

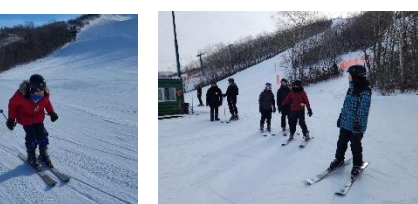
# A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



March 28, 2024

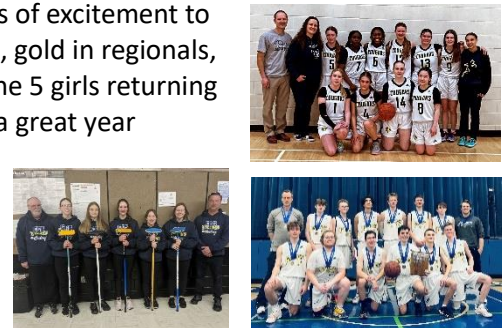
Hello again CCS families and welcome to spring! I know that, to many of you, this has been a tougher few months than normal with the weekly job action interruptions to your plans. I can understand the frustrations and I am hoping that, sooner than later, there is a resolution and we can get back to normalcy. I really do appreciate the support you have shown for teachers and education funding, and we hope that CCS can see some of the extra funding that comes from this. The extra funding helps to keep our tuition from rising exponentially.

As February got rolling, we started semester 2 classes in high school and the students were excited for the “fun” semester where the elective classes make the afternoons fly by. The grade 10-12’s started classes like CWEX where they learn how to get ready for work by doing resumes, job interviews, and then get placed in businesses around town where they spend a minimum of 50-60 hours working. Students were also provided the opportunity to select Outdoor Ed as an elective which includes dryland training, canoeing, swimming, and a canoe/camping trip to Lake Diefenbaker in May/June. Other students chose to take a PAA class where students do construction/carpentry, robotics, some small engine mechanics, and evening cooking. Another elective they were offered this year is Information Processing where they learn computer skills for the modern workplace.



February also meant the annual grade 8-12 ski trip to Mission Ridge. This year we took almost 90 staff and students for a beautiful sunny day of skiing and snowboarding. I was so proud of the kids doing this for the first time and hopefully they gained some confidence and love of the sport. After this ski trip, we usually do the annual Grade 11 service and ski trip to Asessippi but this year a huge storm changed all of our plans and we couldn’t make it. The grade 11’s will get another chance at this trip again next year in their grade 12 year.

Winter may seem boring to some, but our basketball and curling teams have brought lots of excitement to the school over the winter. The Sr. girls curling team won silver in cities, silver in districts, gold in regionals, and 8<sup>th</sup> in provincials. What an amazing run for the second year in a row, and with 4 of the 5 girls returning next year, we know they will make us proud again. The Senior girls basketball team had a great year finishing atop the league and winning a couple of tournaments before losing to Regina Laval in conferences. The Senior boys had one of their best years ever winning gold in the JV league, gold in conferences, gold in regionals and 4<sup>th</sup> in provincials. They kept us entertained all winter long and we were so proud of these young men and the way they represented the school and the Lord on and off the court.



In the world of elementary school, there is always something going on. The spring thaw brought water and mud to the playground and parking lot. We are sorry that a few of you parents had to make trips to the school to replace soaked and/or filthy clothes after your kid “accidently” fell in the mud. Many thanks to our facilities crew who were always patient and kind when recess ended and the mud made its way into the school. We had to cancel medieval day due to the mud and water as the risk to the pretty princess dresses would have been high and we didn’t want to have tears of sadness all day. I am sure the elementary SRC will try to make this happen again.

On the Fine Arts side, we were very excited to send a bus load of grade 7-12 CCS students and Mr. Carley to ChoirFest in Regina. Our students sang 3 songs and then were adjudicated. They got high marks from the adjudicator as one of the top choirs in attendance. This came as no surprise to me as Mr. Carley does an truly astounding job with the CCS choir. A special thanks to our chaperone Mrs. Empey who went along and hauled supplies in her van!



As March goes on, we get to the student’s favorite part of the school year – Student Led Conferences!! (LOL) 😊 I always love those 2 days where I can walk the halls and just visit with all of you CCS parents. I appreciate the kind words and laughter as I make my way around the school. To me, it is that family atmosphere that makes us such a special place to be, and I know that we all have the same goal in mind – “start children off in the way they should go...” Proverbs 22:6 (NIV).



As March comes to an end, we are always excited to watch the performance of our One Act play as 37 of our grade 7-12 students prepare for the Regional Festival. This year’s play, *Elaine*, was written by our very own grade 11 student, Eden Brown, and promises to be an amazing performance. We are also thrilled to see grade 6 students and their teacher, Miss Ellard, prepare to perform a One Act play called *Superheroes* at the Middle Years Drama Festival. It is so great to see our younger students getting a head start on their fine arts careers!

Wishing you a blessed and joy filled Easter!!!  
Mr. Lee Behrns  
Principal

