



CCA CONNECTIONS September 2024

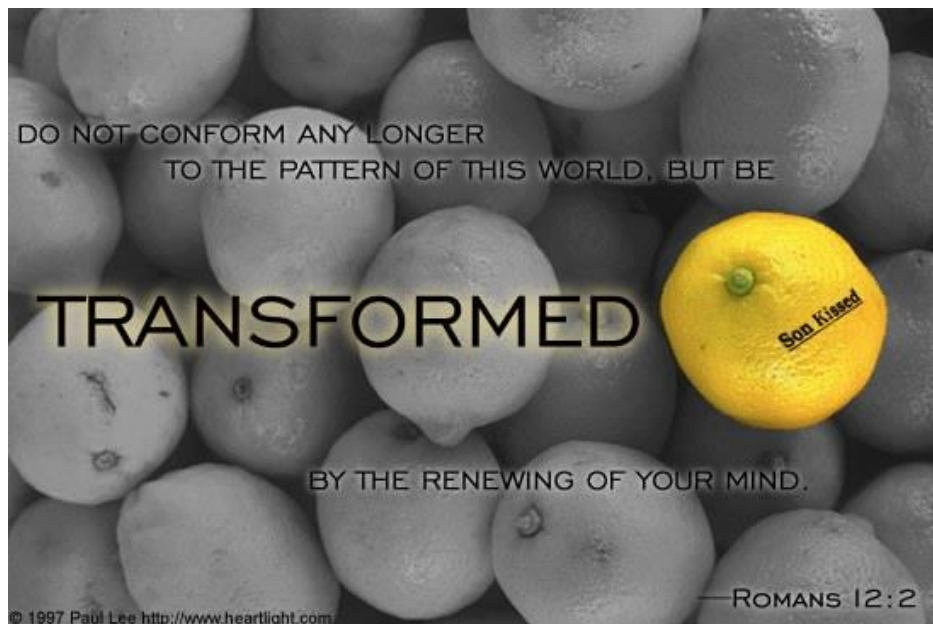
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Message from Administration



Administration Message

Welcome to the 24/25 school year CCA! As we embark on a new school year, we are excited to partner with you in nurturing and educating your children. This year, our theme is rooted in Romans 12:2: *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”*

In a world that often challenges our values, we are committed to helping our students grow not only academically but also spiritually, encouraging them to seek God’s truth and wisdom. Together, we will guide them in renewing their minds, so they may stand firm in their faith.

We look forward to a blessed and successful year ahead!

Mr. Richard Sampson and Ms. Josine van den Berg

CCA Administration

Important Dates



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- September 5th - First day with all students & Kindergarten B (KB)
- September 6th - Kindergarten A (KA)
- September 13th - KB
- September 17th - Grades 7&8 Exploratories Begin
- September 18th - Evacuation Drill
- September 19th - School Council Meeting @ 6:30PM (Childcare Provided)
- September 20th - KA
- September 20th - Grade 6 Soccer Tournament (Location TBA)
- September 24th - Grades 1-8 & KB Picture Day
- September 25th - KA Picture Day
- September 26th - Terry Fox Run
- September 27th - KB
- September 27th - Orange Shirt Day
- September 30th - **No School** - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Apple Fundraiser


Join us in supporting CCA as we embark on our fundraising journey! Delicious, fresh, handpicked apples from Davison Orchard are now on sale until October 9. These apples are hand picked, packed into 15lb boxes, and delivered straight from Davison Orchard in the Okanagan to the school. Choose from a variety of options, including Honey Crisp for \$42 a box, Okanagan Blend (a surprise mix of 2 varieties) for \$35

per box, or Ambrosia and Gala, both available for just \$32 per box. Your purchase not only satisfies your taste buds but also helps with purchasing student technology, field trips, and student incentives for CCA.

Orders can be placed through School Cash¹ and must be in by October 9. Make sure to spread the word with friends and family as this is a popular fundraiser with many, each fall!

Cochrane Christian Academy Fundraiser

with Apples from Davison Orchards



Picked by hand, packed by hand & delivered fresh from our farm!

This is no ordinary fundraiser! Support your community and enjoy premium BC apples.

