

BOARD MESSAGE

The CSS Board has some great news regarding the administration of the school for the coming years. We are happy to report that at the October 23 board meeting your CSS Board agreed to promote Darrell Lonsberry to replace outgoing much loved principal, Ron Sweet.

Most of you were aware this process has been ongoing since Ron announced his retirement last year. Darrell has been presented with many and varied opportunities to display his leadership potential by the administration and Board over the past year and has performed terrifically. The final phase of his evaluation was an extensive interview on the afternoon of October 16. The interview and subsequent recommendation was conducted by a six-member panel of the Governance committee consisting of Anne Tingle, Harold Lemieux, Doug

Rogan, Donna Maxwell, Gordon Welch and myself. I can tell you the committee was both unanimous and confident in its recommendation of Darrell.

In addition to Darrell's strengths relative to the leadership profile we developed prior to filling the position, we are very comfortable that the school will maintain the course that has been charted by the Board over the last eight years. I think we would all agree that the school is performing admirably and we want to ensure that we continue to build on our current vision for the school into the future. Darrell understands our charter and its history which will be important for maintaining school continuity. He also has an excellent relationship with our existing staff and administration as well as the Board. His past experience with students and parents will be a good basis upon which to build new and stronger relationships in his fresh role as principal.

We are all looking forward to the next chapter in our school unfolding under the stewardship of Darrell.

Dave Robinson

CSS Board Chairman

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The news contained in The Board Chair's message is indeed great news for CSS. As you all know, I have worked closely with Mr. Lonsberry for the past four years and I am delighted with the Board's decision to promote him to principal of CSS upon my retirement at the end of this school year. Mr. Lonsberry has always been very supportive of the students, the teachers, the parents, and our many initiatives, and is dedicated to furthering the goals of our charter. I have every confidence in his ability to skillfully move the school forward.

For the first time since we moved into the Clem Gardner facility in Lakeview, the parents of our school community had a chance to get together socially in benefit of a worthy cause. On the evening of October 21 we held the Fall Social and Silent Auction in support of the new outdoor activity centre and the final stage of meeting our fundraising target of \$100,000. What a great turnout and wonderful evening of interaction it was for the more than 300 parents who attended. The general sentiment seemed to be, "We should do this more often."

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Grade 8 Circle Tour

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE, CON'T

Over the course of the evening, more than \$20,000 was raised and that, along with the final grocery card orders and a donation from the Lakeview Community Association, will push us beyond our goal. The total amount raised will be met by matching grants from the province. It would seem that we will be able to proceed with construction in the spring of 2008.

Spearheaded by a very active group of volunteers working under the

leadership of Jackie Stewart over the past few months, the outdoor activity centre initiative has really taken flight.

Thank you to everyone involved in this immense effort and to all of you who have brought this dream into reality through your support. Way to go, CSS!

Ron Sweet
Principal

ART NEWS

There were a large number of students who donated art work to the silent auction, so a big thanks goes to them for doing the work and for contributing.

Good luck to the people participating in the Laser Band competition and Remembrance Day. There are several classes making posters for both events.

Time for the potter's wheel at noon is full but I have time on Tuesdays after school if anyone can make arrangements.

If you have already made a clay piece, please come in Wednesday during art cub time (12:25 to 1 pm) to sand and glaze it. December is set aside for firing

finished clay works and there won't be any wheel time assigned during that month.

If you have computer artwork ready to be printed just go to Student Group and put your work into your class folder. This works much better than e-mailing it to me.

If I missed anything or if anyone has questions, please contact me at steve.s@calgaryscienceschool.com or just drop by room 14 anytime.

Steve Szabo
Art Teacher

INTERNET SAFETY

The ever-increasing popularity of social networking sites, instant messaging and online everything, prompted CSS to host a parent information session on Internet safety and cyber bullying.

Recognizing that these phenomena will not go away but may morph into other forms over time, the session focused on parent familiarity with their child's online activity and parent/child communication. These are key elements in ensuring that our children are safe from unwanted encounters. Attending to them will help our children develop into responsible 'digizens' (a new addition to our lexicon that refers to digital citizens).

To access a summary of the presentation as well as a directory of resources to provide further information on these topics, please visit the school website and follow the links through Student Services.

