Would I be able to lead the school well? How do I run a school board meeting? What are the thousands of tasks and responsibilities that I would then have to answer to, from policy changes, school safety concerns, transportation, the complete responsibility of the academics of the school from teacher improvement to student success, how do I market the school or even do school admissions, where are the important documents even kept, what reports does the Alberta Education need for me to complete, how do we successfully apply and receive government funding, will our budget fail? On top of all these questions we were faced as a school to open our school a month later with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We had to literally rethink how we did everything in the school to bring students back to keep them safe from the virus.

Through this big change in my career one of the biggest supporters that I had by my side was our very own Delores Robertson. This lady, with her impeccable skills, dedication, organization and knowledge of our school and the job of our administration, helped me every step of the way. In the swirl of spinning round and round as I learned which task to then apply myself I had Delores there with early reminders of the next big task or report that was needed. She could open up files that I didn't even have a clue where to find and led me to the needed information.

She is one of those staff members who just kept on going about the business of the school in a pleasant and supportive manner even when the pressures and stress around mounted high. It is through her wealth of experience from even her previous office administrative job at Fraser Valley Adventist Academy, to now I believe the 14 years she has been at our school that we were so successful.

School Board Meeting:

The next meeting will be on
Monday, February 26, 2024 at
7:30 pm.



*Let all that you do be
done in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14



Dateline:

February

- 16** No School
- 19** No School
- 21 Jr High Class Trip to Banff/Canmore
- 22 Jr High Ski Day at Lake Louise
- 25 Gr 4-9 Pond Hockey Tournament - 9:00 am
- 26** **Jr High Students Only - No School-Reading Day**
- 28 School Pancake Breakfast
- 28 Anti Bullying Day / Pink T-shirt Day

March

- 1-4 Jr High Volleyball team to Deer Lake School
Burnaby, BC - CASA Volleyball Tournament
- 7 End of Term 2
- 7** *Morning classes only, dismissal at 12:30 pm*
- 8** No School
- 11 Gr 3 & 4 to Ukrainian Village
- 20 Gr 4-6 Swim at Burman Pool
- 21** *Morning classes only, dismissal at 12:30 pm*
- 21 Parent Teacher Conferences, 1 - 7:45 pm
- 22** No School
- 25-29** No School - Spring Break

You would never have guessed it with her ageless appearance and her incredible growth in knowledge and skill of online programs such as Google Forms, PowerSchool administration forms and student records moving from the physical file system to the digital online PASI system with encrypted access and processes for security and protection that our very own Delores is actually ready to retire. Who knew? She is actually older than what her 55 year appearance depicts.

I would like to share the news with you all that our beloved Delores Robertson will be completing her last day of employment at College Heights Christian School on July 31st, 2024. She will be truly missed by our students who tirelessly come for bandages and ice-packs. She will be missed by the consistent answering of all our parents needs whenever they call the school to get messages to their children. She will be missed by our teachers and staff for the incredible support, organization and follow through that helps make their jobs so successful. But this new principal is going to miss her the most. She is a big reason that I have had any of the success that I have experienced while leading the school as principal. As we finish this school year, let's continue to surround Delores with all the appreciation that has built up within us over the years and be sure to share these appreciations in our actions and words. We are truly blessed to have had a chance to work with you. Thank you for all that you have given to the mission of this school to help so many students learn and grow to love Jesus.



Principal
Steven Gabrys

Doors open at 8:10 am.



Don't be late!
Classes begin at 8:25 am.



CHCS is happy to welcome a new
grade one student:
Everlee Demitor



Happy Birthday!

We wish a Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their February birthday:

Alejandra Aldrich, Riley Brown,
Brandon Casionan,
Volodymyr Chystiak,
Ashley Drummond GE, Landi Hawes,
Alexe Hedgecock, Amaziah John,
Diara Lewis, Alexa Magtalas,
Kelvin Neves, Sofiya Oliinyk,
Amberpreet Parihar,
Jessica Proud,
Michael van Deventer
&
Isabella willing

CHCS SPORTS PAGE



Devon McAfee
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"The harvest of life is character"

Well hopefully you had an excellent Valentine's Day! I was able to ski on Valentine's Day with my girls due to our annual CHCS grade 1-6 Canyon day landing on February 14th this year. Basketball season is coming to a close and we are awaiting information on the end of season games for our B girls and C boys. Once I am aware of the dates and locations I will place the information on TeamSnap and the Wildcats athletics web page. Our A boys finished the season just out of a playoff spot. Therefore, they played their last game on February 13th. I enjoyed watching a lot of the basketball games this season and I want to thank all of you who support our basketball program.