<p>Order Deadline: October 9</p> <p>Pickup date: October 22</p> <p>Contact: Debra Email: cca-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca</p> <p>Student Name:</p> <p>Contact:</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Variety</th> <th>Price</th> <th>Qty</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Davison Honeycrisp</td> <td>\$42</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Okanagan Blend - A surprise mix of 2 varieties</td> <td>\$35</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ambrosia</td> <td>\$32</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gala</td> <td>\$32</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Variety	Price	Qty	Davison Honeycrisp	\$42		Okanagan Blend - A surprise mix of 2 varieties	\$35		Ambrosia	\$32		Gala	\$32	
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DAVISON ORCHARDS
COUNTRY VILLAGE
Vernon B.C.



Davison Orchards is a family farm and the Okanagan's favourite family destination. Specializing in apples, our farm is nestled in the hills of the beautiful Okanagan valley. We offer fresh & high quality fruit and vegetables in a safe & sustainable way.



CCA Welcomes New Staff



¹<https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com/>

Elise Sawchuk (1S)

I was honored to teach Grade 5/6 at CCA last year and am excited to transition to Grade One, bringing my passion for early years education with me. My family and I moved to Cochrane in 2023 and feel grateful to be a part of this supportive and growing community. Outside of school, I love to spend time with family, sip a hot coffee and explore the mountains. Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!



Shirin Mostaghassi (1M)

Hello, my name is Mrs. Shirin Mostaghassi, I was born in Iran. I earned a BA in Teaching English as a Second Language. After that, I went to Beirut, Lebanon, to study theology at the Near East School of Theology earning a master's degree in divinity (MDiv). After getting married I moved to Canada in 2000. My husband, who is a pastor, and I have been serving different communities, churches, and welcome centers in Canada and the USA. I also earned my second teacher degree from the York University. I have had the pleasure of teaching Preschool to Grades 6. I am very excited to be at CCA this school year, teaching Grade 1 students! In my free time I like to walk or sit by the river, make a puzzle, paint with Acrylic, gardening; and supporting the newcomers.



Dacia Niwa (2N)

Hello CCA! My name is Dacia Niwa, and I am so thrilled to be joining the CCA family for the 2024-25 school year. I preciously taught for 15 years for Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools in Oyen,

Alberta. My family and I moved to Cochrane a year ago. My husband and I have 2 children. A little fun fact...I went to junior high in this same building when it used to be Holy Spirit School.



Dania Smith (4S)

I'm Dania Smith and I get to teach grade 4 at CCA this year! I am originally from St. Albert, but have been living in Calgary for the past 2 years to obtain my Bachelor of Education and start teaching. Before this, I studied biology in my B.Sc. I love being close to the mountains where I can hike and go paddle boarding, but I also enjoy baking, journaling, and being with friends. I am excited to get to know this school community more!



Maegan Morash (4M)

Hello! My name is Maegan Morash. I have lived in Cochrane for 11 years. I graduated many years ago with my Bachelor of Arts Degree from Nazarene University College (Ambrose) and then my Bachelor of Education from the U of C. I live with my husband, 2 children, 4 cats, and 2 dogs. I love animals, my family and friends, exploring new places, stickers, crafting, reading, the east coast, and watching almost anything on Netflix and Disney+.



Janine Alvendia (5/6A)

Hello! I am Janine Alvendia, I am teaching grade 5/6, and this is my first year with CCA. I am Roman Catholic, and I go to St. Paul's church in Airdrie. I am bilingual, I speak Filipino and English. I have a dog named Hazel, and I like making pottery and building legos.

Transportation Information

Transportation Introduces New Ticketing System

RVS Transportation has introduced an online ticketing system² to improve response time and service. This portal can be accessed by families and results in a ticket being assigned to a Transportation team member.

Families will now use a form to contact Transportation rather than the transportation@rockyview.ab.ca email address. To facilitate this change, any community members wishing to contact Transportation with any questions or issues should be directed to <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/transportation-help>³ More information is available in the Transportation Frequently Asked Questions on the RVS website⁴.

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How to Ride

Please watch this Video⁵ with your child(ren) to help them prepare to ride the bus.

Volunteer Survey



We are always looking for people from our community to come and help out at our school. We have several opportunities for families to help out beyond their child's classroom. If you would like to be contacted regarding volunteering or coaching opportunities, please fill in this form⁶.

All volunteers require a current RCMP Vulnerable Sector clearance (within five years). Please click here⁷ to access information on volunteering at CCA.

