

CCA CONNECTIONS - September 2025



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Message from Administration



Welcome to the 2025/26 school year at CCA! We are thrilled to begin this year together and are already encouraged by the energy in our classrooms. The first week has been off to a wonderful start, with students and teachers alike showing genuine excitement for the year ahead.

This year, our theme comes from Joshua 1:9: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”* What a timely reminder for our community, that God’s presence goes with us into every classroom, every lesson, and every challenge. As a school, we are committed to walking boldly in faith, trusting God to guide and strengthen us.

We also want to extend a special welcome to our new principal, Mr. Hooper. He already feels very welcomed by the CCA community and is excited to journey with you in supporting and encouraging our students to grow both academically and spiritually.

We look forward to a blessed and joy-filled school year ahead!

Mr. Hooper and Ms. Josine van den Berg

CCA Administration

Important Dates



- September 15 - Grades 6-8 Field Trip: Camp Evergreen
- September 18 - Parent Council at 6:30 p.m. - Everyone welcome!
- September 19 - Terry Fox Run
- September 23 - Picture Day KB and Gr. 1 - 3
- September 24 - Picture Day KA and Gr. 4 - 8
- September 25 - Orange Shirt Day (Honouring Truth and Reconciliation)
- September 26 - Grades K-3 Field Trip: Calgary Farmyard
- September 29 - PL Day (**no school**)
- September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (**no school**)

Student Support



A very warm welcome to the new school year! As the Child Development Advisor at Cochrane Christian Academy, I am here to support the holistic well-being of our students—socially,

emotionally, and academically. In addition to providing care and guidance, I also help lead our Leadership and Seniors For Kids programs.

Please be aware that consents were not sent out individually this year. If you feel your child could benefit from extra support, I encourage you to reach out to me at the school or consult with your child's classroom teacher to discuss any needs. If I do a group session within the the class, parents/guardians will get a letter home notifying you of the group time.

I also want to remind you about our **Snack Club**, which continues this year. This program is available for students who may have forgotten their lunch, lost it, or are still hungry after their meal. Students are welcome to access a snack **only if needed**. However, if your child accesses the Snack Club more than three times in a week, you may receive a call home to discuss additional support.

Blessings,

Mrs. Lonsdale-Calkins

Child Development Advisor, Cochrane Christian Academy

Message from School Council



School Council News – Welcome Back!

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are as excited as we are to kick off the 2025–2026 year together. School Council is looking forward to another year of building community,

supporting our teachers and staff, and creating fun experiences for our students. From Fun Lunches to fundraisers to family events, your involvement helps make it all possible.

Upcoming School Council Meetings

We welcome all parents and guardians to join us at our monthly meetings. It's a great way to stay informed, share ideas, and have a voice in school life. Mark your calendars for this year's meeting dates:

- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- January 22
- February 26
- March 19
- April 23
- May 21
- June 18

Fun Lunches

Our first **Fun Lunch** of the year will be **Pizza on September 19!** Stay tuned for more Fun Lunch dates coming soon.

Fundraisers

Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser – We're excited to kick off the year with our annual apple fundraiser! Orders can be placed through School Cash.

- **Order Deadline:** October 1
- **Pickup Date:** October 21 at the school

Thank you for supporting this delicious fundraiser, it's always a community favorite!

Additional Ways to Give

Online Donations: You can make donations anytime online through CanadaHelps.org by selecting *Rocky View Schools* and choosing *Cochrane Christian Academy*. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

We can't wait to connect with you and make this another amazing year for our school community. Thank you in advance for your support, time, and energy!

— Your School Council

School Pictures



School pictures are scheduled for September 23rd (KB - Gr 3) & 24th (KA - Gr. 4-8).

We are looking for some volunteers to help with coordinating and assisting students. If you are able to help 8:30 a.m.- 2:20 p.m., we would greatly appreciate it! Please let the office know if you are able to help at (403) 932-5177 or cochranechristian@rockyview.ab.ca. We will need all volunteer documents to be up to date as well.

Apple Fundraiser

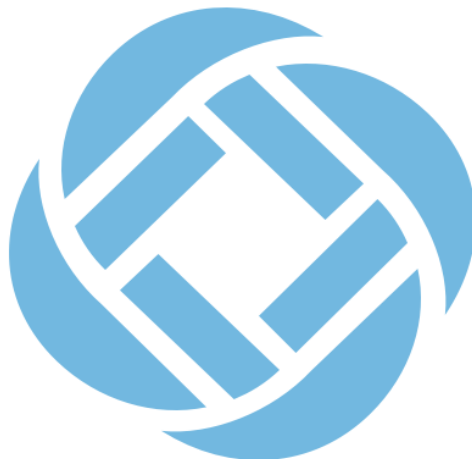


Join us in supporting CCA as we embark on our fundraising journey! Delicious, fresh, handpicked apples from Davison Orchard are now on sale until October 1. These apples are handpicked, packed into 15lb boxes, and delivered straight from Davison Orchard in the Okanagan to the school.

Choose from a variety of options, including Honey Crisp for \$45 a box, Okanagan Blend (a surprise mix of 2 varieties) for \$40 per box, or Ambrosia and Gala, both available for just \$35 per box. Your purchase not only satisfies your taste buds but also helps with purchasing student technology, field trips, and student incentives for CCA. You can view the flyer [here](#).

Orders can be placed through [School Cash](#) and must be in by October 1. Make sure to spread the word with friends and family as this is a popular fundraiser with many, each fall!

SafeArrival Student Absence Reporting



If your child is going to be absent from school and you are not familiar with the protocol, please see the Safe Arrival absence reporting instructions [here](#). If you do not report your child being absent, you will receive an automated call reflecting that your child is absent and is unexcused. Reporting absences will save unwanted phone calls and is important so the school knows your child will be away.

CCA Welcomes New Staff



Welcoming Val Howell to the CCA Team!

A message from our new Grade 5/6 teacher:

"Why does Mrs. Howell wear sunglasses to class? Because her students are so bright!!

Thank you to so many of you who have welcomed me to CCA. What a great community! Hello everyone, I'm Mrs. Howell, the new grade 5/6 teacher. Although I'm new to CCA this year, I'm not new to teaching—I've spent many years in classrooms after a first career as a professional actor (some might say I'm still acting!) At home, I share life with my husband, our three grown children, a very opinionated corgi, Mango, and a fabulous garden that gives me great joy, weeds and all. I'm excited to bring my love of learning, creativity, and a dash of humor into our community this year."

Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome back three familiar faces to Cochrane Christian Academy this year!

- **Jenna Dimnik** returns with her enthusiasm and heart for students.
- **Christine Madore** rejoins us, bringing her gifts and dedication to our community.
- **Stacey Simpson** is also back, and we are grateful for the care and passion she pours into her work.

- **Maegan Morash** returns with her big heart, ready to walk the halls of our middle school with warmth and care.

We are thankful to have each of them back as part of our CCA family and look forward to the ways God will continue to use their gifts and talents to bless our students this year.

Student Safety and Threat Assessment Protocol

Please see attached this important [letter](#) from Rocky View Schools regarding student safety and threat assessment protocol.

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