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Colts' Community Chronicle | Dec. 11 – Dec. 15

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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](#)

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 jrichards@cbe.ab.ca.

Colts Wrestling

Colts' Wrestling will practice on Mondays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

SPARK Club

Every **Thursday** 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.

Ski and Snowboard Trip

The ski and snowboard trip scheduled for January 10 and January 17, 2024 is currently looking for some additional parent volunteers. If you are interested in spending the two days with our students on the slopes of Winsport please contact Mr. Richards at jrichards@cbe.ab.ca.

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>

GRADE 9 VACCINATION PROGRAM

Nurses from Alberta Health Services will be at A.E. Cross on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 to update Grade 9 students' vaccinations. Please make sure that AHS consent forms are returned to the main office so that your child can participate in the program.

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:

- December 14, 2023 – Mucho Burrito
- December 21, 2023 – Kernels Treat Day
- January 25, 2024 – Subway
- February 14, 2024 – Kernels Treat Day
- 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

Please see below for dates and times for upcoming High School tours and open houses. This information will be updated as more information becomes available.

Bowness High School ([Website](#))

- Wednesday, January 17, 2024
- Grade 9 Tours in the morning (More Details to Come)
- Open House in the evening (More Details to Come)

Central Memorial High School ([Website](#))

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023
- Open House – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Thursday, January 18, 2024
- Grade 9 Tours (More Details to Come)

Crescent Heights High School ([Website](#))

- Thursday, January 25, 2024
- Open House (More Details to Come)

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 sturdy lids on them. This includes drinks such as: slurpees, coffees with plastic lids, and bubble teas.

PROJECT KINDNESS

A.E. Cross School's **Project Kindness** will be running from Monday, December 4 to Friday, December 15. During this time, the Colts of A.E. Cross will be learning about kindness and helping others. The school community will be collecting gift cards and donations that will be used to support A.E. Cross families in need during this season of giving. Please watch your email for more details on how to donate.

RTI BLOCK

Beginning December 6, students will engage in targeted skill-building learning within the RTI block. Teachers have been working at identifying skills that students have struggled with during the first quarter of the school year. Students have been slotted into different groups based on that skill that they need some improvement in. We hope that this will improve student achievement throughout the school year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons at 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.

- January 18th
- 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.

SPANISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM

On Monday, December 11, students and staff from the Spanish Bilingual Program at Crescent Heights High School will be visited A.E. Cross School to talk about the program and what students can expect in high school.





Overview of the Spanish Language Virtual Exchange Program:

The virtual exchanges will run for a duration of 6 weeks each, dates are shown in the table below. Students from Alberta (Grade 9) will be matched with a partner in Spain or Mexico and will participate in one-to-one video conference meetings to support each other in their language and culture learning goals. Themes and topics for discussion will be provided to support the students in their conversations with each other.

The application deadline for the Spain program is January 15, 2024.

Let Sra. Hernández know that you are interested!

¡Es una oportunidad fabulosa!

STUDENT PICK UP/DROP OFF

We have noticed that parents who are picking up and dropping off students are sometimes parking in our bus zone adjacent to the school on 33 Avenue. This is making it difficult for



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our school buses to pick up and drop off students. Please avoid parking in the bus zone so that our students are able to access their transportation safely. Thank you for your attention to this.

VOLUNTEERING AT A.E. CROSS

There will be activities done at A.E. Cross that require parent volunteers. In order to volunteer for events occurring at the school, parents must complete an [Annual Volunteer Registration Form](#).

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.