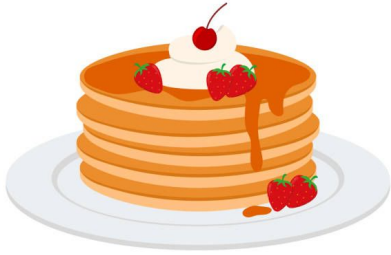
Badminton season is next and we will soon have scheduled gym space for badminton practices. Another sports opportunity just around the corner is our pond hockey tournament on the 25th of February. We also have two teams planning on heading down to Burnaby in March for our Jr. CASA volleyball tournament. Please pray the weather cooperates and we can travel through the pass with ease.

Just like years previous it seems time flies by. I hope you can find the energy to fit it all in. Make the most of your family day weekend. Spend time with loved ones and do a little relaxing for it will be a busy next few weeks. Grade nines are in Banff next week and the Jr. High students ski Lake Louise on the 22nd.

Health Challenge: Find time to pause. P.A.U.S.E Pause and pray before reading God's Word. Ask for wisdom. Unload your worries. Surrender your will. Expectantly read God's Word.

Mr. McAfee





All School Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, February 28



Anti Bullying Day

**Term 2 Options
Jr High Hockey**

Thursdays
12:30-2:30pm

February 22 & 29



CHCS CRAFTS CLUB GRADES 4-6

Grade 4 students attend on the following dates:

February 27

March 12

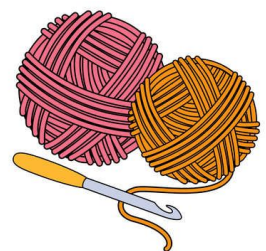
Grade 5 & 6 students attend on the following dates:

February 20

March 5 & 19

Tuesdays: 3:30 - 5 pm

Mrs. Sheri Thorne - Gr 3 Classroom





2024-2025

**school
registration**

**Begins today
February 15!**

**Parents will receive an email today
indicating the 24-25 registration
form is ready to complete.**



RETURNING FAMILY REGISTRATION PROCESS



WELCOME BACK!

- 1 Log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal and click the "School Engage" button
- 2 If you need to add a new student: click the grad cap and "Add New Student"
- 3 Click the graduation cap and select your child
- 4 Fill in and submit all forms associated with each child
- 5 Await your "Acceptance" email and further instructions

**Please contact your school administration if you are unable to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal



NEW FAMILY APPLICATION PROCESS

To complete the form successfully, you'll also need to ensure that you have a copy of the child's citizenship documentation (e.g. Canadian Birth Certificate, Permanent Residence Card, Student Study Permit, etc.). For students who are not Canadian citizens, we are also required to maintain parent documentation on file (e.g. Permanent Residence Card, Work Permit, etc.)



CREATE NEW PARENT ACCOUNT

Go to: <https://albertaadventist.schoolengage.ca/#/home>

Click "Create New Account"

Fill in **PARENT** information and click "Register"

Click on the link in your email address to confirm your account

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ADD STUDENTS

Log in to your new School Engage Account

Click "Add Student"

Fill in their information and submit

2

FILL OUT ASSIGNED FORMS

Click on the Graduation Cap

Select your Newly Added Student

Click the Form assigned to your student

Fill in the information

3

Next Steps:

New Student Applications **might** take a bit longer to process.

Acceptance letters will be sent to the email you used to create your parent account

Your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account will be created at that time and your school will reach out with further instructions.



