

CHCS ROUNDUP

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College Heights Christian School



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Welcome Back to School!

Greetings! I am thrilled that have each of you a part of our school community! Thank you for choosing CHCS! We are prepared to have another amazing year. Our dedicated, hard working and caring staff have many amazing things planned, and we are really looking forward to our first day of school.



Just to note, our first day of school has changed to a “full day”, as we have some new professional development plans that have become available to our teachers, and we will be moving our 12:30 pm dismissal into a new date in February to accommodate some staff training. Our doors open at 8:10 am, and we look forward to all of the smiling faces. Classes start at 8:25 am, please bring your children to school at least 5 minutes early to allow them a good chance to start on time for their first day of school.

We will then dismiss at 3:30 pm!

- Steven Gabrys (Principal)

Dateline:

September

- 5 First Day of School
- 7 Gr 7-9 - Beach Day
- 7 Parent Information Night - see page 2 for details
- 15 No School**
- 19 Student Photo Day - individual and class pictures
- 20 Gr 7-9 to Kraay Family Farm Corn Maze
- 21 ECS - Gr 6 to Kraay Family Farm & Corn Maze
- 22 Terry Fox Run
- 26-28 Gr 7 & 8 - Outdoor School
- 26-28 Gr 9 - Great Escape
- 29 No School - Truth & Reconciliation Day**

First day of school - dismissal at 3:30 pm.

Refer to the school website events calendar for updated information:

www.collegeheightschristianschool.ca

What is the “CHCS Roundup”?

The CHCS Roundup is our newsletter and is one of the ways we use to communicate with you. The newsletter will be emailed to each family once a month. Please read your Roundup faithfully!

Here are just some of the ways it will serve you:

- Notification of school events.
- Notification of upcoming church, Burman University and community events.
- A miscellaneous section, used for buying/selling items, advertising, or sharing a need.

Student Arrival & Dismissal

- **Doors open at 8:10 am**
- **Classes begin at 8:25 am**
(students need to get a late slip at the office if arriving after 8:25 am)
- **School dismisses at 3:30 pm (Monday to Thursday)**
- **School dismisses at 12:30 pm (Friday)**

Always check the school website calendar for no school days, as there are no classes on some **Fridays**.

School Office Hours

8 am - 4 pm Monday - Thursday
8 - 1 pm - Friday

If you call the school when the office is closed or when Mrs. Robertson, secretary is away from her desk, please leave a message and she will be happy to deliver your message or return your call.

Financial Office Hours

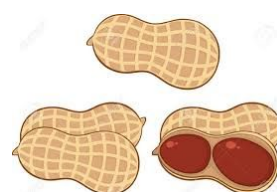
Mrs. Buttler, Financial Assistant, Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Students Going Home for Lunch

If students are going home for lunch on a daily basis, we ask that parents send a one-time signed note to the child's teacher. Students who go home on an occasional basis must bring a parent signed note each time they leave the school unless parents come into the school and pick them up. We want to ensure the safety of each student throughout the school day.

Peanut-Free Environment

CHCS is Peanut-Free! There are students at CHCS who have allergies to peanuts, some extremely serious (life threatening). Therefore, we are requesting that no peanut products be brought to the school for snacks, lunch, treats or special occasions.



Communication



CHCS teachers and staff will communicate with parents/guardians directly through emails and phone calls.

- Parents are to call or email the school office should your child be absent or late for the school day.
- Provide sufficient notice to the school office if your child needs to be picked up early or is not riding the afternoon bus.
- Students are not allowed to have their cell phones at school, they may use the courtesy phone in the school office.
- Due to the Privacy Act, CHCS is not permitted to share personal information such as phone numbers and emails of parents of CHCS students.

Phone: 403-782-6212 Email: office@chcs.cc



Website: www.collegeheightschristianschool.ca



School Visits and Security

PLEASE
CHECK
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Visitors (non-staff and/or non-students) are to please sign in and out at the office when entering and leaving the school during school hours.



Please wear the visitor badge while visiting the school.

Volunteers - Criminal Records Check

College Heights Christian School appreciates volunteers!!

The role of volunteers is to assist in providing curricular, extracurricular and other school-related activities and services. Volunteers shall not be used to provide services that would result in the displacement of an employee. Volunteers can be engaged in activities such as:

- Listening to students read
- Working with small groups of students
- Working alongside individual students and supporting individual needs
- Undertaking art and craft activities with students
- Supporting after school clubs and athletics
- Accompanying school field trips



All volunteers in the school must complete a volunteer application form, be approved by the CHCS principal in consultation with the staff, successfully complete a criminal record check and provide CHCS a copy at least every five years, or at the request of the principal and sign the CHCS volunteer agreement waiver form.

Please note: CHCS is very thankful for willing volunteers who have an interest in supporting our off campus field trips and learning experiences. These are learning extensions from our classroom work. We do have specific regulations from Alberta Education and the Office of Education of the Alberta Conference, to ensure each personnel working with children have all criminal record and vulnerable sector checks completed and on file at the school. We do ask that you work and communicate with all homeroom teachers prior to the field trip if you are willing to be a sponsor/chaperone. We are not permitted to allow our student groups to be led by volunteers who do not have prior clearance or approval.

Blanket Student Accident Insurance

All students are covered by a 24 hour year-round student accident insurance policy. Claim forms and pamphlets are available in the school office.

You may also call 1-800-556-7411 if you need further information.

Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.

Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.

Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.