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Colts' Community Chronicle | Dec. 9 – Dec. 13

Important Dates

December 9

Ski School

December 10

Human Rights Day

December 17

Ski School

December 20

Chew and Chat Breakfast
8:15 AM

December 20

Last Day of School Before Winter
Break

FRIDAY SCHEDULE (Dec. 13)

Day B (Periods 1-RTI-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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COLTS ATHLETICS

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

Athletic Authorization forms MUST be submitted to the students PE teacher to tryout for any sports team.

There are fees associated with each athletic team. These fees cover the cost of refs, rentals, equipment maintenance and team celebrations. Fees will be added to the students MyCBE account once the season begins.

Colts' Basketball

Student athletes should pay attention to announcements regarding wrap up parties for teams. These will be organized once all team fees are paid.

Colts' Wrestling

AEC will host its annual wrestling quad next Thursday, December 12th. The quad will run from 4:45-7pm. **Student spectators are allowed to watch as long as they have a guardian supervising them at all times.**

Practices will occur:

- Monday after school from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Wednesday before school from 8:00 am to 9:00 am
- Friday before school from 8:00 am to 9:00 am
- Wrestling Quad Meets
 - December 12th – 4:45 pm at A.E. Cross School
 - January 15th – 4:45 pm at Vincent Massey School
- Wrestling Divisional Meet
 - January 28th – Genesis Center

Colts' Volleyball

Volleyball season will begin immediately after winter break in January. Students will be informed of exact tryout dates on Monday, January 6. Please make sure that you fill out an [Annual Authorization Form](#) for your child to try out for Colts' Volleyball! We look forward to seeing our Colts' student athletes out on the court in the New Year!

If you have any further questions please contact Jace Richards at jarichards@cbe.ab.ca

PROJECT KINDNESS

Each year, the A.E. Cross School community supports families through the holiday season, especially to those facing the greatest challenges. We invite you to participate in Project Kindness with your children by discussing the meaning of helping others and donating over the next few weeks.



From Thursday, December 5 to Tuesday, December 17, we will be collecting gift cards to places like Superstore, Walmart, Canadian Tire, local gas stations, grocery stores, etc. If you would like to participate, kindly place any donated gift cards in a sealed envelope, marked Project Kindness and have your child give it to the main office or their classroom teacher. Please see the attachment for more information.

SKI SCHOOL

Students who are registered for Ski School will enjoy their first day of lessons on Monday, December 9. Students can bring their own ski and snowboard gear and will store it in a specific classroom upon arrival Monday morning. Students will attend their regular period 1 class and be called down to a meeting space at 10:35. Students should bring clothes for all weather as they will be outside for most of the day. If students do not own ski goggles, it is suggested that they bring sunglasses to protect their eyes against the sun reflecting off the snow. Students should bring food in case the cafeteria is closed that day. The second and last day of Ski School is December 17th. Please send any question to Mr. Richards, jarichards@cbe.ab.ca

2024-2025 YEARBOOK

The 2024-2025 A.E. School Yearbook is now available to purchase! To order this year's edition of the yearbook, please visit the following website:

[A.E. Cross School Yearbook Ordering LINK](#)

STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORTS

A.E. Cross School is happy to provide the following learning supports for students. I would encourage you to remind your children of these opportunities so that they are able to be as successful as possible. All grades are welcome in each of the spaces below.

- Math Help Room – Room 26 (Mr. Reid) – Mondays 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
- Math Help Room – Room 6 (Mr. Virjee) – Tuesdays 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
- Homework Hotel – Learning Commons – Wednesdays – 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
- Math Help Room – Room 33 (Mr. Tyrrell) – Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lunch

A.E. CROSS SCHOOL CLUBS LISTINGS

Please note that some clubs have yet to start at this time and that this list is subject to change. If you or your child would like more information about a club, please contact the Teacher Sponsor via email.