3 VS 3 POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

**FEBRUARY 25, GAMES START AT
9:00 AM**

OPEN TO GRADES 4-9

**PRIZES FOR TOURNAMENT
WINNERS AND BEST TEAM OUTFITS**

\$10 ENTRY FEE

**SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED AT THE
INTRAMURAL BULLETIN BOARD**

ECS OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY
APRIL 5

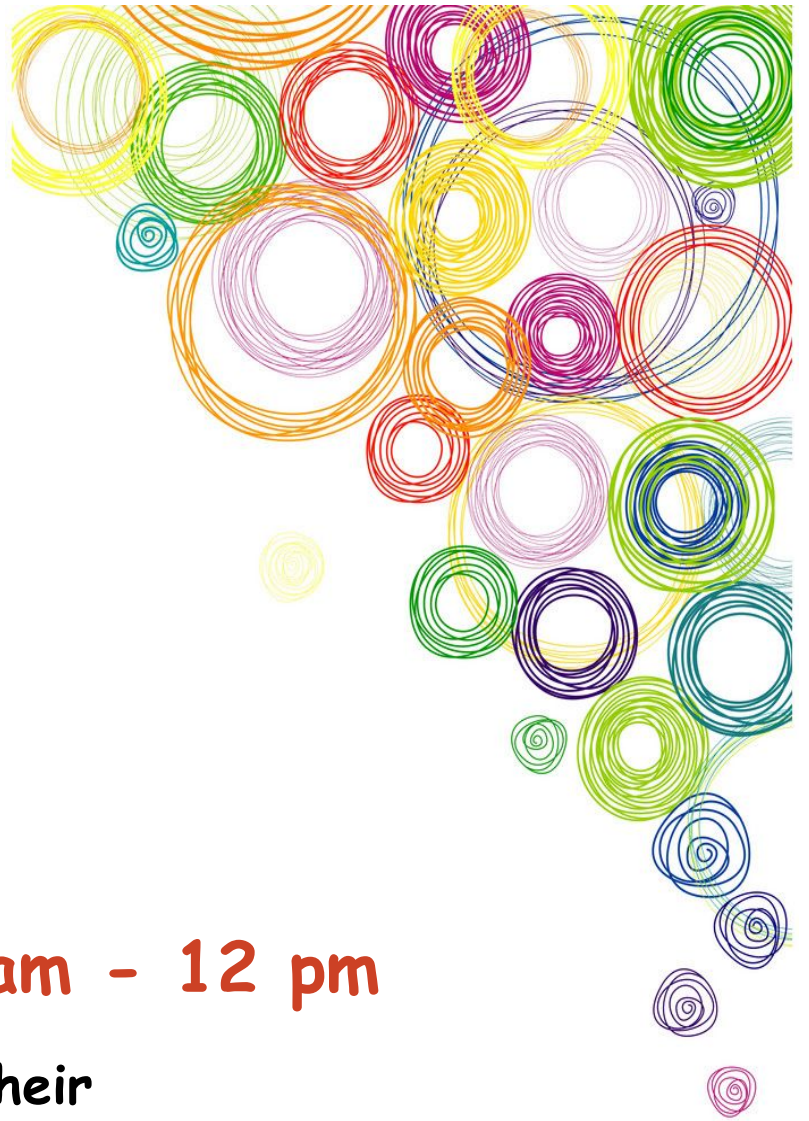
TIME: 11am - 12 pm

All parents and their
ECS aged child are
invited to attend an
information session with
Mrs. Picco, ECS teacher.
Children will have some
fun ECS activities to
experience!

Children must be 5 years
of age by December 31
to enroll in the 24/25
ECS program.



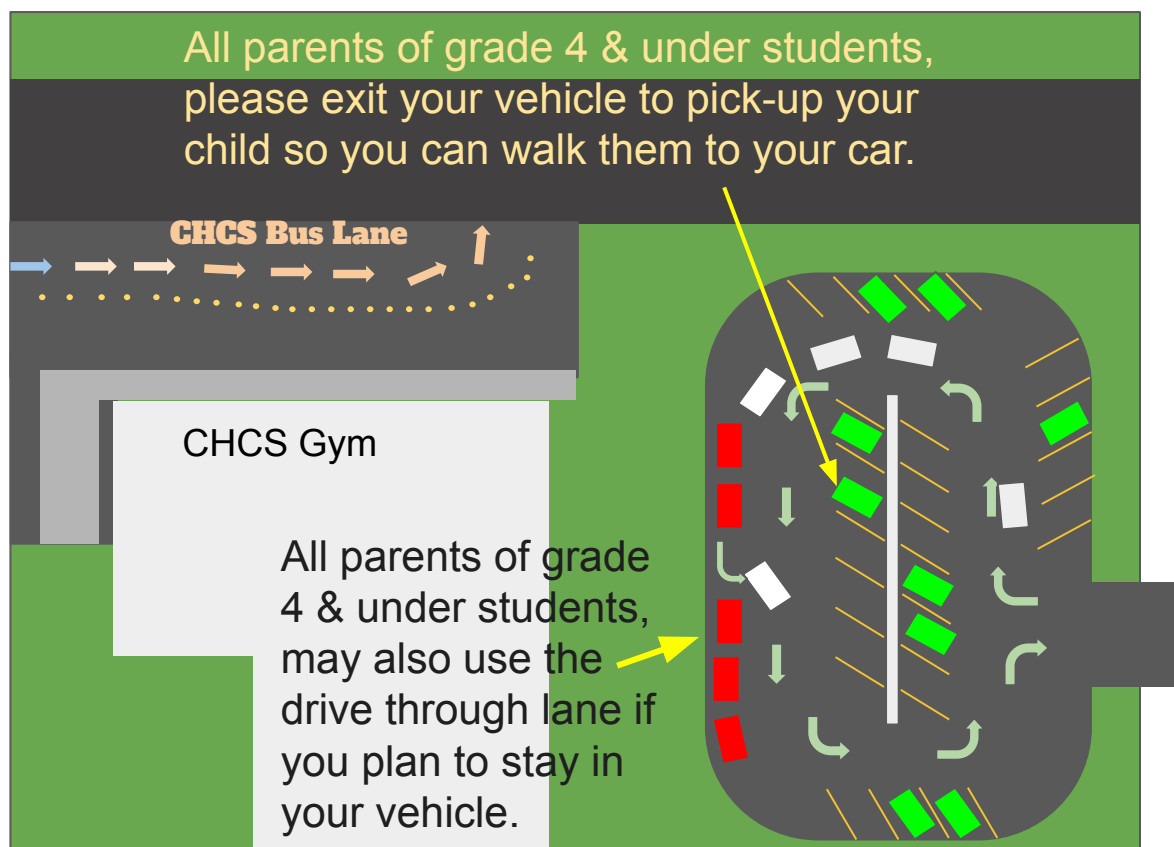
Questions: call 403-782-6212 or email office@chcs.cc



