

December 2024 Connections



Message from Administration



As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the wonderful events and opportunities that lie ahead for our school community.

We are eagerly anticipating our Christmas Concert at Bow Valley Baptist Church on December 17. This event is always a highlight of our year, showcasing the talents and hard work of our students as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Following the concert, we invite all families to join us for our annual skating party at Spray Lakes on the morning of December 18. This is a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and fun on the ice, and we hope to see many of you there.

As we celebrate this season of giving and joy, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this time be filled with peace, love, and the blessings of family and friends.

When we return to school on January 6, 2025, we will kick off the new year with a week of Discover Dance with Miss Jill from Snap Dance. This promises to be an exciting and enriching experience for our students as they explore the joy of dance.

Looking ahead, we are excited for a year full of spiritual and academic growth. Together, we will continue to nurture our students' hearts and minds, guiding them to become compassionate, knowledgeable, and faithful individuals.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. May God bless you and your families during this special season and throughout the coming year.

Richard Sampson and Josine van den Berg

CCA's New Podium

We would like to extend a big thank you to Glen Sine from all of us here at CCA. He constructed a beautiful podium and very generously donated it to our school. We are so appreciative of this wonderful gift that we're sure will mark many special occasions to come in the future at CCA.

Thank you, Glen!



Christmas Concert



Our Christmas Concert will be held at the Bow Valley Baptist Church (54 W Aarsby Rd, Cochrane) on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open for student drop off at 6:00 p.m. Our students have been practicing hard and are excited to show their beautiful singing voices off to you. As we will have limited seating, we are asking that only immediate family members be in attendance. We will be sharing a link for the live stream that you are welcome to share with your extended family.

We understand that this is a late night for some of our younger students. In light of this, we will have a brief intermission after our Grade 2 performers to give parents the opportunity to collect our youngest students and take them home. We are asking parents to not bring students back into the auditorium after they have been signed out from their teacher. This will allow for the families of the older students to move closer to the stage and ensure there is enough room for everyone.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or the office at cochranechristian@rockyview.ab.ca.

We hope to see you there!

Skating Party

We are looking forward to CCA's annual Skating Party which will take place on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at Spray Lakes. Morning bus transportation will take students directly to Spray Lakes Wednesday. If your child does not ride the bus, please drop them off at SLS Centre (800 Griffin Rd E) instead of CCA on Wednesday, December 18. **Your child will need skates and a CSA-approved helmet in a closed bag.** Students will skate from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. All students will return to the school via bus.

If you are available to volunteer to help tie skates and skate alongside students (or just want to come and join with the fun), please let your child's teacher know.



Message from CCA School Council



We are excited to share some wonderful updates with you from the School Council as we head into the holiday season!

- **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser:** A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser. We raised an impressive \$1,340.33, which will help support various school initiatives.

- **Fun Lunches:** Our Fun Lunch program has been a big hit! Thank you to all the families who have participated so far. Our next Fun Lunch will be **Pizza** on **December 13th**.
- **Annual Popcorn Treat:** This December, we are excited to bring back our annual **Popcorn Treat!** Every child will receive a popcorn snack in their classroom. Popcorn will be available for purchase soon on School Cash Online, and you will also have the option to purchase extra servings to making it possible that every child receives a popcorn treat.
- **Fundraising Impact:** Thanks to your generosity, our fundraising efforts this year have helped purchase **30 ukuleles** for music classes and will also contribute to the **rental of the Bow Valley Baptist for our Christmas Concert and the rental/bussing to Spray Lakes Arena for our upcoming annual skating party**. We are thrilled that these funds are making such a positive impact on our students' experiences.
- **Additional Donations:** We also want to remind everyone that additional donations can be made anytime online directly to Cochrane Christian Academy through CanadaHelps.org. Simply select **Rocky View Schools** and then choose **Cochrane Christian Academy**. Donations greater than \$20 will receive a tax receipt.
- **Bottle Depot Donations:** Don't forget that you can also contribute by taking your bottles to the **Cochrane Bottle Depot** and asking to have the funds put towards **Cochrane Christian Academy**. This is another easy way to support our school!

We look forward to seeing you all on **January 16 @ 6:30PM** at our next School Council meeting! Thank you again for your ongoing support and involvement in making our school community so special.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Warm regards,

CCA School Council

Middle School Basketball Coaching Opportunity

Our Middle School (Grades 6-8) basketball will be starting at the end of February and goes into March. Coaches are still needed for the Grade 6 girls team, Grade 6 boys team and Grade 7/8 girls team. If are interested in helping coach any of these teams, please contact the school at either cochranechristian@rockyview.ab.ca or (403) 932-5177. Thank you!



Volunteers for Learning Commons



We are looking for some volunteers to help sort and sign books in/out in our Learning Commons. Timing is flexible and can be for a little bit or a lot, up to you. We sincerely appreciate any time that you may be able to offer. Thank you! Please reach out to the office (cochranechristian@rockyview.ab.ca) if you are able to donate some of your time!

Cochrane Activettes/Cochrane Food Bank Donations

A big thank you to our CCA Community for all their donations for Share Your Christmas! It was beautiful and heartwarming to see how many of you were able to support an important cause. Another big thank you to the Leadership Team as well for helping collect the all the items.



Lost and Found



Our Lost and Found is overflowing with unclaimed clothing items. If you have a moment, or if your child is missing any belongings, please stop by to check. You can also encourage your children to look through the Lost and Found for any of their items.

Any items not claimed by Wednesday, December 18, will be donated to charity.

Important Dates to Remember...

- **Friday, December 13** - Pizza fun lunch
- **Sunday December 15** - Popcorn and Juice Box Treat Orders due
- **Monday, December 16** - Grade 2 Field Trip to Grande Avenue Village
- **Tuesday, December 17** - Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. student drop-off)
- **Wednesday, December 18** - Skating Party at SLS
- **Thursday, December 19** - Grade 2 Field Trip to Cochrane Library/Middle School Field Trip to Cochrane Movie House
- **Friday, December 20** - Christmas PJ Day/End of Diapers & Wipes Drive/Last day of classes before Winter Vacation
- **Monday, January 6** - Back to school
- **January 6 -10** - Discover Dance week
- **Thursday, January 16** - School Council Meeting

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