Phil Butterfield
Scott Petronech

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

An important orientation meeting will be held in the gym at 7 pm on Wednesday November 7 to provide information to grade nine students and parents on programming options for high school.

A general overview of graduation requirements and the various pathways to achieve that goal will be presented along with the procedures for applying to specific schools and programs. An information booklet will be available at the session for follow up reference.

Please direct any queries to: phil.b@calgaryscienceschool.com or call: 282-2890 ext.115.

Phil Butterfield

NOVEMBER PICTURES - GRADE 8 CIRCLE TOUR



"IT'S NEVER JUST AN ORDINARY DAY!"

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GRADE EIGHT CIRCLE TOUR

If one word could be used to describe Circle Tour it would be cold. However, that is not the only aspect of the trip. Although the weather was frigid, it was still a blast.

On the first day we got to school at 6 am. After a very lengthy bus ride, we arrived at the Edmonton Science Centre. It was at this amazing building that we learned about light. Did you know that the colours we see are only a tiny bit of all the light that is around?

After we ate lunch and roamed the building. Most people went into the gift shop where there were many cool things. When our fun was over we went to the IMAX for a presentation on space. Did you know that there is a space station being built in space right now?

After the movie finished, we got back on the bus and headed for West Edmonton Mall where we went to the water park for about two hours. When our fun was over we went to the food court for supper, then headed for the campsite. We set up our tents and after a couple of hours, had hot chocolate and went to bed.

When we woke it was bitter cold. We packed our tents, ate breakfast and got on the bus. This time we went to the Legislative Building and did a mock legislature. After that we went on a tour of the buildings where we learned the building was made of Canadian marble. It is now impossible to get because we used it all up. We also saw a picture of the

Queen, whose eyes follow you everywhere you go. We also saw where the actual Legislative debates take place. There is a place in the building where it sounds like it's raining but it is just the sound from the fountain bouncing off walls and getting magnified in one spot.

After the tour we went to the Miette Hot Springs just outside of Jasper. At the springs there were two hot pools, a regular pool and a cold pool. Some of us decided to stay in the cold for the entire time and are lucky we didn't die of hypothermia. After the springs we went into Jasper where we wandered around for awhile, then back to our campsite for supper, hot chocolate and bed.

On the third day we woke up, had breakfast, then boarded the bus to go either white-water rafting or hiking. The rafting was cold but the people that didn't jump in stayed relatively dry. The wet suits absorbed all the water. On the hike we went over a canyon that was about 510 metres above sea level. After that we headed back to the campsite for free time. That evening we had hamburgers, marshmallows and performed skits.

On the fourth day we woke up, packed up and went to the Columbia Ice Fields. When we were finished taking a tour we drove to Banff. There we wandered around before heading home to Calgary. Overall it was a pretty fun trip.



MUSICAL NOTES

The music room has a new look this year with new storage units and paint, including a new mural in the hallway. Students can expect to apply new music concepts and music theories on various instruments throughout the year. Currently, the grade four and five students are working on Karate Recorder. Students learn to play a new song to achieve a new belt. With each belt they move closer to the black belt.

The grade six and seven students are working on music technology using laptops to create and compose their music projects. The first unit answered the question "What Makes a Good Song?" Next, we will be working on song-based projects of various theme and style based music.

The Handbell Club is learning to play chimes and play together as an ensemble. The first performance will be during the Remembrance Day Ceremony. The CSS Choir is singing new songs and our first performance will also be during the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Any students interested in singing are welcome to join, as rehearsals are every Thursday at lunch recess in the music room.

Andrew Bolen

Music Teacher

PIANO FOR SALE

The music program recently purchased a new piano so we're selling our old one.

To learn more contact
Andrew Bolen at:
andrew.b@calgaryscienceschool.com

CSS LAZERS - CROSS COUNTRY 2007

Tuesday, Oct. 2 saw the CSS Lazers compete in the Calgary Charter Schools cross country meet at the Calgary Arts Academy. Over 20 CSS students capped off three weeks of training with some great results.

The cross country team is a unique opportunity as it is the only school team open to all students, grades four to nine. It was especially encouraging to see so many dedicated grade four and five students come out and put in a great effort. Students trained during lunch recess and were coached by Mr. Textor and Mr. Dittmann. They worked on pacing their effort and developing a strong "kick" or finishing sprint. This really paid off with some exhilarating Lazer finishes at the meet.