Club	Teacher Sponsor	Day/Time/Location
Games Club	Prieto; Horne	Lunch – Second Semester
A.E. Con	Virjee; Simpson	Mondays – Lunch – Room 6



Strength and Conditioning Club	Kerwin; Cancio; Simpson; Hande	Lunch; Monday – After School – Fitness Center
Art Club	Moore; Pollock	Mondays – 4:00 – 5:00 pm – Art Room
STEM Opportunities	Atkinson	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 20
Principal's Advisory Council	Lewis	Tuesdays – Lunch – Conference Room
Construction Club	Ford	TBD – Second Semester
Lego Club	Shumay	Wednesdays – Lunch – Learning Commons
Bike Club	MacRae; Richards; Cancio; Tice; Kerwin	Wednesdays – 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Pokemon Club	Tyrrell	Wednesdays – Lunch – Room 33
GSA	Simmons; Moore; Tice	Thursdays – Lunch – Room 35
Outdoor Education Club	Minions	Tuesdays – Lunch – TBD
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Virjee	Thursday – After School – Room 6
Spanish Club	Hernandez	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 24
Baking Club	Simmons; Shumay	Once a month – Foods Room
Guitar Club	Reid	Weekly – Drama Room
Yearbook	Anderson; Moore	Wednesday
Chew and Chat	Simmons; Howse; Moore; Mellish; Kunze; Neill	Fridays – 7:30 – 9:00 am
Art with Thread	Hernandez	Lunch – Room 24
Homework Hotel	Hatler; Shumay	TBD – After school – Learning Commons
Math Club	Virjee	Tuesdays – After School – Room 6
Chess Club	Cancio	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 30
Jazz Band/Orchestra	Rattan	Mondays – after school – Drama Room
Book Club	Anderson; Howse	Mondays – lunch – TBD
Thermopylae	MacRae	April and May
Movie Club	Richards	TBD
Creative Writing Club	Minions	Tuesdays – Lunch – Room 25

ART CLUB

The last day for Art Club before Winter Break will be Monday, December 9, 2024

Art Club will resume on Monday, January 20, 2025 – the third week we are back from Winter Break

Ms. Moore and Ms. Pollock

BIKE CLUB

Next Wednesday, December 11 is the final day of Bike Club. Students will be receiving their bikes and will need a way to transport it home. If your child is part of this club, please



Speak with them about arranging a ride home that can fit the bicycle. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richards, jarichards@cbe.ab.ca

STUDENT FEES

Student fees have 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 (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!

2025 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST DATES

The dates for the 2025 Provincial Achievement Tests have been released by Alberta Education. Attached to this message is letter to parents explaining the Provincial Achievement Test program for students. Below is the 2025 PAT schedule:

- Thursday, May 29 – English Language Arts (Part A – Written Response)
- Thursday, June 12 – English Language Arts (Part B – Reading Comprehension)
- Friday, June 13 – Mathematics (Part A)
- Tuesday, June 17 – Mathematics (Part B)
- Wednesday, June 18 – Social Studies
- Thursday, June 19 - Science

CALGARY BRIDGE FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH

We are pleased to have a partnership with the [Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth \(CBFY\)](#). They are able to offer many supports for students and families that are 1st or 2nd generation Canadians, a Permanent Resident, Refugee, or holding a Temporary Worker visa.

NxtGen Club:



Students have been invited to join NxtGen. This lunch time club will begin on Monday November 4, and runs every Monday, from 12:15 - 1:15PM, in the Drama Room. CBFY will provide a Youth Worker that will get the students to participate in exciting games, activities, and presentations. Snacks will be provided! Students attended an information session on Thursday and were provided with the attached poster. Please use the QR code to register your child in the program, or contact Janelle directly - jwong@cbfy.ca or 403-829-8058.

Settlement Worker:

We have access to a Settlement Worker at school every Monday beginning Monday October 28. They are available to meet with parents, or students, and can make connections to many community supports and resources. Their goal is to assist with the adjustment to life in Canada. Conversations can be held in many languages. Just let us know what you will need.

