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### Important Dates

**Monday, January 19**

Ski School

**Wednesday, January 21**

Healthy Hunger

**Tuesday, January 27**

Last Day of Semester 1 Classes

**FRIDAY SCHEDULE (Jan. 9)**

**Day B (Periods 2-RTI-4-6)**

Notes from Administration

**Please continue to monitor your health. Do not come to school if you are ill.**

A..E. Cross Attendance

When reporting student attendance issues, including lates, absences and leave early, please call the main line and press extension 1 for the attendance line. Remember to spell the last name of the student and leave the reason for the absence, late or leave early.

## Colts' Community Chronicle | Jan. 12 – Jan. 16

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## COLTS ATHLETICS

For all Athletic information visit [A.E. Cross School Athletic Website](#)

### Athletic Tryout form

All students who wish to tryout for a team at A.E. Cross must submit the Athletic Tryout Form. This form can be submitted digitally to Mr. Richards, [jarichards@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:jarichards@cbe.ab.ca) or by hard copy to your child's PE teacher.

By leaving the boxes checked off that have already been checked off, your child is able to tryout for teams they wish to when that sport begins. The checked boxes do not mean the student has to tryout for that team.

### Colts' Volleyball

Volleyball tryouts continue next week for the Boys teams and the Jr. Girls team. Boys tryouts are Monday 4-5:15 and Wednesday 4-5:15. Jr. Girls tryouts are Tuesday 4-5:15.

The Sr. Girls team has been made and will have their first practice on 4-5:15 on Tuesday

### Colts' Wrestling and Basketball

If your child participated on the wrestling team or basketball team, please pay your team fees using the MyCBE account. These fees are used to pay for refs, rentals and transportation and are imperative for AEC to run our athletic clubs.

If you have any further questions please contact Jace Richards at [jarichards@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:jarichards@cbe.ab.ca)

## PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

The purpose of the provincial achievement testing program is to:

- determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn;
- report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling; and
- assist schools, school authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning

These tests will occur in May and June 2026 on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 21 – English Language Arts (Part A – Writing)
- Tuesday, June 9 – English Language Arts (Part B – Reading Comprehension)
- Tuesday, June 16 – Mathematics (Part A)
- Friday, June 19 – Mathematics (Part B)
- Monday, June 22 – Social Studies

- Tuesday, June 23 – Science

For further information about the Provincial Achievement Testing program, please refer to the letter attached to this week's message.

## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Western Canada High School Open House

- January 27, 2026 – 3:30 pm
- Western Canada High School will be hosting an Open House opportunity on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 pm for current grade 9 students/families who might be interested in learning more about the school's option programming (prior to guidance visits and course selection in February). Grade 9 Tours for direct feeder schools will take place earlier that day, as well, so many students will also be able to visit the school in that capacity. More information about course programming for 2026/27 will be available on the WCHS website after the winter break. Any general questions about registration can be directed to the main office at 403-228-5363. Thank you.

### Central Memorial Open House

- January 29, 2026 – 5:00 pm – See attachment for further information

### Crescent Heights High School Open House

- January 27, 2026 – Time TBD

### Ernest Manning High School Open House

- Date and Time TBD

### Bowness High School Open House

- January 15, 2026 – 6:00 pm (UPDATED DATE)

## SPANISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM

Dear families, the students in the Spanish section will participate, starting next week, in an educational project led by a group of Spanish teachers to improve mental arithmetic. The initiative is called The Math Tour and its website is <https://eltourdemates.wordpress.com>

It consists of two parts: a program to work on mental arithmetic with a multitude of free resources available on the indicated website; and a free mental arithmetic competition in a fun sports context, emulating the Tour de France race.



Students will compete under an alias, not their real name, and both the organization and the school will follow a strict data protection policy.

We encourage all families to follow the results on the website and to encourage their children to practice the activities proposed by the project's website.

## **STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORTS**

We recognize that student learning has been disrupted and fragmented throughout the beginning of the school year. We are happy to provide the following opportunities for students to work with some of our teachers so they can continue to build their understanding of content:

Tuesdays after school – Room 26 with Mr. Virjee

Wednesdays and Thursdays at Lunch – Room 33 with Mr. Tyrrell

## **BE BRAVE HOCKEY GAME**

Students who were selected to attend the game should have collected a field trip form from Mr. Richards. The fee for this trip has been added to the students' MyCBE account. Please make this payment and return the field trip form as soon as possible.

## **SKI SCHOOL**

Reminder to all parents and students. Ski School will take place on Monday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. If students have their own gear, they can bring it to school on those days. We will be departing immediately after school entry.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFORMATION**

The cafeteria will be open next Wednesday and Thursday from 4-5pm for students who are missing health assignments.



## BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

AE Cross														
Bell Schedule														
2025-2026														
Monday - Day A			Tuesday - Day B			Wednesday - Day A			Thursday - Day B			Friday - Day A/Day B		
Halls Open	9:05 am		Halls Open	9:05 am		Halls Open	9:05 am		Halls Open	9:05 am		Halls Open	9:05 am	
Warning Bell	9:10 am		Warning Bell	9:10 am		Warning Bell	9:10 am		Warning Bell	9:10 am		Warning Bell	9:10 am	
<b>Period 1</b>	9:15 - 10:12 am	57 min	<b>Period 3</b>	9:15 - 10:12 am	57 min	<b>Period 5</b>	9:15 - 10:12 am	57 min	<b>Period 1</b>	9:15 - 10:12 am	57 min	<b>Class</b>	9:15 - 10:12 am	57 min
<b>Period 2</b>	10:14 - 11:11 am	57 min	<b>Period 4</b>	10:14 - 11:11 am	57 min	<b>Period 6</b>	10:14 - 11:11 am	57 min	<b>Period 2</b>	10:14 - 11:11 am	57 min	<b>RTI Block</b>	10:14 - 10:49 am	35 min
<b>Period 3</b>	11:13 - 12:10 pm	57 min	<b>Period 5</b>	11:13 - 12:10 pm	57 min	<b>Period 1</b>	11:13 - 12:10 pm	57 min	<b>Period 3</b>	11:13-12:10 pm	57 min	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	10:49 - 11:01 am	12 min
Lunch Break	12:10 - 12:50 pm	40 min	Lunch Break	12:10 - 12:50 pm	40 min	Lunch Break	12:10 - 12:50 pm	40 min	Lunch Break	12:10 - 12:50 pm	40 min	<b>Class</b>	11:04 - 12:01 pm	57 min
Warning Bell	12:50 pm		Warning Bell	12:50 pm		Warning Bell	12:50 pm		Warning Bell	12:50 pm		<b>Class</b>	12:03 - 1:00 pm	57 min
<b>Period 4</b>	12:55 - 1:52 pm	57 min	<b>Period 6</b>	12:55 - 1:52 pm	57 min	<b>Period 2</b>	12:55 - 1:52 pm	57 min	<b>Period 4</b>	12:55 - 1:52 pm	57 min	Clear Halls	1:10 pm	
<b>Period 5</b>	1:54 - 2:51 pm	57 min	<b>Period 1</b>	1:54 - 2:51 pm	57 min	<b>Period 3</b>	1:54 - 2:51 pm	57 min	<b>Period 5</b>	1:54 - 2:51 pm	57 min	Alternating Friday Schedule of Classes: Day A 135 Day A 246 Day B 135 Day B 246		
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Clear Halls	4:00 PM		Clear Halls	4:00 PM		Clear Halls	4:00 PM		Clear Halls	4:00 PM				

### BELL SCHEDULE NOTES

- Mondays and Wednesdays will be Day A and students will attend their Day A options
- Tuesdays and Thursdays will be Day B and students will attend their Day B options
- Fridays have a rotating schedule and will alternate between different classes – this rotation will be posted throughout the school to help students out
- RTI Block (Fridays – 10:14 AM – 10:49 AM)
  - This 35 minute block will evolve throughout the school year to include interventions for students that are struggling academically with certain outcomes
  - Our first round of targeted support RTI blocks began on Friday, November 21. Students have been grouped to provide support in content that they are experiencing difficulty with. This first round of support groupings will continue until Winter Break.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

Students have been given their own PE locker and are expected to change each day for class. Changing is an expectation for our Physical Education program. Please encourage your student to bring a gym strip, leave it in their gym locker and change regularly. Students are given 5 minutes before and after class to change.

### STUDENT CLUBS

- **E-Sports Club** – Wednesdays at Lunch – Design Studies Room
- **Chess Club** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Lunch – Room 30
- **Pokemon Club** – Wednesdays at Lunch – Room 27
- **Wooligan Club** – Mondays at Lunch – Room 40
- **Reading/Creative Writing Club** – Mondays at Lunch – Room 22



- **Coding Club** – Tuesdays at Lunch – Computer Lab
- **Math and Science Tutorials** – Wednesdays and Thursdays at Lunch – Room 33
- **Art Club** – Mondays after School – Art Room – Begins November 24

## HEALTHY HUNGER

We have begun planning our Healthy Hunger offerings for this school year. Guardians will need to login to [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) to set up each child's ordering profile. Please ensure that you choose A.E. Cross School, spell your child's name correctly, and choose the correct Homeroom teacher from the drop down menu. Errors in Homeroom teacher selection will lead to the student's food being delivered to an incorrect class. In the event of Labour Action, any scheduled Healthy Hunger lunches on impacted dates will be cancelled. Healthy Hunger will reimburse you through a credit to your account for the money spent. Please place orders for the most recent scheduled dates just in case a credit may need to be applied to future lunches.