A big thank you to all team members for showing great dedication and being so coachable. We encourage all interested students to keep their eyes and ears open for news on the team next September.

Grade 9
Braedon B. 3rd

Grade 7
Andrew G. 3rd
Carson M. 4th
Keegan B. 7th

Grade 5
Rhiannon B. 2nd
Nicholas B. 4th
Logan M. 2nd
Garret B. 9th
Cole L. 6th
Sean T. 10th

Grade 4:
Drake A. 8th
Jaxen G. 2nd
Liam Z. 3rd
Scott P. 1st

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Nov. 7
High School Orientation for Grade 9 Parents and Students
(held in the gym)

Dec. 5
Homework, Organization and Study Skills
Phil Butterfield

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions begin at 7pm in the CSS library.

Please RSVP to
phil.butterfield@calgaryscienceschool.com

CALGARY SCIENCE SCHOOL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All stakeholders are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Board.

Tuesday, November, 27
7:30 pm
in the school library.

HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

Asking your child "how was your day?" is more important than you may think.

Asking questions about your child's relationships shows that you care as a parent. More importantly, it's the springboard for discussing issues, providing guidance, and preventing problems that your child may face now and in the future.

Visit: www.howwasyourday.ca to learn more.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

We are pleased to report that our busing system is running smoothly since the September changes. All our buses arrive on time at the school with a few exceptions during days when traffic is congested.

We continue to have problems with some of the routes in the south as roads closures remain a factor. Our north routes seem to hit more traffic congestion in the afternoon. We thank you for your patience and understanding for the adjustments required to ensure the children can arrive at school on time. Overall, our pickup times are fairly reasonable as the first pickup time (with the exception of one bus) starts no earlier than 7:20 am.

Stop Requests

As routes are now set for this year, stop requests will no longer be considered. If you are contemplating moving, please ensure you make arrangements to get your child/children to one of the existing stops.

Winter Conditions

For safety purposes, never leave a child at a stop without a backup arrangement. The backup plan should include where to go and who to call. If it is before 8 am, you could call Southland

at 287-1335 and after 8 am, you could also call the school. You can also check the school website before leaving home to ensure no bus delay has occurred. Get to know other kids at the stop and have their phone numbers handy. Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather. It is important to recognize that a parent's responsibility does not end until the child is safely on the bus in the morning and steps back off the bus in the afternoon.

Remember to sign up for the bus delay system at the school website to get instant notification of a bus delay!

Cameras

Cameras have been installed on each bus. Parents and students are encouraged to bring forth any complaints or behavior issues as they happen, as the images are only kept for a few days.

We want to thank all the parents who provide input in helping us to make the busing system more efficient by identifying issues such as stop safety, bus arrival time and alternative routes. If you have any questions, please email us at transportationatcss@calgaryscienceschool.com.

Iris Hau and Margaret Mills
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

October's meeting saw a record low turnout of only three people, which was disappointing for those in attendance.

The School Act in Alberta requires each school to have an elected School Council to represent the parents of the students and work with the administration to communicate any issues that exist. I realize there are traffic problems in getting to the school on occasion and the optimist in me suggests that the reason very few people turn out to School Council meetings is because there are no issues to discuss. If that is the reason very few people attend, I think that is a strong show of support and confidence in the

teachers and administration at CSS and I echo those sentiments.

Some pessimists might suggest the problem is apathy and I would suggest that isn't true. Still, I don't know why people don't attend. If you have feedback on this, please call me at 251-1335 or e-mail me at jkperry@shaw.ca. A motion to change the dates or times of the meetings could be made if that would increase attendance.

We need six people to have a quorum otherwise our hands are tied. Issues like setting a financial budget and considering funding for student activities will have to wait until we can get a few more

The tree is shaking
Shaking, quaking
Leaves are breaking away
Beneath the open sky
The air is in turmoil
Swirling blowing scattering
Shaking breaking
I'm picked up and carried
Gusted and thrown
Across the dry grass
Twisted and bent
By howling cold wind
The world flashes past
In a patchwork of color
Of fresh green faded
To dried and cracked yellow
Of gold leaves
To brown and dust blown
By the fall breeze
My stem catches in the grass
Soon my gold will fade
And crack
There's no holding back
The icy, flat clouds
Soon our colors will hide
Beneath the snow
Thick
Cold
And deep
By : Paul Herring (9.3)

parents to attend. Please consider attending November's meeting, set for November 7th.

