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Students

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School Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
– Microsoft Teams

FRIDAY SCHEDULE (Feb. 23)

Day A (Periods 1, 3, 5)

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.

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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

Every **Friday** morning from 8-9am, students are welcome to drop into the main gym to practice their favorite activities. The activities going on will depend on who is present and what they want to do. This is a student driven club. Basketball, volleyball, badminton, floor hockey, 9 square, working out are just some of the activities done in the past.

Colts Volleyball

Students are not allowed to attend away sporting events unless they are under direct supervision of their parent/guardian. Please do not drop your student at another school and leave them unsupervised.

For home games, A.E. Cross students can attend the first game from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm and then will be asked to leave unless they have a parent or guardian supervising them.

- **Boys Practices**
 - Tuesdays from 7:45 am to 9:00 am
 - Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
- **Junior Boys Games**
 - Wednesday, February 21 – 4:30 pm at West Ridge School (8903 Wentworth Avenue SW)
- **Senior Boys Games**
 - Wednesday, February 21 – 5:30 pm at Bishop Pinkham School (3304 63 Avenue SW)
- **Girls Practices**
 - Mondays from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm



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ALBERTA EDUCATION ASSURANCE SURVEY

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed. **The last day to complete the Alberta Education Assurance Survey is February 29, 2024.**

CALGARY BRIDGE FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH

We are happy to announce that the Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth (CBFY) is going to begin their Nxt Gen program on Thursdays after school from Feb 29 - May 30. We have space for 30 students to register and participate. There will be a meeting for interested students in the Learning Commons at 11:40 AM on Thursday, February 22. This is a rescheduling of the meeting from earlier in the month. If you know that you are interested in registering your student to participate, please email Ms. Wiseman directly.

CBE STUDENT SURVEY

A. E. Cross School will be participating in an online school perception survey for students in Grade 8 and Grade 9 called the CBE Student Survey. This survey allows students to share their feedback on their experiences at school, the school environment, and school improvement programs. Please see the letter attached for more information.

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/>

GUEST SPEAKER

School Council is graciously providing an opportunity for all AEC students to learn from guest speaker Dr. Caroline Buzanko during RTI on Wednesday February 21. Dr. Buzanko is a Psychologist. Mother. International Speaker. ADHD Superhero. Yoda of Anxiety. And Changer of Lives. She is clinical director at Koru Family Psychology where she works with children, teens, and their families. Her focus is to unlock the potential of every child, foster strong connections, ignite confidence and courage, and fortify emotional resilience. We look forward to hearing her message later this week.

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:

- February 29, 2024 – A & W
- 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.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Good luck to all of the A.E. Cross musicians who will be performing at the Alberta International Band Festival this week. Our bands, under the direction of Mr. Jesse Rattan, will attend the festival on Wednesday, February 21 (Grade 7 Band) and Thursday, February 22 (Grade 8 and 9 Band). We know that they will do the A.E. Cross School Community proud!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

A.E. Cross Clothing

The Cross Swag store has been re-opened for the month of February. Please get your orders in before Feb 29th. Use the link or the QR code on the attached poster to access the store. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Richards, jarichards@cbe.ab.ca.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting is scheduled virtually for Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm.

The virtual link to the meeting can be found here:

[SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING LINK \(CLICK HERE\)](#)

The agenda for the school council can be found attached to this message.

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.

- February 22nd
- April 18th
- May 16th
- AGM – June 13th

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 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

Dear Parents / Guardians,

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.

Click here to learn more:

**Child and Youth Well-Being:
A Webinar Series for Parents and Guardians**



CBE educators believe that parents and guardians can inspire their kids to make healthy lifestyle choices and increase protective factors – in order to do so, they need the right tools and information.

Well-being is a precondition for learning. As our understanding of student well-being continues to evolve, it is important for those that support children and youth to stay up to date on the same information so everyone can support student success.

The intention of the series is to advance student well-being by raising family and caregiver's understanding of a variety of health-related topics.

Thank you for your time and consideration to join us.

