Welcome Back for the 2025-26 School Year!



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Message from Administration



Dear Cochrane Christian Academy Families,

My name is Jarett Hooper, and I am more than excited to join your wonderful school community as the Principal this year. I look forward to supporting all the learners, parent(s)/guardian(s), and teachers here at CCA.

Since 2011, I have had the pleasure of working for Rocky View Schools in multiple capacities. I have always maintained a student-centered focus to create, enhance, and support the growth of the entire school community.

As we all return to the excitement of another school year, I invite all of you to please join us Friday August 29th for the open house. Our open house will allow your learners the opportunity to settle in for the first time or reconnect to our staff and other peers after a summer apart.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself if you happen to see me, I look forward to getting to know you throughout this school year and sharing our relationship in Christ.

Sincerely,

Jarett Hooper



Welcome back, CCA families! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and made many special memories together. During my summer, I was able to do some of my favorite things, spending time outdoors with my family, hiking, biking, and camping.

As we step into a brand-new school year, I am excited to walk alongside our students as they grow and learn spiritually, academically, and socially. It's always a joy to see how God is at work in the lives of our students, shaping their hearts and minds.

This is my sixth year at Cochrane Christian Academy and my second year as assistant principal. Before this role, I had the privilege of teaching across all grade levels, with a special focus on elementary and literacy. I am deeply passionate about supporting both students and teachers as we learn and grow together in Christ.

I want to encourage parents that my door is always open, I love to connect with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you ever have questions, concerns, or simply want to have a conversation.

I am looking forward to a fantastic school year ahead!

Josine van den Berg

Open House



You and your child can meet their new teacher prior to your child's first day of school at our Open House on Friday, August 29 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. This is a 'drop-in' session, so parents need not feel they have to stay the full hour. Also, this hour-long Open House permits families with multiple children at CCA to connect with all their teachers and take a self-guided tour of our facility. Please log into PowerSchool to see who your child's teacher is.

September Staggered Entry

To accommodate a smooth start-up, CCA will conduct a staggered entry for all Kindergarten to Grade 8 students.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten KB (Tues/Thur) class will have a staggered entry on **Tuesday, September 2nd.** Their first full day will be **Thursday, September 4th.**

Kindergarten KA (Mon/Wed) class will have their staggered entry on **Wednesday, September 3th.** Their first full day will be **Friday, September 5th**.

Kindergarten parents will receive their child's one hour staggered entry time slot via email on August 28th. Parents are required to stay throughout the one hour time slot.

Grades 1 through 8: Staggered entry dates have been organized to allow siblings to start school on the same day. Students with last names starting with the letter A through M will start on Tuesday, September 2nd. Students with last names starting with the letter N through Z will start on Wednesday, September 3rd. Thursday, September 4th will be the first day all Grade 1-8 students attend as a whole class.

School Doors Entry & Exit

On the 1st week of school, staff in bright orange vests will be stationed around the school perimeter to help direct students to their designated entry door where their teacher will meet them. Students will be dismissed from the same door at the end of the day.

ENTRY/EXIT DOORS BY GRADE

Door A: (Front Doors) Gr. 5, Parents, Guests, late student entry

Door B & C: (Northwest Doors) Grades 2 & 3

Door D: (Kindergarten Door) Kindergarten & Grade 1

Door H: (East Doors) Grades 4, 5/6, 6, & 7/8

Bell Times



Doors Open: 7:52am

Classes Start: 8:02am

Recess: 11:40am - 12:10pm

Lunch : 12:10 - 12:40pm

PM Classes Start: 12:40 pm

Dismissal: 2:20 pm

Bussing



River Avenue, on the east side of the school property, will be used for daily bus drop-off and pick-up. This one-way road will be closed to the public Monday to Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 am and in the afternoon from 2:00 to 2:45 pm to accommodate Southland bus transportation.

1st Street 'Kiss & Go'



Parents can drop off and pick-up students along 1st Street East on the south side of the school property. Students are asked to unload from their vehicle onto the curb/sidewalk (as opposed to the traffic side) for safety reasons. We are coining this as the 'Kiss & Go' area as parents cannot park or leave their vehicles along this road. It is a quick stop to allow your children to disembark and make their way to school. **Parents** can also access the school via Powell Street. Visitor parking is located along Powell Street next to the staff parking lot. This temporary parking allows students to be dropped off and picked up after school. We ask parents and students to use extra caution as this is a high-traffic area. Students can walk around the staff parking lot to access the school grounds.

Parking



The staff parking lot cannot be used for student drop-off and pick-up. Please note that the United Church parking lot has also asked that families do not use their parking lot for drop-offs/pickups.

Parent volunteers may use the parking stalls adjacent to Powell Street when helping at the school. Please enter by the front entry doors and sign in at the office.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at cochranechristian@rockyview.ab.ca or by calling (403) 932-5177.

New bus riders welcome...

New bus riders welcome to take part in My First Ride

To assist families of students who are new to riding the school bus, Rocky View Schools (RVS) is pleased to once again offer the My First Ride program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 27 and 28 at the RVS Education Centre (2651 Chinook Winds Drive SW, Airdrie).

"Like any new experience, riding the school bus can be intimidating for first-time riders — especially younger students who may also be attending a new school for the first time," said Senior Manager of Transportation, Morley Kostecky. "My First Ride provides students and families peace of mind by allowing them to experience a bus ride in advance of the first day of school."

Both nights will begin with a presentation by an RVS bus contractor highlighting safety on the bus and at bus stops, followed by an opportunity for students and parents/guardians to ask questions. Students then have the chance to take a short bus ride.

My First Ride begins at 6 p.m. each evening. The free event is identical each night; families are welcome to attend whichever night works best for them and do not need to register ahead of time. Families are asked to arrive by 6 p.m.

Families can also watch RVS' short <u>bus safety</u> and <u>bus expectations</u> videos to learn how to keep bus rides and respectful, safe and responsible for everyone. Both videos are available on the <u>RVS website</u> and on <u>YouTube</u>.

Community Coaches

Students in Grade 6 – 8 have the opportunity to participate in a variety of school sports throughout the year which include volleyball, basketball, soccer, badminton, and track and field. To support these teams, community coaches have been a huge help in previous years! If you have any interest in helping coach any of these teams, please reach out to CCA's Athletic Director, Mr. Jackson at tjackson@rockyview.ab.ca.

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