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 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 (10:45 AM – 11:00 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.

HEALTHY HUNGER

Please see attachments to see how you go about setting up your healthy hunger account for the new school year.

Future Healthy Hunger/fun lunch dates are listed below:

- December 19, 2024 – Mr. Pretzel's (Treat Day)
- January 15, 2025 – Inglewood Pizza
- February 12, 2025 – A & W
- March 5, 2025 – Subway
- March 20, 2025 – Cobs Bread (Treat Day)
- April 17, 2025 – Mr. Pretzel's (Treat Day)
- April 30, 2025 – Edo
- May 15, 2025 – Cobs Bread (Treat Day)
- May 28, 2025 – Boston Pizza
- June 20, 2025 – Booster Juice (Treat Day)

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

- Bowness High School – January 30, 2025 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Central Memorial High School – January 29, 2025 – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Crescent Heights High School – January 23, 2025 – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Western Canada High School – January 27, 2025 – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

More information for high school open houses will be included as we receive it.

PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD NOMINATION

Consider nominating an educator for a [2025 Prime Minister's Award](#)! Download your nomination package today. The Prime Minister's Awards nomination deadline is **January 15, 2025!**



Help us celebrate those who go above and beyond to create safe spaces for their students, continue to work hard to make learning fun and inspire the next generation to be bold innovators and creators.

Prime Minister's Awards recipients for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM and Excellence in Early Childhood Education can receive:

- A certificate from the Prime Minister
- National recognition and promotion of their best teaching practices

Previous recipients have told us, "So much of what we do as educators often feels like it goes unnoticed. Nominating fellow hard-working educators, whether they win or not, is an incredible way to tell them they are seen and appreciated." – Karen Bowater, 2021 regional Recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will continue to participate in outdoor activities. Please send a jacket, gloves and a toque to school with your child so they can participate comfortably as the weather gets colder.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to everybody who virtually attended our most recent School Council Meeting on Thursday, November 26. Thank you to Ms. Moore (Learning Leader of Humanities) who spoke about the various activities that students are completing while in English Language Arts and Social Studies so far this school year.

Our next meeting will take place on January 16th, 2025 through Microsoft Teams.

SCHOOL FORMS

Each year, schools have a variety of forms that parents / legal guardians are required to complete or review and update, some of which are paper and others online. In CBE, the forms in an online format (SchoolEngage) are:

- **Demographic Verification - 2024-25** – This form includes your child's personal information as well as parent / legal guardian contact information.
- **Citizenship Information Update - 2024-25** – This form becomes available if you change your child's citizenship information on the Demographic Verification form.
- **Annual Authorization - 2024-25** – Combines the following forms:
- School District Use of Personal Information - explains how CBE uses personal information in providing education services.
- Consent for CBE Use of Student Information – provides an option to grant / not grant consent for additional use of student information by school/district and third parties.
- Consent for Use of Student Information by News Media and Outside Groups (Third Party) - provides an option to grant / not grant consent for additional use of student information by outside groups and third parties

SchoolEngage is one of the applications found in your [MyCBE](#) account. This is the same account that you use to pay fees, view academic information, book school conferences, etc.



If you do not have a MyCBE account, on the [MyCBE](#) page click on [Create a MyCBE Account](#). For online help refer, to [MyCBE - Creating an Account](#) (includes instructions and a video).

To complete these forms:

- 1 | sign in to your [MyCBE](#) account
- 2 | click on the SchoolEngage icon
- 3 | select the form
- 4 | complete or review and update the form
- 5 | click on Submit to send the form electronically to the school
- 6 | repeat steps 3-5 for each form

Please submit the Demographic Verification and Annual Authorization forms in SchoolEngage for your child by Monday, September 16. These forms are mandatory every year for Alberta Education to confirm student funding. Thank you for completing them.

If you have any other students with the Calgary Board of Education, you may proceed with completing their forms too.

If you have any questions, please contact [your child's school](#).

We thank those families who have already completed forms for their children.

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.

