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Colts' Community Chronicle | March 11 – March 15

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Tuesday, April 2

Classes Resume

FRIDAY SCHEDULE (March 15)
Day B (Periods 2, 4, 6)

Notes from Administration

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

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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.

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COLTS ATHLETICS

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

Team Fees

Please check your MyCBE/Powerschool account for updated team fees. They should be added to your account. In order for the school to pay for referees and other team needs, we need the player fees paid.

We want all of our students to have the opportunity to play sports for AEC no matter the situation at home. If you are unable to pay the fees due to budgetary restrictions, please email jarichards@cbe.ab.ca.

SPARK Club

SPARK Club is postponed. An announcement will be shared with students when the club re-opens.

Colts Volleyball

- Congrats to our Sr. Boys Volleyball Team on earning a semi final birth. They play Monday at 5:15 at West Ridge School. Remember, AE Cross students are only allowed to attend if they supervised by their parent/guardian for then entire match.
- Congrats to our Jr. Girls, Jr. Boys and Sr. Girls Volleyball Teams on great seasons. Lots of fun was had and the athletes performed to their best each night! Please submit team fees if your child was part of one of these teams. Please wash and return the team jersey to their coach as soon as possible. Team celebrations will be planned over the next two weeks.
- Also, thank you to Mr. Kerwin, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Wong, Ms. Berger, Ms. Shumay and Mr. Richards for all of their time working with these students to develop their skills, sportsmanship and character.

Colts Badminton

Badminton season starts the week of April 2. Announcements will be made at school with more information for students.



SPANISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM

El Club del Español

Students have the opportunity to join "El Club del Español" to learn some Spanish or be a leader helping Sra. Hernández and Sra. Molina.

The Spanish Club will run every Wednesday after lunch. ¡Nos vemos!

Locura de Marzo

Music is one of the best ways to share tradition and culture so, we are taking part in the Spanish song contest "Locura de Marzo" to see what of the proposed songs is the preferred one at our school.

Students can follow the bracket in the bulletin board by the Main Office and vote using our school Instagram. Two different songs will compete every three days for the next coming weeks. ¡Qué comience la Locura de Marzo!

Grade 6 Transitions

As communicated by our School Administration, Spanish Bilingual Program students hosted Glenmeadows' Grade 6 last Friday, March 1st.

Teachers in the Bilingual Program would like to share how proud they are of our students! For their help, their leadership, those who bravely volunteered to share in Spanish in front of a great audience and those who could volunteer to stay for period 2... Everything in Spanish!

Glenmeadows' students and teachers had a great learning experience with us!

A.E. Cross students and teachers are looking forward to leading their next visit during our school tour in April.

ART CLUB

The last Art club before spring break will be Tuesday March 12, 2024. There is no Art club on Tuesday March 19, 2024

Art Club will resume on Tuesday April 9, 2024.

COLTS OF THE MONTH

In an effort to recognize some of the amazing students that we have at A.E. Cross, we have implemented a Colt of the Month Award that will be presented monthly for the remainder of the school year. These students have been nominated by the staff of the school and will recognize students that have contributed in a positive manner to the school community throughout the month. These students could have been a member of a team, club or band or they could have shown some leadership throughout their classroom over the past month. We will be awarding these students with a certificate and a small gift.



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

During the RTI Block on November 22, students engaged in learning around Digital Citizenship with the CBE. As part of that learning, students focused on key competencies of Digital Citizenship that include being:

- Respectful
- Informed
- Involved
- Balanced
- Safe
- Responsible

As part of the learning, students watched videos produced by Common Sense Education. Below is their website that contains some important tips for families

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/family-resources>

FAIR ENTRY CALGARY

Fair Entry is an application process for subsidized City of Calgary programs and services. This process will assess your income eligibility for multiple City programs with a single application. Just recently, High-Speed Low-Cost Internet and other telecom services have been added to the list of services available through Fair Entry.

For more information about Fair Entry, please visit the following website:

<https://fairentry.calgary.ca/>

HEALTHY HUNGER

Families can set up their orders through the Healthy Hunger website (<https://healthyhunger.ca/>). Please ensure that when ordering lunch for your student you pick your student's homeroom teacher.

Future Healthy Hunger/Fun Lunch dates can be found below:

- March 21, 2024 – Boston Pizza
- April 18, 2024 – Edo Japan
- May 1, 2024 – Kernels Treat Day
- May 16, 2024 – Mucho Burrito
- June 13, 2024 – Boston Pizza
- June 24, 2024 – Booster Juice Treat Day

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Guidance counselors from various high schools will be visiting A.E. Cross school over the next few weeks to work with students and their course selection.



LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

Did you know...

We accept gently loved books for our library collection. If you are cleaning out your bookshelves, we would love to have your used books! You can drop them off at the office and let them know that you are donating them to the library, or send them with your child.

We accept books for all ages. If they are not age appropriate for our school, we will pass them on to another school that can use them.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Mrs. Brown (Library Assistant)

LUNCHTIME EXPECTATIONS

Lunchtime at A.E. Cross School runs from 12:07 PM to 12:48 PM each Monday to Thursday. The structure of the lunch hour works as follows:

12:07 PM – 12:25 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.