Healthy Hunger lunches:

- Wednesday, January 21 – Inglewood Pizza
- Wednesday, February 11 – Edo Japan
- Wednesday, March 4 - A & W
- Thursday, March 19 – Cobs Bread
- Wednesday, April 22 – Subway
- Thursday, May 14 - Cobs Bread
- Wednesday, May 27 – Inglewood Pizza
- Friday, June 19 – Booster Juice

## LUNCHTIME EXPECTATIONS

Lunchtime at A.E. Cross School runs from 12:10 PM to 12:50 PM each Monday to Thursday. The structure of the lunch hour works as follows:

**12:10 PM – 12:30 PM** – Students are welcome to eat lunch within the school on the main floor. The hallways, cafeteria and courtyard are available for student use during this time. Please note that there is currently no food service available to students at lunchtime. On days where the weather cooperates, students are also welcome to eat outside on school property.

**12:30 PM – 12:50 PM** – Students will be asked to go outside during this time period. It will be important that students get appropriate clothing from their lockers right at the end of the morning classes as the upper level of the school will be closed beginning at 12:15 PM.



**WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION**, students are able to leave campus for lunch time. Should students leave campus, it is an expectation that they are respectful to our community neighbours as they are representatives of A.E. Cross School. Ms. Wiseman and Mr. Lewis visited all businesses around the school to introduce ourselves and the businesses will contact us if there is something that we need to follow up on.

- **Students should not loiter at the businesses and they should buy their lunch and return to school property**
- Should students be abusing their off-campus privileges by causing disruptions in the community or are consistently late upon return to school after lunch, privileges to leave at lunch may be taken away
- Back alleys and private yards are off-limits to students
- **PLEASE NOTE – A.E. CROSS SCHOOL DOES NOT PROVIDE SUPERVISION TO STUDENTS THAT ARE OFF CAMPUS AT LUNCHTIME.**
- Students will not leave campus on Fridays during nutrition break (10:49 AM – 11:01 AM) so please ensure that they come to school with a snack.

Only drink containers with a screw-top lid are allowed in the school. Drink containers such as slurpee cups, bubble tea containers, coffee cups with a plastic lid and open cans of pop are not allowed in the school due to an increased risk of spillage.

## CALGARY BRIDGE FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH

We are excited to continue our partnership with the [Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth](#). This organization supports immigrant and refugee youth and their families with knowledge and information about Canadian culture and schooling system. Their experienced staff and program facilitators help children and youth make lasting friendships through programs that grow their personal, social and emotional skills while helping them settle into life in Canada. Every Thursday, we are pleased to host a team of Settlement Workers at A.E. Cross who are available to meet with students and/or their families to provide services. If you would like to get connected with CBFY, please let the Main Office know and we will connect you. The CBFY school team will also be at our Meet The Teacher event so you can get in touch with them at that time as well.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting will occur in the new year on January 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons. Please continue to watch this spot in the Colts' Community Chronicle for more information.

If you would like more information, or just generally would like to be involved, please reach out to [aecrosscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:aecrosscouncil@gmail.com).



## SCHOOL FEES

Student fees for Semester 1 complementary courses have been posted to your child's MyCBE/PowerSchool accounts. As mentioned in the message sent on Friday afternoon, complementary course fees for Semester 1 have been reduced by 20% to account for the class time missed due to labour action.

Please log in and pay those fees when you get a chance. The fees collected allow your children to experience high quality educational experiences (complementary courses, extra-curricular activities and field trips) while at A.E. Cross School.

To access MyCBE/PowerSchool for fee payment, please click on the following link: <https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html>

If you require support to pay student fees, please click the following link: <https://cbe.ab.ca/support/Pages/MyCBE-PowerSchool-Student-Fees-Registration.aspx>

If you have additional questions about the payment of student fees, we encourage you to contact the main office for assistance!

Thank you for your attention to this!

## SCHOOL FORMS

There are a variety of different forms that parents are asked to complete at the start of each school year. The completion of these forms has been moved online to SchoolEngage. The following forms can be completed via SchoolEngage:

- Demographic Verification Form
- Annual Authorization Form, which includes:
  - School District Use of Personal Information
  - Consent for CBE Use of Student Information
  - Consent for Use of Student Information by News Media and Outside Groups (Third Party)

SchoolEngage can be accessed through the following link: [SchoolEngage](#)

Should you need any of the above forms printed for you, please contact the main office.

## STUDENT HEALTH PLAN

If your child has a medical condition that could affect them at school and or/missing school, please fill out this document and have your child return it to the office so we can update all of the staff that work with your child.

<https://insite.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Student-Health-Plan.pdf>

## VOLUNTEERING AT A.E. CROSS

There will be activities done at A.E. Cross that require parent volunteers.



Parents and guardians can register to volunteer online in the SchoolEngage tab of their MyCBE account. Members of the community without a child in the system can also create a SchoolEngage account.

Once volunteers have created an account they can request and receive their volunteer letter required to obtain their police security clearance. Schools will continue to follow the process for generating letters.

There are no changes, at this time, to the ePIC application and payment process, currently outlined on the CBE Volunteer InSite page and managed by Calgary Police Service.

Once volunteers have their police information check and vulnerable sector clearance document (PIC VS), it can be uploaded and shared directly with the school through the SchoolEngage account.