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# Colts' Community Chronicle | Nov. 24 – Nov. 28

## **Important Dates**

**Wednesday, November 26** Healthy Hunger

Thursday, November 27 LifeTouch Photo Retakes

Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 28

Non-Instructional Day

FRIDAY SCHEDULE (Nov. 28)
Non-Instructional Day

### 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 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, <u>jarichards@cbe.ab.ca</u> 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' Wrestling**

The Colts Wrestling team practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the West Gym. The team is gearing up for the Divisional Wrestling tournament that takes place on Wednesday, December 10 at the Genesis Centre.

If you have any further questions please contact Jace Richards at <a href="mailto:jarichards@cbe.ab.ca">jarichards@cbe.ab.ca</a>

## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Western Canada High School – International Baccalaureate (IB) Information Evening

- Monday, November 24, 2025 6:30 pm
- If you have specific questions about the program, you can contact the school at westerncanada@cbe.ab.ca

## **Crescent Heights High School**

January 27, 2026 – Time TBD

## **Bowness High School**

• January 30, 2026 – 6:00 pm

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

School conferences will continue as scheduled on the evening of Wednesday November 27 (in-person at A.E. Cross, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and on Friday November 28 (online via Microsoft Teams, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). Each conference will be 10 minutes in length. When booking conferences, please allow adequate time to move (physically or virtually) from one meeting to the next. The Conference Manager will open at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday November 20 and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday November 25.

School conferences provide an important opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about your child's learning. Parents/guardians, students, and teachers are able to connect and communicate openly about areas of strength and growth. These discussions help build and sustain respectful relationships that support student success. Prior to your conference, please take time with your child to review PowerSchool for updated grades and Google Classroom or D2L for course content and topics, ensuring a focused and informed discussion. We value the role that your child plays in their learning, and strongly encourage all students to attend conferences with their parent/guardian.

Given the recent teacher strike and its impact on assessment timelines, teachers are continuing to update and analyze student data. While they will share available evidence of learning, we ask that families keep in mind that assessment information may still be in progress at this time. The focus of conferences will be on reconnecting, understanding current progress, and planning meaningful next steps to support each student's continued growth.

To book conferences, please log into your MyCBE account and follow these steps:

- Click on "Book and Manage Meeting Times"
- Select "Book a Conference"

After booking, your conference details will appear in your MyCBE account. We recommend adding these to your email calendar to keep track of meeting times and links (if applicable). 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.

If you will require language interpreter services, please let the teacher know ahead of time so that they can accommodate one for you.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at conferences and continuing our shared work in supporting their success.

## 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

## **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

2:53 - 3:50 pm

4:00 PM

Clear Halls

Period 2

Kindness with your children by discussing the meaning of helping others and donating over the next few weeks.

From Monday, November 24 to Friday, December 12, 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.

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

Period 4

### **BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026**

## **BELL SCHEDULE NOTES**

Mondays and Wednesdays will be Day A and students will attend their Day A options

2:53 - 3:50 pm

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4:00 PM

Day A 135 Day A 246

Day B 135 Day B 246

- 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)

2:53 - 3:50 pm

- 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 Begins Wednesday, November 19 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 <a href="www.healthyhunger.ca">www.healthyhunger.ca</a> 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, November 26 Subway
- Thursday, December 18 Cobs Bread
- 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 <u>Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth</u>. 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

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to our most recent School Council meeting on Thursday, November 20. We appreciate all of the different ways that parents support the school community throughout the year. Our next meeting will occur in the new year. 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

Thank you in advance for your support!

out to 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, extracurricular 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.