12:25 PM – 12:48 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 12:10 PM. **With the weather becoming increasingly colder, we are seeing students attempt to stay indoors during this time. It is really important that students come prepared for the weather as they will be outside during this time unless they are part of a supervised activity within the school.**

WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION, students are able to leave campus for lunch time. To minimize the number of students visiting our community neighbours, different grade groups can leave campus on specified days.

- Tuesdays – Grade 7 students
- Wednesdays – Grade 8 students
- Thursdays – Grade 9 students

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. We have had reports from community members that some of our students are littering.

- 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 (11:33 AM – 11:48 AM) so please ensure that they come to school with a snack.
- A quick reminder to families that students are not able to bring drinks back into that do not have screw-top lids on them. This includes drinks such as: slurpees, coffees with plastic lids, and bubble teas. Students will be asked to throw these beverages out upon entering the school.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents/Guardians will be able to book conferences beginning on Thursday March 14, at 4:00PM. The conference bookings tool will register you to meet with 1 teacher at a time. This means that you will have to make multiple bookings if you desire to meet with more than 1 of your child's teachers, or to talk about different courses. We value the role that your child plays in their learning, and strongly encourage all students to attend conferences with their parent/guardian.

Format:

Thursday March 21, 5:00-8:00PM, all conferences will be **in-person** at A. E. Cross School
Friday March 22, 9:00AM-2:00PM, all conferences will be **online** via Microsoft Teams and a link will be emailed directly to you after you book a time slot.
Each conference meeting will be 10 minutes in length.

Please refer to this website, [MyCBE - School Conferences](#), for instructions on how to book a conference through your MyCBE account. Should you have any difficulties or questions, please phone the main office and school staff can assist you. If you will require language interpreter services, please let your child's teacher know ahead of time so that they can request an interpreter to attend.

The conference booking tool will be closed on Tuesday March 19 at 9:00PM. It is important to ensure that you book your conferences prior to then.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting is scheduled in person on Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons of A.E. Cross School.

Additional meeting dates will be at 7pm on Thursdays on the following dates. Watch your email for meeting invitations which will include agendas and meeting location (in person or virtual) the week prior to the meeting.

- April 18th



- May 16th
- AGM – June 13th

SCHOOL FORMS

There are a variety of different forms that parents are asked to complete 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.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD SCHOOL

Student Ski trip is scheduled for March 13 and March 20. Students should arrive at school as usual and will attend their period 1 class. Students who bring their own ski or snowboard can leave it in the fitness center when they arrive at school. Please ensure students bring a long sleeve (hoody, etc.) as well as mitts. Students must have long sleeves worn when on snow, as well as mitts or gloves. If they do not have a long sleeve they will need to keep their jackets on and may get quite warm. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richards, jrichards@cbe.ab.ca

STUDENT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

When a student is late and has missed the attendance taking, and the teacher marked them absent, the student needs to stop by the office, so we can correct that.

If the student doesn't hear their name called, when they are in class at the time attendance is taken, they should bring that to the teacher's attention.

Teachers have no access to change attendance once it has been submitted. Hence, the reason for them to visit the office.

The attendance message via Messenger goes out twice a day – after Block 3, and after block 6. If the “A” was marked in the AM, but has not been acknowledged/corrected (by student, or parent), the same message will go out in the afternoon as well, so you will likely get two messages for the same absence (even if it is just late, but has not been corrected)

VOLUNTEERING AT A.E. CROSS

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



Starting on **Friday, Feb. 9**, 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.

2023/2024 YEARBOOK

We are extremely pleased that we will be offering the A.E. Cross School Community an opportunity to purchase a yearbook for the first time since 2020!

The 2023-2024 will cost \$25.00 and the link to order a yearbook directly through Jostens can be found below:

[2023-2024 A.E. Cross Yearbook Ordering LINK](#)

CHILD AND YOUTH WELL-BEING WEBINAR SERIES

Well-being is a precondition for student achievement. Students need to be well to succeed. Currently, students face a wide range of mental health challenges, including stress, anxiety, and depression. This trend is alarming and requires our attention.

The Calgary Board of Education invites all parents and guardians to join us in an online series focusing on child and youth well-being. These sessions will be hosted in partnership with experts from Alberta Health Services and will explore topics such as vaping, brain development, mental health, and sexual health.

In CBE's second year of the Child and Youth Well-Being for Families and Caregivers Series, we have invited Calgary Catholic School District, Rocky View Schools, Palliser School District and other neighbouring school districts to join these webinars. There will be a five-part workshop series that is offered at no cost to all Calgarians.

These sessions will be free and provide information, resources, helplines, and services to support healthy child and youth development.

Mental Health and Anxiety (Grades 7-12) – March 14, 2024 (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM)

[Mental Health and Anxiety Meeting Link](#)

Learn evidence-based strategies to support youth in Grades 7 to 12 in managing stress and anxiety. Join our AHS partners from the mental health literacy team and clarify terms and



present evidence-based strategies to support youth in managing stress and anxious feelings. Learn when clinical assessment is needed and what treatment may involve. Gain information and strategies to boost your own mental health and support the young people in your life.

