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Colts' Community Chronicle | April 8 – April 12

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(Tentative)

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Day A (Periods 2-4-6)

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
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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.

SPARK Club

SPARK Club is postponed. An announcement will be shared with students when the club re-opens.

Colts Badminton

- Grade 7 Badminton Tryouts
 - Due to high interest, we will be having an additional grade 7 badminton try-out on Tuesday morning (April 9) from 8:15- 9:00am. Band students should attend their morning band practice, and we will make sure they get additional play time at the regularly scheduled try- out Wednesday after school.
 - Wednesday, April 10 – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
- Grade 8 Badminton Tryouts
 - Monday, April 8 – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
- Grade 9 Badminton Tryouts
 - Thursday, April 11 – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

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](#)



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.

ART CLUB

Art Club will resume on Tuesday April 9, 2024.

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:

- 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



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.**



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](#)

PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENING

In concert with the School Council of Esculea Glenmeadows School, the A.E. Cross School Council will be hosting a Parent Engagement Evening with Ryan Straschnitzki on April 18, 2024. Ryan is a survivor of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash in 2018. Ryan will be speaking about having a resilience mindset and overcoming obstacles.

"My aim is to provide those in attendance with the best possible experience, leaving them with the motivational impact to inspire those around them and to make a positive impact in their communities."

Event Details:

Speaker: Ryan Straschnitzki, Humboldt Broncos bus crash survivor

Date: Thursday, April 18th, 2024

Location: A.E. Cross School Gymnasium

Time: Doors open at 5:00 pm. Food and drinks from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (see attachment for information about purchasing food). Ryan will start speaking at 6:00 pm (45 minutes of speaking, 10 minutes of Q & A and then receiver line for brief moments with Ryan, for comments, gratitude, and pictures). Event ends just after 7:00 pm.



Admission Cost: \$5.00 per person (see attachment for information about purchasing tickets).

Childcare: \$2.00 per child for 2 hours

The instructions for purchasing tickets and food (optional) for the evening are attached below. It will require you to create a Healthy Hunger account in your name.

[Parent Engagement Night - Health Hunger Instructions](#)

We look forward to welcoming Ryan to A.E. Cross and hope that you are able to join us for the evening.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting has been tentatively scheduled in person on Tuesday, April 23.

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.

- April 23rd
- 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!

SOLAR ECLIPSE PRECAUTIONS

On Monday, April 8 a partial solar eclipse will be visible in Calgary. The solar event will begin just before noon and conclude by 2 PM, with the maximum coverage occurring at 12:43 PM.

We know that this provides a unique learning experience for students and staff in our schools; however, there can be serious impacts to vision as a result of viewing the eclipse in an unsafe manner.

During this partial solar eclipse on Monday, we would like to invite all students to remain at school during the lunch break. Please send a lunch with your child. At A.E. Cross, there will be spaces available to students within the school.

If you decide that your child will walk home for lunch on Monday, please discuss with your child not to look at the sun to protect his/her eyes from damage by the solar eclipse.

During a solar eclipse, looking directly at the sun is dangerous. Safe viewing of the eclipse requires wearing specialized glasses or watching through a telescope or solar binoculars that have specialized lenses and should only be performed under the direction of a professional.

For more safety information can be found on the [NASA website](#) or from the [Canadian Association of Optometrists](#).

If you have further questions, please contact the school.

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.

