



February 24-28, 2025

John Ware Families,

You will likely be aware CUPE Local 40 is beginning job action starting Monday, February 24th.

Key Points:

- ✓ All CBE schools and buildings will remain open, and classes will continue.
- ✓ A strike will have an impact on schools and operations. Take care of this place.
- ✓ We are committed to ensuring schools remain a place where students, staff and families feel valued, supported and safe.

***CHANGE*****Doors open @ 8:10 am**

Schools typically open doors to students 15 minutes before the start of classes starting.

We open doors early to offer a “soft start” to students, which we will adjust during this time of limited services. This time change will align with the arrival of students on transit. Thank you for your understanding and support of the school at this time.

**PINK SHIRT DAY | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26TH**

Pink shirt day is on Wednesday.

Mr. Wolf and the PE team uphold, “on Wednesdays we WARE pink.” Join us in acknowledging our collective call to be kind and welcoming to all and end bullying.

SWAT TEAM SURVEY | CULTURES IN OUR SCHOOL

Our **Student Wellness Action (SWAT) Team** came around to homerooms this week asking about cultural ties and backgrounds for our students. In the CBE student survey, kids report they do not see culture reflected in our school. In an effort to understand our students' backgrounds, the following questions were asked:

1. What culture are you connected with?
2. Where did your family emigrate from?
3. When did your family come to Canada, or were they always here?
4. What languages do you speak at home?

BLACK HISTORY MONTH | JOHN WARE | WATCH: JOHN WARE RECLAIMED

[John Ware Reclaimed](#): John Ware Reclaimed follows filmmaker Cheryl Foggo on her quest to re-examine the mythology surrounding John Ware, the Black cowboy who settled in Alberta, Canada, before the turn of the 20th century. Foggo's research uncovers who this iconic figure might have been, and what his legacy means in terms of anti-Black racism, both past and present.



Glenbow Archives NA-26341

Feb. 25 Grade 8
Telus Spark Field
Trip

Feb. 26 Hitmen Game
for Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 28 – Non-
Instructional Day
No Classes

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

March 20/21 School
Conferences

Spring Break
March 21-30th

Drama Production
April 23 & 24

FUNDRAISER | EDUCATION MATTERS SCIENCE OLYMPICS

The APEGA Science Olympics are interactive, inter-school events for students in Grades 1 to 12. Science Olympians use problem solving to develop solutions to a series of challenges that demonstrate how engineering and geoscience impact our everyday lives. **Students will participate in teams of five. John Ware will enter two teams.**

This campaign is to raise funds for entry fees and supplies. Thank you for your support. *EducationMatters is a charitable registration #898887005RR0001. Tax receipts will be provided for donations greater than \$20.*

<https://www.educationmatters.ca/project-matters/john-ware-school-apega-science-olympics/>

SCHOOL COUNCIL | MARCH 17, 2025

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: 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.



BANNY INVITES YOU! COMMUNI-TEA



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.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES | ON NOW

Mondays @ 3:15

Mondays @ lunch

Wed @ 3:15

Tues / Thurs @ lunch

Tuesdays @ 3:15

Wednesdays @ lunch

Thursdays @ lunch

Mon & Thurs after school

Tues / Thurs @ lunch

HUM Fun Support in Humanities Room 18

Math Contest Club in Room 2

Two Wheeled View Earn a Bike Program

Hobby Haven Room 6

D & D Club in Room 20

SAGE Club in Room 18

Chess Club in the Learning Commons

Drama Production Rehearsals

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>

FEE WAIVER INFORMATION

At John Ware, we are committed to ensuring every student can participate in all school activities, regardless of financial circumstances. If you are having difficulty paying school fees, we offer fee waivers to assist you.

Central Fee Waiver Central fees include lunch supervision, transportation, student supplies, and music instrument rental fees. To apply for a central fee waiver, please submit your application through your MyCBE account. For details on eligibility and required documents, visit our website.

School Fee Waiver

School fees cover course fees, activities, and field trips. Starting this year, you must first apply for a Central Fee Waiver to be considered for a school-based fee waiver. This application will be part of the review process for waiving school-based fees. To begin the application process for a fee waiver, click the link below and follow the instructions for the central fee waiver. This will provide John Ware with information about the economic or other barriers your family is facing. [Request a fee waiver](#) Once you receive an email confirming the completion of the central review, please contact [Mrs. Greenlaw](#) to discuss the school fees you are requesting to be waived.

We understand affordability can be a challenge, and we are dedicated to providing every student with a high-quality education, regardless of their family's ability to pay fees.

Sincerely,

Tanis Greenlaw, Principal
John Ware School

REPEAT ITEMS & KEY DATES

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:

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| • 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 |
| • Thursday, June 19 | Science |

DID YOU ORDER MY YEARBOOK!?

COPIES ARE LIMITED & SELL OUT FAST!

SCAN HERE TO ORDER NOW! ►

PRICE: \$30.00 DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28th

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](https://www.calgaryfoodbank.ca)

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.

- John Ware t-shirt (required for SLC)
- Athletic bottoms (shorts, sweats, leggings, etc.) *can bring from home
- Sweatshirt / hoodie (for outdoor classes & walking to SLC) *can bring from home
- 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**



Calgary Board of Education

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



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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