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**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.

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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.

Colts Badminton

- Grade 7 Badminton Practice
 - Wednesday, May 1 – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
- Grade 7 Badminton Competitions
 - Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15 at Vincent Massey
- Grade 8 Badminton Practice
 - Monday, April 29 – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
 - Thursday, May 2 – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
- Grade 8 Badminton Competitions
 - Monday, May 6 and Thursday, May 9 at Vincent Massey
- Grade 9 Badminton Practice
 - Tuesday, April 30 – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
- Grade 9 Badminton Competitions
 - Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2 at Vincent Massey

Colts Track and Field

- Track and Field Season starts on May 21st. The date for our school's track and field competition in June 14th.

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](#)

GET YOURS TODAY! THE DEADLINE TO ORDER A YEARBOOK IS MAY 31ST!



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!

Spanish Bilingual Inter-School Fine Arts Gala – Que Pasa?

9-5 students will follow Mr. Marcos Ravelo's expertise to represent our school at the "¿Qué Pasa?" Gala at the Jubilee on May 7th.

Mr. Rattan's band will offer the outstanding tone to celebrate music as one of the greatest traditions and contributions of the Spanish speaking cultures.

Dance rehearsals will be on April 29 and 30 during Spanish Language Arts periods.

We are excited to announce that on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 1:00 pm, the Calgary Board of Education's Spanish Bilingual Schools, from elementary to high school, will come together at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium to present and celebrate the Spanish language, culture and music through Que Pasa. Approximately 650 students will sing, dance and perform in bands to celebrate various genres of music, ranging from folkloric/traditional to contemporary styles. We are pleased to have CBE's dignitaries and external International delegations in attendance. As well, CBE's newly appointed Chief Superintendent Joanne Pitman will also be sharing a few opening remarks.

We cordially invite all school families, community members, and interested stakeholders to be part of this fantastic celebration of our Spanish Bilingual program.

Tickets are available for only \$15 plus GST and can be purchased through Ticketmaster by visiting this link

[Que Pasa Ticket Information](#)

CALGARY BRIDGE FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH

Our NxtGen Program is up and running and could still use a few more members. The program is designed for newcomers to Canada to build community within the school. The program runs on Thursdays from 11:45 to 12:45 in the Drama Room at A.E. Cross. If your child is interested in joining the program, please have them get a consent form from the main office.

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:

- May 1, 2024 – Kernels Treat Day
- May 16, 2024 – Mucho Burrito
- June 13, 2024 – Boston Pizza
- June 24, 2024 – Booster Juice Treat Day

LEAD PROGRAM CLOTHING DRIVE

The City of Calgary Leadership Program that runs at A.E. Cross every Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm is concluding shortly. They are holding a school-wide year-end clothing drive. If you have some gently used clothing that you would like to donate for this event, please have your child bring the clothes by the main office. Thank you for your support.

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. **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.**

MINI ROUND DANCE

The first ever CBE Round Dance for Grade 9 Indigenous students who are transitioning to high school will be held on Wednesday, May 1, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Ernest Manning High School. Please see the attached letter for more information about the Round Dance.

MINISTER'S YOUTH COUNCIL

Are you passionate about education?

Are you in junior or senior high and between the ages of 14 and 19 (as of September 1, 2024)?

Are you able to commit to three weekends during the school year? Meetings will be held either virtually or in Edmonton during the fall, winter and spring.



[Apply online today](#) to be a part of the Minister's Youth Council!

We are looking for approximately 40 youth with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from across Alberta to participate as partners in contributing to our education system.

We will recruit a minimum of 32 new council members and maximum of 8 returning council members for the 2024/25 council.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 2024.

[Minister's Youth Council Factsheet](#)

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

We are happy to be offering students some additional Provincial Achievement Test support beginning Monday, April 22. This support will be offered each Monday in Room 19 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm right up until the PATs occurring in June. Please encourage your child to make use of this resource!

Please see the schedule below for when the Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests will occur:

- Monday, May 13 – Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B (Writing)
- Wednesday, June 12 – Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B (Reading)
- Thursday, June 13 – Grade 9 Mathematics Part A
- Tuesday, June 18 – Grade 9 Mathematics Part B
- Wednesday, June 19 – Grade 9 Social Studies
- Thursday, June 20 – Grade 9 Science

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to those of you who joined our school council meeting last week. We are always grateful for your support. At the meeting, we shared the results of our school planning survey conducted between March 1 and March 31, 2024. The results of that survey are below:

[School Planning Survey Results](#)

If you have questions, ideas, or need to reach us in the meantime, please email aecrosscouncil@gmail.com.

A. E. Cross School Council and Parents' Association



Additional meeting dates will be at 7pm 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.

- 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.

SEMESTER TWO STUDENT FEES

Semester two fees have now been posted to your child's MyCBE/PowerSchool accounts. Please log in and pay those fees when you get a chance. The fees collected allow your children to experience high quality educational experiences while at A.E. Cross School. If you have questions about the payment of student fees, we encourage you to contact the main office for assistance!

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.

