



January 24, 2025

John Ware Families,

We are only a week from report cards being released (Monday, January 27th) on PowerSchool. If you require a printed copy for your child, please let their homeroom teacher know so we can send one home with them. Semester two begins on Tuesday, January 28th.

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

January 27 Grade 9
Henry Wise Wood
Tour 9-12:30

January 27 - Report
cards available on
PowerSchool

January 28 –
Semester 2 Begins

January 30 Open
House for Grade 6
and New Families
5:30-7:30

January 31 – Non
Instructional Day

Photos
Feb 5 – Grade 9 Grad
Feb 6 – Gr. 7 & 8

Feb 13, 14 & 17 –
Teacher's
Convention & Family
Day Long Weekend

Feb. 28 – Non-
Instructional Day

March 13 Commun-i-
tea Gathering at
Cedarbrae School
3:30-5:00 pm

**CONGRATULATIONS DRAMA STUDENTS!**

Students put on a show (literally) on Friday for two audiences to show off their work in this semester's drama class. The school was entertained by their presentation of *The Great Canadian Talent Show*.

Thank you to families who were able to come and join in the fun. A huge thank you to Ms. Hedeman for her work on this celebration of learning.

BANNY INVITES YOU!

Banny wants to invite our families to a Family of Schools Communi-tea at

Cedarbrae School on **March 13th from 3:30-5:00 pm**. Come and have a cup of tea or juice, some bannock and a visit with our staffs and Indigenous families from Cedarbrae, John Ware, Henry Wise Wood and Central Memorial Schools.

**OPEN HOUSE | JANUARY 30TH**

On **January 30th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm** we will be welcoming upcoming grade 6 students and families to come and visit our school and learn about our school's arts, athletics and academic programs. It will also provide an opportunity to connect with our administration, teachers and student services to discover what Longhorn culture is all about.

1 | **Arts** - Showcase some of the amazing opportunities your child will have at John Ware School, through option programs, extra-curricular clubs and activities.

2 | **Academics** – Come and meet some of our amazing teachers who work hard to create engaging quality learning experiences for all students.

3 | **Athletics** – Showcase a variety of sports teams and development opportunities your child can be a part of.

Informal presentation in the Learning Commons at 6:30.

SPRING PHOTOS

Spring individual and Grade 9 grad photos are February 5-6, 2025.

February 5th:

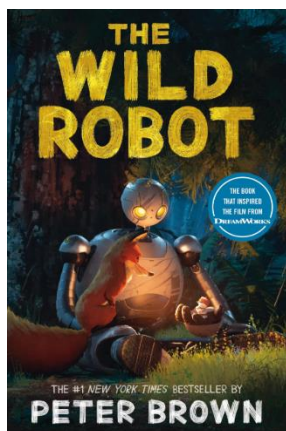
Grade 9 "Grad" Photos

February 6th:

Spring individual photos - grades 7 & 8, and new students

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK | JAN 26-FEB 2

The Calgary Board of Education will celebrate *Family Literacy week* from January 26th to February 2nd to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. The theme of this year's Literacy Week is *Learn to Be*



Green – Together, emphasizing the importance of nurturing both our planet and our community.

Calgary Public Library Family Reading Pick | Wild Robot

The [Family Reading Pick for 2025](#) is *The Wild Robot*, by Peter Brown. There is teacher information available with discussion questions to spark lively conversation, related activities, and more staff-recommended titles to read aloud as a family or in your classroom. Copies of *The Wild Robot* and activity booklets will be available at all locations starting **January 27**.

SCHOOL COUNCIL | BRING A FRIEND FEBRUARY

We are hoping to have a higher turnout for our upcoming council meeting on **Tuesday, February 18th**. We will be hosting **“Bring a Friend February”** where parents and guardians are encouraged to bring a friend to the meeting to get to know more about the work at our school. Did you know we don’t spend time talking about how to sell things or fundraise? We’ve had volunteers who worked our last casino to allow us to focus on the fun of spending and enhancing programming opportunities. Come be part of the fun!

Not so subtle bribery: Families who attend meetings (in person and online) are eligible to put their child’s name in a draw to win a prize for their homeroom! Prizes could be an extra PE block, additional break time, be a school administrator for the day, or even a pizza party.

WE NEED YOU! JOIN THE EXECUTIVE

We have a few open executive positions which require filling – ask a friend and come together and co-manage a role if possible.

Secretary:	Attend meetings and take minutes from the meeting, forward completed notes to council and school administration.
Commitment:	1.5 – 2.0 hours per month
Key Communicator:	Attend meetings monthly. Share any information from CBE Trustees (shared via email). Potentially attend system key communicator meetings to build engagement and successfully share ideas for supporting community involvement.
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Research shows when families are invested in their child’s education and actively engaged in what is happening within the school community, students experience higher levels of success. We need more voices in helping shape opportunities for students and supporting staff in making our school even better.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: **Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025**
Monday, March 17, 2025 Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Meetings start at 6:30 pm and are held both in-person in the school library and online via MS Teams.



PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS | SPRING 2025

The dates for the 2025 Provincial Achievement Tests have been released by Alberta Education. Below is the 2025 Grade 9 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

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES | ON NOW

Mondays @ 3:15	HUM Fun Support in Humanities Room 18
Mondays @ lunch	Math Contest Club in Room 2
Tues/Thurs @ 3:15	Two Wheeled View Earn a Bike Program
Tues / Thurs @ lunch	Hobby Haven Room 6
Tuesdays @ 3:15	D & D Club in Room 20
Wednesdays @ lunch	SAGE Club in Room 18
Thursdays @ lunch	Chess Club in the Learning Commons
Mon & Thurs after school	Drama Production Rehearsals
Tues / Thurs @ lunch	Math Ninjas Math Help Room 8

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | VULNERABLE SECTORS CHECKS

Do you have a valid vulnerable sectors police check? We need volunteers for field trips and activities, recognizing many parents have let their checks lapse. The CBE is once again covering the cost for a police check, and they are valid for 5 years across any school you choose to volunteer. More information: <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/volunteer/Pages/volunteer.aspx>



JOHN WARE ATHLETICS LUNCHTIME INTRAMURALS

INTRAMURALS WILL MOSTLY FOLLOW THE SEASONAL ATHLETICS PROGRAMS (SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER BASKETBALL, JANUARY-MARCH VOLLEYBALL, ETC.)

IF THERE IS ENOUGH ENGAGEMENT THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR IN-HOUSE TOURNAMENTS.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Girls - All grades	Boys - All grades	Girls - All grades	Boys - All grades

GO LONGHORNS



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REPEAT ITEMS / RESOURCES

GENERAL INFO & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOOD RESOURCES | TRELLIS

Trellis food services support:

<https://www.calgary.ca/social-services/low-income/access-to-food.html>

If you have difficulty accessing any of these resources or require any additional support, please reach out to Rachel Pettigrew from AIFY at: rpettigrew@growwithtrellis.ca

FOOD RESOURCES

CALGARY FOOD BANK

Food hampers for individuals and families in need.

403-253-2055 [Calgary Food Bank](#)

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- Calgary Distress Centre – 403-266-HELP (4357)
- Connect Teen *Phone – 403-264-TEEN (8336) *Text – 587-333-2724
- Access Mental Health – 403-943-1500
- Indigenous Counselling & Resources | Awo Taan <https://www.awotaan.org/programs/child-counselling-support/>
- The Summit – free, walk-in counselling - see info below

Kids Help Phone

403-266-4357

Help is available 24/7 over the phone, website chat box, or Facebook Messenger.

needhelponow.ca

Tips for supporting youth and for removing images off the internet.

cybertip.ca

Canada's national tip line for reporting information or content related to child exploitation. Also has lots of great resources for parents, children and youth.

Child Abuse Services: AHS

403-428-5320

Provides therapy to children who have experienced abuse.

ConnecTeen

Call: 403-264-8336 Text: 587-333-2724

24-hour support for youth/teens via phone, text, or website chat.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE | THE SUMMIT



The Summit is designed and built to provide mental health services for children and youth. The centre offers therapeutic support through a day hospital and community-based treatment. It also provides walk-in services for anyone under 18 years of age and their family who would like to speak with a counselor. **Walk-in services do not require a referral.**

When in crisis, families can see a psychologist and be assessed where they will make a plan and can also connect them to resources in the community. They also have a sexual health program available on a walk-in basis.

Address: 1015 – 17th Street NW Calgary, Ab
Switchboard: 587-534-7200
Email: thesummit@ahs.ca
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/summit/summit.aspx>

Skills for Safer Living - Centre for Suicide Prevention

Skills for Safer Living (SfSL) is a four-week group program for youth ages 12-24 who have suicide ideation and their caregivers. This program is being offered at no cost.
www.suicideinfo.ca

FAIR ENTRY | FINANCIAL RESOURCE

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/Public/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fh>

CELL PHONE POLICY | ALBERTA GOV'T MANDATE

Phones need to be:

- ✓ turned off or set to silent
- ✓ stored away in backpacks in their lockers
- ✓ used off campus before school, at lunch and after school

We continue to support students to engage in learning to the best of their ability, which includes limiting distractions during instructional time. Thank you for your support.

If you need to reach your child during the day, please **call the office 403-777-7930** and we will get a message to them.

GOING SHOPPING? CONSIDER PICKING UP EXTRAS FOR HUNGRY KIDS

We have many growing bodies, who need a little extra each day. If you notice a great deal on snack items, please consider throwing an extra box in your cart to donate to the school to support kids who need some additional food. Many thanks.