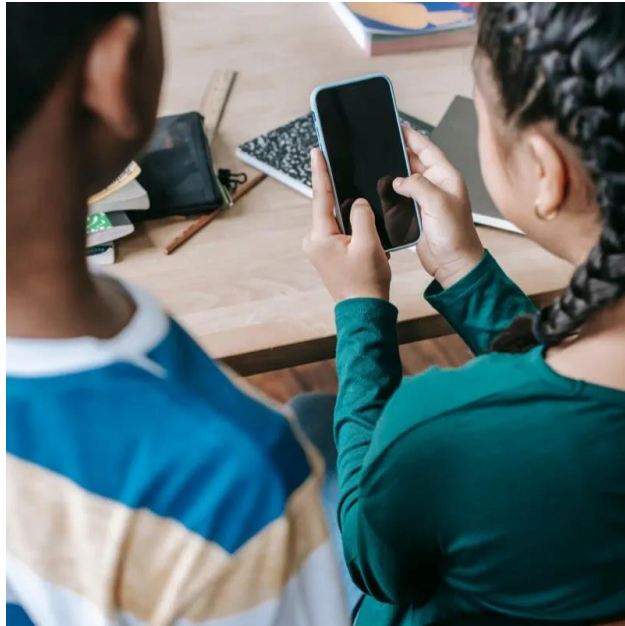
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⁵<https://youtu.be/Y17btTvwdI8>

⁶https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZtHhn79TXgDBa1_N4noaE2frUCNauacg_vfasN59K6b306A/viewform?usp=sf_link

⁷<https://cochranechristian.rockyview.ab.ca/get-involved/volunteer>

Student Personal Devices and Social Media - New Administrative Procedure



Dear Rocky View Schools parents/guardians,

We hope you and your families had a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to welcoming students to school this week!

We have some important information to share on the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools.

On June 20 the Government of Alberta introduced Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools⁸. To comply with this Ministerial Order, RVS has introduced Administrative Procedure (AP) 148: Responsible use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools⁹.

RVS is committed to fostering a focused and engaging learning environment. By establishing clear expectations aligned with the government's standards for the responsible use of cell phones, other personal mobile devices and social media in schools we can work together to reduce distractions and maximize valuable instructional time for students.

Please take time to read the new AP and what this means for your child(ren).

In brief:

- The safest place for students' devices is at home. Should they choose to bring them to school, they must be out of sight and turned off or silent. Parents/guardians and students assume full responsibility if their device is lost, stolen or damaged.

⁸https://kings-printer.alberta.ca/Documents/MinOrders/2024/Education/2024_014_Education.pdf

⁹<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about-rvs/policies-procedures/administrative-procedures/9834>

- Students cannot use their personal mobile device in school during instructional time, unless specially authorized by their school's administrator or their teacher for educational purposes. This includes any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet. Examples include cell phones, smart watches, laptops and tablets.
- Students with health or medical reasons or special learning needs may be granted permission to use personal mobile devices during instructional time, upon completion of Form AF148A¹⁰ or as indicated in the student's Individualized Program Plan.
- Students will not have access to social media platforms at school over the school's Wi-Fi network and are not permitted to access it at school using their own data plans to ensure students remain focused on educational tasks.
- The AP includes progressive consequences that are designed to have teachers and administrators work with students and parents/guardians toward the common goal of limiting distractions and staying focused on learning.

Please review AP 148 with your child(ren) and discuss the procedures and consequences. Your child's teacher will also discuss these new procedures the first week of school. This will include discussions of when teachers/administrators will authorize use of devices such as laptops during instructional time.

We recognize this will be an adjustment and there will be learnings along the way as these changes become part of school life. Be reassured we are focused on supporting our students and their continued success in school.

We have answered many frequently asked questions within the AP document¹¹. If you have further questions not addressed in the AP or frequently asked questions, please contact your child's teacher(s). We ask for your understanding as this is also new for our teachers.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make these adjustments in our schools to protect our instructional time in the best interests of student learning.

Sincerely,

Greg Luterbach,

Superintendent of Schools

¹⁰<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/download/466016>

¹¹<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about-rvs/policies-procedures/administrative-procedures/9834>

Thank-you



Thank you to Lorraine Bee and the School Council for organizing our Open House Bottle Drive. Together, they raised \$119.60!! CCA also has an account at the bottle depot (205 Railway St E, Cochrane) if you would like to continue blessing us with your bottle donations.

If you have any fundraising ideas or initiatives, please bring them to our next School Council meeting on September 19th or email cca-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca¹².

Contact Us



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