Parking Lot Procedure

I have received feedback regarding our pick-up and drop-off procedure in our East parking lot that is just below the playground and we would like to update you on what can help improve the flow of traffic and the safety of our children.

- 1) **Parking:** If you plan on parking and leaving your vehicle to come into the school, we ask that you stick to the angled parking zones. DO NOT park and leave your vehicle in the drive-through pick-up and drop-off lane. (See diagram below. Parking is marked with the green highlighted areas, and the red highlighted areas is where not to park and leave your vehicle.)
- 2) **Safety:** We need to up the safety of our small children in this parking lot. This is where we need the help of each of our parents. For all children in grades 4 and lower, we ask that you do one of two things. If you plan to stay in your vehicle please drive through the pick-up lane for your child to access your vehicle without having to cross and walk through the parking lot. If you park in the designated parking areas, PLEASE EXIT YOUR VEHICLE to go and collect your child from the playground to walk them safely to your vehicle. As cars back up and leave the parking lot, it is just unsafe to have our little ones crossing and walking through the parking lot. There are times when they run to their car, which has resulted in some scary moments during pick-up.



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Excellence in Education Awards 2024

Nominate
your Adventist school
principal or teacher

Deadline April 15

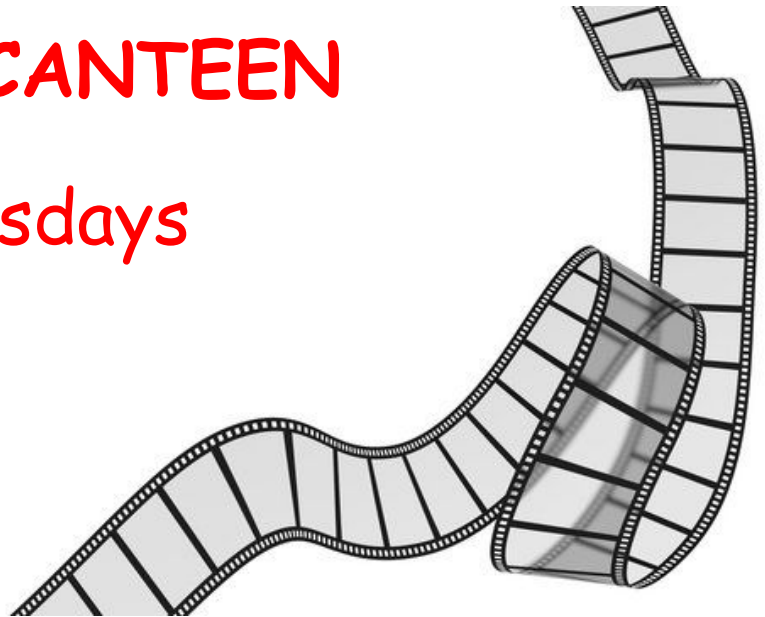
Nomination forms can be found at
education.adventist.ca
Resources - Awards, Scholarships & Internships
Excellence in Education
or you may call the
SDACC Office of Education at
905-433-0011



YEARBOOK CANTEEN

Every Wednesdays

11:30am
to
12:10pm



Outside the ECS classroom.



Chips \$1

Popcorn \$2



Baked Treats \$1 - \$2

Krispie Square \$0.50



Juice Boxes \$1

Sparkling Lemonade & Bubly \$2



Frozen Treats \$1 - \$1.50

Thank you for supporting the creation
of our YEARBOOK!

No School Days

ECS Students have a
4 day week, no
classes on Friday.

Friday, February 16

Monday, February 19

**** Monday, February 26 - (Gr 7, 8 & 9 only, Reading Day)**

Thursday, March 7 (*morning classes only, 12:30 pm dismissal*)

Friday, March 8

Thursday, March 21 (*morning classes only, 12:30 pm dismissal, parent teacher conferences in the afternoon*)

Friday, March 22

March 25 - March 30 (spring break)

Monday, April 1

Friday, April 12

Friday, May 3

Friday, May 17

Monday, May 20

Friday, June 14



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MARCH 2
7-10 PM

JOIN US AT THE CHCS GYM