I will end this month's column on a positive note and I just wanted to thank the Transportation Subcommittee and the Outdoor Activity Centre committee for their hard work and tireless efforts in improving our children's school grounds and working towards a smoother trip to and from school.

Joel Perry
School Council President

TERRY-FOX RUN 2007

We completed another successful run and round of fund-raising drive this year. On a beautiful fall day and in true CSS spirit our students rose to the challenge of another fund-raising mission.

Despite a slight adjustment to the route the day went smoothly. We had fantastic weather, everyone had fun and we managed to avoid the bear! Congratulations to all those who participated in the race and a big thank you for all your efforts in raising money.

Our final total was \$ 8,580.34!



REMINDER

Clocks fall back on
Sunday, November 4th.
Mark your
calendars!



PHYS. ED UPDATE

Upcoming Events

- Wrestling starts in November on Tuesday and Thursdays after school. All grade seven and nine students welcome. There are no cuts! Everyone makes the team! Please see Mr. S for more information.

- Grade four beach volleyball (runs on various Monday and Wednesday morning recesses)

- Grade five/six volleyball



Volleyball is well underway in Mr. Shmeichel's and Miss O's classes.

Senior volleyball is mid-way through their season. Please check out the following website for more information:

www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=calgaryathletics.

The BC lions won the grade 5/6 football intramurals! Way to go!



The Phys. Ed website is up and running. Please go to the Calgary Science School homepage and click on Physical Education. Our gym schedule is posted on the website and posted outside the gym.

Please send pictures of your child playing sports outside of school time. We'd love to have them highlighted on our ALL-STAR board.

Mr. Schmeichel
Miss Olson
Phys. Ed Teachers

WHAT IS SEASONAL INFLUENZA?

Influenza is an infection of the lungs and airways caused by a virus. Various strains of influenza virus circulate throughout the world each year. In North America, influenza usually affects people between November and April. Outbreaks tend to spread rapidly in institutions, schools and workplaces and can cause severe illness and even death.

To find out where and when your family can receive the influenza vaccine please visit:

<http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/yourhealth/influenza/clinicinfo.html>

NOVEMBER 2007

					Day 4 1	Day 5 2	3
					Laser Band 2 pm		
4	Day 6 5	Day 1 6	Day 2 7	Day 3 8	9	10	
Reminder: Clocks fall back		CSS Debate Tournament 4:15 - 8 pm	Grade 9 High School Orientation School Council Meeting Sr. Girls V-ball away game	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 Jr. Girls V-ball away game	Organizational Day (no classes)		
11	Day 4 12	Day 5 13	Day 6 14	Day 1 15	Day 2 16	17	
	Jr. Girls V-ball away game 4:00	Jr. Girls V-ball away game	Jr. Girls V-ball away game				
18	Day 3 19	Day 4 20	Day 5 21	Day 6 22	23	24	
	Report Cards go home			Theatre Prospero Performance Student Led Conferences 4-8pm	Student Led Conferences 8am - 1pm (no classes)		
25	Day 1 26	Day 2 27	Day 3 28	Day 4 29	Day 5 30		
		Board Meeting 5 pm Board AGM 7 pm	Class group pictures		Senior Volleyball Playoffs		

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DECEMBER 2007

								1	Senior Volleyball Playoffs Board Retreat			
2	Day 6	3	Day 1	4	Day 2	5	Day 3	6	7	8	Homework/Study Skills Parent Info Session PD Planning Day (no classes)	
9	Day 4	10	Day 5	11	Day 6	12	Day 1	13	Day 2	14	15	
16	Day 3	17	Day 4	18	Day 5	19	Day 6	20	21	22	Grade 4 P.E. Field Trip (all day) Grade 5 P.E. Field Trip (all day) Grade 6 P.E. Field Trip (all day) Peace Festival Peace Festival Assembly 2 pm	
23	Day 1	24	Day 2	25	Day 3	26	Day 4	27	Day 5	28	29	BREAK

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