MAKING SOME DOUGH – COBS BREAD @ GLENMORE LANDING

When you purchase items at Glenmore Landing Cobbs, please say you are with John Ware School, and a portion of your purchase will come back to the school each year.

HEALTHY HUNGER | ONGOING FUNDRAISER

<https://www.healthyhunger.ca/> Weekly fun lunch is on Wednesdays.



STUDENT HEALTH PLAN

Families are asked to complete and submit a student health plan:

- if a physical or medical condition may affect the student's attendance at school;
- if medication is to be taken at school; and
- reviewed and updated annually or sooner if there is a change in the student's health concern or school registration.

<https://insite.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Student-Health-Plan.pdf>

GYM STRIP

Students **must change** each day for gym class.

- o John Ware t-shirt (required for SLC)
- o Athletic bottoms (shorts, sweats, leggings, etc.) *can bring from home
- o Sweatshirt / hoodie (for outdoor classes & walking to SLC) *can bring from home
- o Athletic shoes – *no boots, Crocs, sandals, etc.*



Athletic wear orders can be made through the following link: <https://www.flav-our.com/jws>

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT | ALL CBE SCHOOLS

Students at all CBE schools are to conduct themselves in a manner which meets the expectations for the student code of conduct. Students and families are encouraged to review the attached document.

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/GovernancePolicies/AR6005-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

SCHOOL DRESS POLICY

Students are reminded of the following expectations for school dress:

- (a) appropriate for the activity (IE gym strip for PE, etc.)
- (b) promotes safety in all activities (proper shoes, clothing, hair)
- (c) promotes safety and acceptance (does not promote hate, drugs or gang affiliation)
- (d) hats are allowed (teacher's discretion)
- (e) **no hoods up in the school**
- (f) no visible undergarments
- (g) all bags in lockers (purses, side bags, backpacks, etc.) *fire code



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

*Attendance is taken in each class as part of our legal obligation. A student is marked present for class when they are *physically in their class*. This means students who are not in class, are marked absent.

Parent/Guardian Expectations

We ask families have a conversation with their child regarding the importance of attending class on time with all required materials.

- In the event of an absence from class, we ask parents *first have a conversation with their child* about why they were not in class. Check PowerSchool to see notes (if provided).

- Calling the office puts a great deal of pressure on a small number of staff to try to field numerous calls. School staff will not tolerate abuse from individuals calling to enquire about student attendance.
- Please continue to notify us when a student is ill, away on vacation, or having to miss class due to appointments or other events by emailing johnware@cbe.ab.ca or calling the absence line 403-777-7930 ext. 1.

When students are absent and no reason is provided, it will be considered an unexcused absence.

INSTAGRAM | FOLLOW US TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING



Students and staff are showing off what's happening at school through our Instagram account. Check us out to see what students are up to!

@LonghornLifeYYC

Email: tmgreenlaw@cbe.ab.ca and johnwareparentcouncil@gmail.com



Sincerely,

Tanis Greenlaw
Principal, John Ware School



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CBE schools are closed on the days shaded grey.

August 26, 27, 28	Non-instruction days
August 29	First day of school Gr. 7 am, Gr. 8 & 9 pm
September 2	Labour Day
September 27	Non-instruction day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 14	Thanksgiving Day
October 25	Non-instruction day
November 7	Last day of classes
November 8	System Indigenous Education Professional Learning Non-instruction day
November 11 - 13	Fall Break
November 14	Classes resume
November 29	Non-instruction day
December 20	Last day of classes
Dec 23 - Jan 3	Winter Break
January 6	Classes resume
January 28	Semester 2 begins
January 31	Non-instruction day
February 13, 14	Teachers' Convention
February 17	Family Day
February 28	Non-instruction day
March 20	Last day of classes
March 21	Non-instruction day
March 24 - 28	Spring Break
March 31	Classes resume
April 18	Good Friday
April 21	System Professional Learning Non-instruction day
May 16	Non-instruction day
May 19	Victoria Day
June 26	Last day of school Early Dismissal
June 27	Non-instruction day
Fire Drills	Circled in green

2024 – 2025 Calendar JOHN WARE SCHOOL



August 2024	September 2024	October 2024
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Sept. 26 th pm – Welcome back BBQ		Wellness Day – May 8
Sept. 27 th am – IPP meetings		Drama Production April 23 & 24
November 28/29 Parent Conferences		Band Camp - TBD
March 20/21 Parent Conferences		Report Card 1 – January 27
Dec. 17 & May 14 – Lockdown Drills		Report Card 2 – June 25
School Hours: 8:30 am – 3:10 pm Monday-Thursday, 8:30 – 11:50 am Fridays		